Burwood Girls High School P & C AGM Wednesday 21st November 2012

Present: as per attendance book

Apologies: Alice Magoffin, President; Helen Drury, Committee Member

Agenda:
- Welcome
- Principal’s report
- Adoption of minutes from previous meetings and previous AGM
- P & C Membership contributions and possibility of advertising how money is spent
- Treasurers report
- Correspondence received
- General Business:
  - Update on Burwood Council’s use of adjacent road and recent comments made by Council. Draft letter to Burwood GM & Councillors/press release re recent publicity from Burwood Council re road closure
  - Entitlement to vote at meetings
Election of office holders for 2013
Closing

Youtube videos done by Burwood Girls 2013 prefects and a Burwood Girls flashmob video (over 2000 views), plus one done by the Mayor of Burwood re the road closure were viewed (only 24 views) at the beginning of the meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:
1. Fabulous successes:
   Impromptu visit by a Burwood old girl visiting from England. Girls raised money for Breast Cancer (made pink cupcakes). A number of staff members received awards for service longevity. The Principal made a visit to Seoul, Busau, Daegu in Korea, visiting a high school, and an Austrade event where she met a representative of the Australian Film School, Sister Angelina who runs a school in Bowral for international students as well as the Australian Trade Commissioner in Korea.
   Melbourne Cup day was celebrated at the school.
   There was a UNICEF fundraiser.
   Year 12 formal – 13 November was a wonderful celebration.
   Year 11 orientation was held for the approx 20 new students to the school including 18 coming from the Cleveland St Intensive English high school.
   Artwork display from Year 7 in the school is fantastic.
   Students gained a Council award for white ribbon coasters.
   Visit from former students, with catering by TAS students was another fun event.
   A band, Masketta Fall, played at the school to raise money for Hands Across the Ocean.
   Primary interviews with prefects and members of school executive are progressing well.

2. Developments
   Refurbishments – front of school to be painted; fence to be extended; a flagpole to be installed for the rainbow flag for Proud Schools (to be a purple flagpole).
   Staffing – HT Teaching and Learning; HT English; Deborah Segal appointed in
Science, IT teacher appointed from Birrong BHS; Maths teacher and maths/science teacher positions also advertised.
SRE Survey sent out today to Year 7 students. Results will be collated, hopefully to be ready for School Council meeting next week.
NAPLAN results – very strong in numeracy, some concerns in English (grammar, punctuation) but still doing very well compared to most schools. All teachers are focussing on how to improve English literacy skills in all subject areas.
Annual School Report 2012 – NAPLAN results will be reported in this. ASR to be finalised in March. Also will report on the Band program and the P & C.

Future Events
26 Nov – Anne Beams Writers Awards
28 Nov – A little Night Music, 7pm
30 Nov – SRE seminars
3 Dec – Italy excursion meeting 6pm in library
4/5 Dec – Year 9 Camp (half of students are going)
7 Dec – Yr.7 Celebration of Learning Day
10 Dec – Years 7-10 Blue and Gold Assembly
14 Dec – Presentation Day – no school certificates to be presented. Christine is very upset about not having to sit through a long Year 10 presentation.
17 Dec – Year 10 Formal

Issues of Concern
Wangal Park – letter drafted by P & C, also on agenda for School Council. Burwood Council is misrepresenting the school’s stance on this issue as well as the facts.
Last day for students is 19 December.
Community use of school facilities eg soccer field is extended for 2013 to FAST Academy. The school doesn’t get any money, but the soccer group maintains the field, which is a good arrangement for the school.

Vote of Thanks
Appreciates support from the parent community in so many ways.

MINUTES ADOPTION
Minutes of last meeting of 17 October 2012 were adopted. Motion put by Lesley, seconded by Effie.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
P & C Contributions – this needs to be highlighted on the fees forms sent out at the beginning of each year. There needs to be consistency between all forms (online and otherwise). A flyer should be done for orientation day on 5th December to encourage parents to contribute and advertise what the P & C does for the school. The P & C contribution needs to be noted on the fees invoice. The Principal will find out what the procedures in the school office re P & C Contributions are.
TREASURER’S REPORT (Elaine):

P & C Report:  Balance as of today is $10,582.45.

Uniform Shop Report:  Balance of $43,078.29, expected to exceed $50,000 for the year. More stock is coming in tomorrow. Blazers are coming in for orientation day, and smaller sizes are being ordered (10s and 12s). Locker money is banked, and is in turn paid out to the P & C account. $7173 income for the year from the lockers. Year 10 students to be encouraged to buy their senior uniforms now, as they are available at the shop now for next year.

SIGNATORIES FOR P & C: also need to be simplified for the bank accounts. Christine put a motion to adopt the Treasurer’s report, Lesley seconded. Adopted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: email from historical society and local art gallery to be passed on to Visual Arts teacher by the Principal, to discuss possible art project for heritage week in March 2013.

DRAFT LETTER TO BURWOOD COUNCIL RE ROAD CLOSURE
This letter is in response to several articles negative to the school in the local press, and the Daily Telegraph re closure of the road access across school land into Wangal Park, which quoted the Burwood Mayor. The P & C discussed the letter. A member of the community (resident of Royce Avenue) expressed a strong opinion about not wanting a new access road from Royce Avenue. School staff and P & C members expressed the school’s point of view. A Motion was put to send the letter to all Burwood Councillors, the Burwood Council General Manager, all the local newspapers and the Daily Telegraph. Motion to send the letter put by Nick, seconded by Christine, adopted unanimously. Entitlement to vote at P & C meetings: people must pay P & C contributions in order to be able to vote at P & C meetings.

NEW BBQ NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL – one model researched for $1500 including delivery. This is an Australian-made BBQ. Nick put a motion, seconded by Christine, adopted unanimously to purchase a new BBQ.

VOTE OF THANKS: Nick put a vote of thanks to the outgoing secretary Chery Kemp. FLOWERS: The P & C voted to send a bunch of flowers to Alice and thank her for her role as President this year and next.

ELECTION OF OFFICE HOLDERS FOR 2013:
Christine put a motion to re-elect Alice Magoffin as President, seconded by Nick. Alice Magoffin was unanimously re-elected as President of the P & C.

Current Vice Presidents - Nick Miller and Christine Miller - proposed to be re-elected Lesley put the motion, seconded by Chris Ellis, adopted unanimously.
Effie nominated as P & C Treasurer by Elaine, seconded by Nick. Adopted unanimously.

Secretary – no-one nominated. Position remains vacant.

Assistant Secretary – Lesley Jolly re-nominated for the position. Christine put the motion, seconded by Nick, Adopted unanimously.

Effie Balomatis nominated as Social Secretary Elaine put the motion, Christine seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Uniform shop Treasurer/manager, Elaine nominated by Lee Mackenzie and Sue seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm with a photo of the outgoing P & C being taken.