Burwood Girls High School - P&C Meeting
Minutes of Meeting 19 March 2014

Attendance: Mia Kumar-Principal, Janina Longman-Deputy Principal, Karyn O’Brien-Deputy Principal, Alice Magoffin- President, Effie Balomatis- Treasurer, Effie Matsas-Secretary, Christine Williams Erb Dib, Kathy Kritselas, Nick Miller, and other attendees as noted on attendance register.

Apologies: Elaine Brown

Minutes by: Effie Matsas

Meeting Opened: 7.25pm

1. **WELCOME**
   Meeting opened by Alice Magoffin in the Library. The president welcomed two new members.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
   November 2013 AGM meeting minutes were tabled and accepted. Minutes on school web site.

   *Motion: Minutes accepted – Effie B proposed, Christine W seconded*

3. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT** – presented by Karyn O’Brien
   3.1. **Year of Clean and Green** – BGHS Environmental Group focus
   3.2. **Welcome new teachers** – Erin Dib (Languages), Lauren Dwyer, Edward Kent, Mireille Kellar
   3.3. **Big Fish Little Fish for Year 7** – outstanding workshop and amazing speaker Rocky Biasi
   3.4. **Rowing Champions** – placed first at recent regatta
   3.5. **Swimming Carnival** – as always, great success and creative costumes!
   3.6. **Knock Out Teams** – Soccer, softball, netball & lawn bowls (looking for lawn balls coach)
   3.7. **New Cleaners** appointed – George retired.
   3.8. **P&C Year 7 Welcome BBQ** – hospitality students also assisted.
   3.9. **New extra curriculum activities** under way (as a result from student surveys last year) – Running Club with Mr Chalmers great student attendance! Public Speaking & Debating Club and Creative Club.
   3.10. **Clean up Australia Day** – not much to clean up. Suggestion to do this later in the year.
   3.11. **Chinese School Visit**
   3.13. **Second annual rainbow raising ceremony**
   3.14. **Year 6 Information Night** was very successful. Band provided entertainment
   3.15. **Year 7 Vaccinations** - successful
   3.16. **International Students Morning Tea** – 94 students at BGHS
   3.17. **Duke of Edinburgh Walks** – in March 2014. were rescheduled due to bush fires last year
   3.18. **International Woman’s Day** – Yr10 student presentation and celebrated with past student talking about her experiences post school
   3.19. **Japanese School Visit** – annual visit
   3.20. **Island Time** – meeting to build relationships with families and community. About 17 parents participated
3.21. Field Study Day

3.22. School Council Meeting

3.23. Year 12 Jerseys – have arrived

3.24. Great Shave - Shana Smith from Yr. 10 shaved hair (raised $500)

3.25. Executive Professional Learning – focus on literary.

3.26. Gifted and Talented presentation – brilliant work from students

3.27. Future Events

3.24.1. International Day 21 March
3.24.2. Year 12 reports distributed
3.24.3. Cross Country
3.24.4. Year 7/8 disco – require P&C assistance
3.24.5. SRE seminars – 1 day each term
3.24.6. Year 11/12 parent teachers interviews – students must be present with parents
3.24.7. Year 7 GATT – nominations later in the year so teachers can evaluate students
3.24.9. CHS swimming carnival
3.24.10. ANZAC Day ceremonies – Band program participate in various ceremonies + main march in city.
3.24.11. School Holidays 12-28 April (first day back)

4. 2013 HCS Student Statistics – detailed report presented by Janina – in summary:
   - 197 students sat for HSC (2 students did not receive HSC)
   - 35% students received above 90, 79% at least 1 subject in band 5 (above 80), 92% at least 1 subject in band 4 (above 70)
   - 17% of students received a merit (on subject above 90)
   - 71st overall position in NSW
   - 8th comprehensive public high school overall position in NSW
   - 7 students achieved ATAR of 99%; 9 achieved band 6 in all subjects
   - Janina recognised the wonderful work by those girls who were not acknowledged as the “high flyers” in the high bands but the value added work and exceptional progress from individual girls who succeeded beyond expectation - great to see so many success stories.

5. TREASURER REPORT

5.1 As of 19th March 2014 P&C Funds at $18,939.45.
   - Thus far expenditure on BGHS grounds at $4,410 (after working bee 1, 2 & 3).
   - Local Donations:
     John Hill & Co - $250
     S&J Realty - $250
     Devery Family - $1,000

Motion: Erin D adopted, Nick M seconded.

   Focus on sport as a balance with academic performance. Importance of sport within the school with PE, Tuesday afternoon, knockout teams, graded sport, swimming carnival, athletics carnival and cross country. Girls who are at an elite level are supported and opportunities are provided.

   There is concern about the knock out team selection in netball and soccer. Some parents and students think that it is always the same girls each year who are selected. Jan advised it becomes difficult with such a large school when girls trial for the same team, however they should not give up and trial again following year. There were recent issues with the netball teams - 45 girls trialled for netball knockout teams for 12 places. Jan encourages all the girls to continue and not give up.

   Question was raised if there could be more teams for netball and soccer, perhaps not knockouts (as only 1 team for knockouts) but more graded teams or other opportunities?

   A parent also raised the issue that the Federal Government is pushing for more sport in schools and netball being number 1 sport in girls sport. With a school with 1,100 students, surely one team is not viable for such a large school?

   Parents are also concerned with the selection process - there was only 1 netball trial and the goals were not operational? Jan indicated that there were a few issues.

   Parent indicated that several regional players trialled but were not selected and that girls need feedback during the process. The girls felt that those who were in the team last year were selected. Perhaps there needs to be more student feedback.

   Aiming for 2 or 3 phases in the trials for next year. There are 7 sports for knockouts which start at the beginning of Term 1, which becomes very difficult time wise. Next year there will be more trials, especially the senior girls 15+.

   **Recommendations:** Ms Kumar suggested that perhaps the trials for knockout sports should be done at the end of the previous year so that there is more time in the selection process – both for soccer and netball.

   Re: Graded netball and soccer – there are also only limited teams. For example only one 15yr old soccer team as there are not enough facilities/soccer fields when competing against schools. Same with netball – schools only have 1 or 2 netball courts.

   Mrs Kumar advised there are issues with sporting facilities and restrictions in the area. Northern Suburbs Zone (which BGHS is a part of) applied for a $10,000 sports grant and were successful, however not sure how this will be spent as yet.

   Good News - Jan has organised a free training day with NSW Netball – would like to offer this to the knock-out teams, grade teams and all girls who trialled.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING**

   7.1 Listing from impromptu meeting in February focusing on the allocation of P&C funds 2014.

   7.1.1 Completion of grounds project – next stage crushed granite + installation of seating/tables + smaller planter box and planting. Major works (crushed granite & installation of tables/seats) to be done by contractors. Mrs Kumar advised to use recommended contractors.
Actions: Effie M obtain school preferred contractors (from Bronwyn) & prepare costings.

7.1.2 Chairs and tables for canteen – need to be replaced. Captains Project have asked if they can contribute + Mrs Kumar has funds for this project. Alice has made suggestion for light aluminium café style chairs (same as Canterbury Girls)

Action: Alice to find out supplier/costs from Canterbury Girls

7.1.3 Banner celebrating HSC success and congratulating girls- about $150 (canvass with eyelets and rope) – suggestion on hold

7.1.4 Audio Equipment in Hall – e.g. Wireless headphones for technical crew managing school events in hall. At the moment using broken equipment and headphones not wireless.

7.1.5 Aluminium framed marquee (3m x 4.5m) with BGHS printed. Easy to set up. Can be used for zone, sporting events, functions, information days etc.

Actions: Effie M to obtain estimates

7.2 Ray White Sponsorships

Finola has secured sponsorship deal with Ray White Burwood. Ray White will donate 10% of the commission of sale or 1 week rental property to BGHS for property belonging to BGHS parent.

Action: Need to ensure that promo/sponsorship is included in every Event. Flyers to be handed out to parents at BHGS events.

7.3 Transparency re: ESL classes and why high academic students are placed in these classes. Students are under the impression that they are placed in these classes as they need assistance however they are high achievers. Mrs Kumar advised all students have the opportunity to be in an ESL class in stages 4 & 5 as all classes are mixed ability, however they will not be in an ESL class twice. There are 2 classes in year 10 (10a & 10b). Program is the same only assessment tasks are differentiated for ESL students and marked using different criteria.

Also concerns that scaffolds are not provided to all English classes for essays/assessments.

7.4 International Day – require a parent helper from 10-30 to 12.30. Year 7 supply the sausages.

7.5 Stage 6 (Year 12) English Advanced Speech Assessment – previously held in 1 day but was not successful. Now it will be held over 2 days Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December 2014. The question raised – Do all the girls need to sit through all the speeches?


7.7 Parent seminar - suggested a course for parents “Parents dealing with Year 12”

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm - Next Meeting: 21 May 2014