Burwood Girls High School – P&C Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting 20 August 2014

Attendance: Mia Kumar, Principal; Karyn O'Brien, Deputy Principal; Janina Longman, Deputy Principal; Christine Williams, Deputy President; Effie Balomatis, Treasurer, Lesley Jolly, Deputy Secretary; Elaine Browne, Manager, Uniform Shop; Erin Dib, Kerry West, Fiona Gainsford, Belinda Lee, Helen Drury and Suzanne Staines  
Apologies: Alice Magoffin, Nick Miller, Effie Matsas, Kathy Kritselas, Perry Kritselas

Minutes: Lesley Jolly

Meeting Opened: 7.20 pm

1. WELCOME  
Meeting opened by Christine Williams in the Library.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES  
P&C Minutes 18 June 2014 were tabled.

   Motion: Minutes accepted: Proposed Lesley Jolly, Seconded Erin Dib

3. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

   3.1 Olga Maroc – with much sadness, Ms Kumar reported that Ms Marcoc, Head Teacher, Welfare, had passed away on 15 July. Members of the school community attended her funeral.

   3.2 Kathy Barr – teacher of French, retired at the end of last term

   3.3 Ministerial visit - Adrian Piccoli and Charles Casuscelli visited the school to launch a language paper and several representatives from DEC and BOSTES were present.

   3.4 Blue and Gold Assembly – 600+ were awarded a Blue or Gold award. The assembly was well attended by parents and wonderful music from BEP.

   3.5 Soccer match – students v teachers – was lots of fun

   3.6 Vietnam/Cambodia Promotion – Ms Kumar attended Cambodia and Vietnam on behalf of DEC International. She also managed to meet up with the parents of some of BGHS’s international Vietnamese students. This was excellent.

   3.7 IFTAR Dinner – was held for the first time on 16 July with more than 100 participants and was a great success.

   3.8 Visual Arts Body of Work – was held on 29 July. Fabulous works by the year 12 HSC students

   3.9 Safe Schools Launch – at Parliament House. Was attended by Karen O’Brien and Mia Kumar on 31 July.

   3.10 Daisy Kokkalis - Principal of Ashfield Boys retired. Farewell attended. The new principal is Deputy from Concord HS, Dwayne Hopwood.
3.11 **HSC Trials** - took place between 4-15 August. Some students turned up for the wrong exam or the wrong day.

3.12 **PACFest** – A festival for Islander students from local schools at Hurstville included dancing and singing. BGHS girls participated. The school sees this as a good way of connecting this group of girls more closely with their school.

3.13 **Bridge Building Project Competition** – BGHS girls entered this competition. Year 9, there will now be an elective of Science and Engineering in 2015 as BGHS girls show a great interest in this area.

3.14 **Exchange Students** – 6 students from Denmark, Germany, France and Norway were welcomed.

3.15 **New Science Teacher** – Rosanna Ciano was welcomed to the Science Faculty to replace Kirsty Tottenham who is taking maternity leave.

3.16 **Jindabyne Trip** – for Years 11 went very well. Great snow and sunshine.

3.17 **International Student Centre** - A delegation of 10 teachers from Japan will come to BGHS for 10 weeks each Friday starting in September.

3.18 **Social Science** – Liz Bors from Social Sciences has commenced leave to work in another government department and she will be replaced by Leith Thompson.

3.19 **Debating** – BGHS did very well beating Marrickville.

3.20 **Public Speaking** – Elle Kritselas was selected for Regionals in Public Speaking.

3.21 **Field Study Day** – Year 7 maths went to Luna Park

3.22 **Future Events**

3.22.1 25 August – Dance Showcase
3.22.2 27 August – Big Night Out
3.22.3 29 August – Wear in Purple Day
3.22.4 18 September – Year 12 Graduation
3.22.5 Subject Selection - Year 10-11

4. **SCHOOL PLANNING**

The school has commenced work on a new school plan for 2015-17. The plan needs to be completed by the end of 2014. Schools have the opportunity to form their own strategic direction in areas that are important to their own school. The plan needs to be underpinned by milestones to show expected outcomes and also to be monitored for progress.

As part of the process in completing this plan, the school has looked at various strategic models and has consulted with the school Executive, the Student Representative Council, the staff (at Staff Development Days, the School Council and the P&C body.
Part of the consultation has been in gathering responses to the four following questions and these were also discussed with the P&C parents at the meeting at some length.

✔ What sort of school do we want to be in the 21st century?
✔ What sort of citizens do we want to produce in this world?
✔ What do we want our students to experience?
✔ What qualities will teachers need to be able to provide a learning experience that prepares our students adequately for life beyond school in a 21st century world?

The plan will be signed off at a local level by the principal and will be put onto the website in February 2015 and updated each year thereafter.

5. **PREFECT NOMINATIONS**
Janina Longman took the P&C body through the new nomination system for the election of prefects. Julia Alvarado, who will be the new Prefect co-ordinator, will oversee this. Students will need to complete a nomination for giving reasons why they should be considered for the role as prefect. The form will need to be endorsed by a teacher and another student. Those selected will then be part of the election process with teaching staff votes weighted on a 3:1 basis with students.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**
6.1 **Chairs and Tables** have been ordered but will take a while to be delivered.
6.2 **Ashfield Council’s Grant Program** – we were unsuccessful with a grant for our gardens. However, we may be eligible for an ‘Arts Community and Environment’ grant if we combine our kitchen garden project with something else – ie the environment group would like to paint a wall. A proposal will be prepared.
6.3 **Working Bee/Gardening Program.** Effie Matsas has said that the next stage of the program may cost up to $20k. There will also be a need for 3 working bees in T4. The P&C once again noted their thanks for all the hard work put in by Effie in this regard.

7. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
As of 20 August P&C Funds were at $30,974.25. We received $2 interest in the intervening period.

8. **UNIFORM SHOP**
8.1 Presented by Elaine Browne – as of 20 August balance at $18,787.
8.2 There is currently redundant stock of nearly $85k
8.3 Discussion was held about holding a special for ‘Seniors week’ on 2/3/4 September in the recess and lunchtime periods
8.4 Discussion was also held about whether the current Year 12s could sell their blazer on commission through the Uniform Shop. This was agreed – with the shop taking a 25% margin.
8.5 Elaine Browne confirmed the shirts with the new crest were selling well.
8.6 A request was also raised that a uniform order form be given to new parents to bring about to the school at the interview stage. This form to have measurements rather than sizes to better gauge what is required.
8.7 A discussion was held on backpacks were 2 sizes were reviewed. It was decided to order 30 of the smaller sizes to trial.

*Motion: Proposed Christine Williams and Seconded by Fiona Gainsford*

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no correspondence.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
There was no general business.

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Meeting closed at 9pm
Next Meeting: 17 September 2014