BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
Minutes of SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Held WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2015

Present:
Robert Brett ................... Community Member
Elaine Browne ............... Manager, P&C Uniform Shop
Tim Cunningham ...... Community member
Lesley Jolly .................... Parent
Ed Kent……………. Teacher
Perry Kritselas ............. Chairperson
Mia Kumar ................ Principal
Janina Longman............ Deputy Principal
Alice Magoffin .......... Parent
Leanne McKee…………..Community member
Karyn O’Brien.......... Deputy Principal
Gavin Parker ................ Teacher
Chantelle Manion.............. Student Representative
Christine Trieu............... Student Representative

AGENDA

1. Apologies from Nick Miller, Lucy Ward-Gemell (HSC Trials) and Patrice Simpson (LSL)

2. Business Arising was discussed:

2.1 Perry reported that the recently purchased school bus had been serviced and registered. New number plate is CE 74 KL and it is registered for approximately $2000 p.a. P&C Sponsorship to support registration and insurance. Old plates are to be returned to the Motor Registry. The registration for buses is to be shown on the front window and Principal to organise GA to fix registration details on bus (i.e. plates, sticker).

2.2 Janina reported that all teaching staff had completed their Performance Development Framework plans. These had been submitted to her at the end of last term and would be used to discuss achievement of priorities with Head Teachers. Currently the Deputies are organising formal meetings with head teachers to discuss meeting targets and areas for professional development.

2.3 Principal reported that a second successful photoshoot had occurred on 5 August. Photos using SRC students illustrated sport uniform, facilities and student leadership. Samples from the photoshoot were circulated. The five additional brochures to be produced were tabled and corrections were made for:

- Cultural connections
- Leadership
- Burwood Ensemble Program
- Facilities
- Sport

2.4 Janina reported that two members of the TAS faculty (Rosemary Patonay and Paula Papas) were keen to improve the wearing of school uniform. Paula had already addressed the school assembly on correct uniform and wearing it appropriately (e.g. length of skirt, shoes). This had been well received by the students and there had been some interest shown in addressing some changes to the current school uniform. A uniform timeline was tabled. Initially a committee
would set up survey questions, collate responses from students, parents and staff. There would be consultation with specialist uniform distributors if necessary, and if a new uniform was seen to be necessary, it would be finalised by Term 2, 2016, for implementation for Year 7, 2017.

It was decided that the survey questions be sent to School Council members, for input prior to survey distribution to students and parents. They also should be presented to the school executive. Rosemary is keen to develop conversation on uniform for the future and to wear the uniform appropriately.

3. Student Representative Council Report
   3.1 The SRC representatives discussed the large numbers of events that had occurred at the school.
   - 20/21 July Regional Athletics with large number competing and some excellent results.
   - 23 July was well attended for Year 8/10 Parent Teacher interviews.
   - Year 11, 2016 Subject Selection evening was a great success and students in Year 10 have been interviewed and made decisions about subjects for next year.
   - Year 12 enjoyed a poetry workshop before their HSC Trials 3-14 August.

   There are more events to come:
   - 14 August is Field Study Day #3, where Year 7 do mathematics activities at Luna Park; Year 8 focus on Asian culture in Arts and Music; Year 9 visit West Head for Geography while Year 10 have an indigenous focus at school.
   - 17 August is Year 7 STARR day
   - 18 August is a special event 5:30 – 7:30pm “Girl Rising”
   - 24 August is Dance Showcase
   - 26 August is Big Night Out
   - 28 August is ‘Wear It Purple Day’ and screening of film “Gayby Baby”
   - Preliminary exams 1-8 September

   This is the last meeting for our SRC representatives and it will be a difficult task to replace them. Chantelle and Christine agreed to look for suitable replacements form the SRC for Term 4 meeting.

   Perry thanked Chantelle, Christine and Lucy for their commitment and enthusiasm in representing the student body for the last 3 years.

4. Women for the Hall (Karyn)
   4.1 Karyn outlined a project to update the women in the hall (an idea that the Prefects were keen to fund as their gift to the school for 2015). Suggestions for Women Leaders was tabled as well as a list of notable ex-students form Burwood GHS. Discussion took place about the merits of various women and what should be suggested. Decision taken to have a series of outstanding ex-students in the foyer of the Hall. This could include:
   - Professor Margaret Allars
   - Lorraine Bayly
   - Lee Da-hae
   - Jennie George
   - Katherine Hudson
   - Gracie Otto
5. Principal reported that Nick Miller had completed an application “Community Building Partnership 2015” to request $75,000 to upgrade front foyer, sick bay and adjacent restroom. Submission included photos of existing areas and all essential documentation. Result will be known in November.

6. General Business

6.1 Perry discussed his concerns for road safety of students walking to and from school. It becomes quite dangerous in the afternoon when 500+ students walk to Westfields along narrow footpath and through roundabouts without adequate crossing. It was suggested that the Road Safety Officer be invited to the next School Council meeting (4 November) to clarify Burwood Councils responsibility to road traffic safety. Jodi McKay could also be approached for support by SRC who are to respond to her about current issues at Burwood GHS. Safety on roads is a big issue!

6.2 Principal alerted council members to a request from Craig Laundy’s office to host a “Women in Leadership” forum, conducted by Julie Bishop on 24 August at 2pm. Local schools in the electorate would be invited. This was seen to be a positive event for our students.

6.3 Perry thanked everyone for their support and especially wished the SRC representatives best wishes for the future and thanked them once again on their wonderful service to the School Council. Always a delight to hear from them.

Meeting closed: 7pm

Next Meeting for 2015: 4 November.