1. Perry welcomed new student representatives and thanked them for their willingness to be part of the School Council for 2016/17 and maybe 2018.

2. Business arising was discussed

2.1. Principal reported that five additional brochures were going to print:
   - Leadership
   - Facilities
   - Cultural Connections
   - Burwood Ensemble Program
   - Sport

   The draft documents were tabled and following comments were made:
   - Student comments on each brochure were welcomed
   - The school facilities looked great (especially the fitness lab and hospitality kitchen). The hall also was seen as a good asset to include.
   - The ‘Major Work’ on front of the Cultural Connections brochure should state that it is a 2009 HSC Major Work by Tahjee Moar.

   The Principal reported that the Uniform brochure has been printed (arrived this afternoon) ready for distribution to Year 6 students who are entering Year 7 in 2016. Copies of this brochure were distributed to members of the School Council who were grateful that this had been developed. Uniform brochure included band, dance, sport uniforms as well.

2.2 Janina reported that the Uniform survey was not completed by the Uniform Committee and the uniform will remain as is for the time being. The school blazer is certainly being promoted. Tim reported that on November 30, for 4 days, there will be discounts for senior uniforms. Year 10, 11, 12 wear senior uniforms. The SRC
representatives who are in Year 9 are excited about wearing a senior uniform next year.

2.3 ‘Women in the Hall’ has been finalised and Year 10 SRC and International Studies students will manage the production of the pictures (which will be a uniform size) with the name and a brief explanation to be placed below each picture. There was discussion about including the first winning female jockey for the Melbourne Cup, Michelle Payne. It would be wonderful if this project could be completed for Presentation Day on 11 December.

2.4 Perry reported that the problems and concerns about the pedestrian crossing at Cheltenham Road were discussed with John Faker. It was agreed that a meeting with Michael McMahon at Burwood Council should take place at end of next week. Members of council expressed concern about the narrowness of footpaths to take the number of students exiting in the afternoon. Recommendations included:

- Installation of traffic lights on the corner of Cheltenham Road and Queen Street (instead of roundabout).
- Additional crossing on Queen Street on western side of current roundabout to promote more students walking to Burwood Station to use opposite footpath.

3. Student Representative Council provided a report on successes of SRC and the plan for restructure of the SRC to allow more opportunity for discussion, and decision making. There will be a new structure for the SRC next year.

New SRC Structure for 2016:
- Year 7 – 12 students
- Year 8 – 12 students
- Year 9 – 20 students
- Year 10 – 20 students
- Year 11 – 20 students

Each group meets on alternate Mondays as individual year groups

On the ‘other’ Monday, four representatives from each year council meet as the School SRC and deals with matters in a holistic manner.

- Year 7 and 8 will be a joint council. They will still meet together for some peer bonding led by Year 12 SRC mentors
- Year 9 council, Year 10 council and Year 11 council will meet fortnightly since they are smaller groups which makes it easier to have a say and be heard.

Election for SRC to be undertaken at end of the year, ready for the following year. That will leave only Year 7 to be elected in 2016. Restructure of SRC will provide more opportunities for leadership as well as greater involvement.

4. Karyn tabled the draft Special Religious Education (SRE) policy for our school. The DoE has a “Religious Education Policy” as well as the “Religious Education Implementation Procedures” which guide the development of the Burwood GHS policy. Members asked why this was being undertaken and it was noted there was no relationship to recent press. Discussion took place regarding the “Gayby Baby” issues last term and questions were asked about the number of parent complaints received. The P&C President received no complaints, the school initially received one and there were a few parents who requested their daughters not view the film. The school’s intention was to recognise achievements of an ex-student who produced the film on the annual “Wear It Purple Day”. The screening of the film was cancelled. Parents were informed early this term. Karyn and Voulla attended a meeting regarding Special Religious Education (SRE) in
schools and the result being Burwood GHS needs to evaluate, revise and explore how to improve SRE provisions in the school for 2016. The scheduled model of SRE for Tuesdays would be investigated and support for finding religious providers is being sought by Brie Pattison, local SRE Coordinator for Inner West Group. Parents have the right to have their children receive instruction in their religious persuasion and may nominate an alternative religion, or not participate. Members felt our school’s current situation was satisfactory but Karyn pointed out the ‘FROG’ group is a voluntary student activity and we needed to provide SRE.

Parent concern was expressed that if SRE provision is better organised for Tuesday, then why does the school continue with SRE Seminars as well. Discussion took place regarding the need to evaluate attendance at these seminars in 2016 to determine whether these should be continued in 2017. It was suggested that Karyn include time allocation for SRE in the BGHS policy for 2016. The following to be included:

- Tuesdays 30 minutes for SRE lessons for Years 7 – 12.
- SRE Seminars are 75 minutes each term for Years 7 – 10

Members requested information on the numbers in various religious groups and this was provided by the DP. For Years 7 – 11 (2015) as follows:-

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Discussion took place regarding the difference between ‘Protestant’ and other ‘Christian faiths’ and this needs to be clarified. Brie Pattison was assisting the school to establish a multi-faith SRE program at BGHS in 2016. In particular, looking for SRE providers in:-

- Greek Orthodox
- Roman Catholic
- Protestant
- Islam

There were two options provided for changing bell times and this will be decided in consultation with School Executive and SRE Coordinator. All changes will be communicated as soon as possible to the school community.

There is a new DoE school enrolment form on which parents do not necessarily identify their religion. The school will develop a letter for all parents to complete regarding religion and desire to attend SRE classes (preference letter). Karyn clarified that students must opt-in for voluntary activities and opt-out of SRE classes or seminars.
5. Karyn presented a powerpoint outlining the school’s Gonski story as presented at the Reid electorate event on 29 October. This event was attended by staff, parents and students and our Gonski story was well received. Brochures, stickers and pamphlets were distributed to all members of the School Council. On Friday 30 October, a combined Gonski/World Teachers Day morning tea was held to celebrate the achievement of teachers and the school. Photos of special guests (John Faker, Burwood Mayor, Perry Kritselas, Jessie Wootton, Bianca Marie Low as well as ex-students) were shown.

6. Staffing changes for 2016 were presented by the Deputies and the Principal. These were identified as follows:
   - HT, Technology Innovations appointed (Fiona Diakos)
   - New teacher appointments in
     - Mathematics (Christine Ha)
     - Science (TBA)
     - HSIE (TBA)
   - Teachers taking maternity leave for 2016 include Jodie Coleman and Kirsty Tottenham
   - Some temporary teachers will continue (eg Jim Stammell)
   - SASS support in band will change. Position has been advertised for 2016. Elaine Browne’s commitment and years of service to this program and the school was recognised. Elaine will continue with the Uniform Shop. Sue Staines decided not to continue in the Band program, but will continue to work in the Uniform Shop. It was suggested that Elaine should be recognised at Presentation Day.

7. Membership for 2016 School Council was discussed and a new parent member to be nominated by P&C. Concern expressed about numbers of community memberships. Uniform Shop representation was not essential.

8. General Business:
   - 8.1. Tim reported that a subcommittee of P&C was investigating refurbishment of the Uniform Shop. Current membership is Tim Cunningham, Elaine Browne, Sue Staines. It was recommended that a member of the Senior Executive be involved to ensure compliance with DoE policy and procedures for refurbishment.
   - 8.2. Students raised the issue of the quality of canteen food and the lack of healthy alternatives. A canteen survey conducted at the end of 2014 resulted in discussions with the canteen management to improve the quality, variety and price of food. There were attempts to resolve issues but it was recommended that the canteen management be contacted again about student concerns. Karyn to investigate the contract specifications regarding the food requirements. Alice reported that she was part of the committee and that there was an undertaking by the canteen group to provide healthy food. Maybe “Healthy Canteens Australia” are in breach of their contract? Further discussion required.
   - 8.3. Enrolment for 2016 was requested. There are 167 girls enrolled for Year 7 with approximately 40 on the waiting list. Karyn reported that many families were recently presenting with ‘local’ addresses. The school requires three proofs of residence documents (eg lease agreement, rate notice, utilities bill). The total enrolment for 2016 is 1183. Final numbers for each year will be notified at the first meeting in 2016 as well as the number of local / non-local Year 7 applications.

Perry thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a happy Christmas.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.