

# BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Lindy Annakin	(parent)
	Judy Bokor	(parent)
	Elaine Browne	(P&C President)
	Steve Chan	(parent)
	Tim Cunningham	(Chairperson)
	Janina Longman	(Deputy Principal)
	Colin Jones	(community member)
	Mia Kumar	(Principal)
	Karyn O'Brien	(Deputy Principal)
	Christina Nicholas	(student)
	Patrice Simpson	(teacher representative)
	Rebecca Tong	(student)
	Arielle Tsoukatos	(student)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Robert Brett	(teacher)
	Frank Levy	(community member)

1. Welcome to members and refreshments.
2. Business Arising
  - Head Teacher English, Jennifer Hardwick, starts Monday – has visited the school many times. Thank you to Kathy Lazos for her time as relieving Head Teacher.
  - School Uniform
    - New Uniform Shop hours: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm Tuesdays.
    - P&C going for navy pullover vest; went with Noon - \$42-43. Jumper=\$55. A number of girls have asked. First 15 if doesn't sell not much money lost but will also get for the Band Program, therefore for school and band. Senior blazers are selling again but have problems with sizes – can't get any more made – too old.
    - Uniform during school. Janina and Karyn outlined what the procedure is for out of uniform. Patrice spoke on our uniform pool.
    - Bag – Elaine asked about school bag – are we going there? No.
    - School tie – not sure where it has been ordered from.
  - Evacuation Plan. Handout circulated. Last practice was good. Now making sign for beginning of each roll call. Worked well.
  - Slide Show from Mia
    - Uniform
    - International Day – explained changes – food stalls after each assembly. SRC taking initiative.
    - School Development Day – technology.
    - Things of which we are proud: but Biggest Morning Tea closer to \$400.
    - Principal for a Day, Ann Sherry, recognised J. Raynor, J. Campbell.
    - Duke of Edinburgh
    - Building Program
    - Library modifications
  - Judy: Presented some books on building up relationships/self esteem – from anti-bullying. Some programs have been written – Group Leaders Manuel for Youth (books) resources already available. Can be done during DEAR or on welfare day.
3. Student Representative Council Report
  - Rebecca Tong (SRC President): Haven't had as regular meetings but should move forward this term due to so many ongoing activities. Biggest Morning Tea - \$405. SRC helped two Year 10 girls by bringing in food.

- Patrice: Girls have been working even though they have not had regular meetings. The girls still working. Some SRC members are being a Leos Club: Lions Club coming out on Monday – and school now has formed the environment club – doing great things. Meetings will be every Monday after assembly. Have got really great exec this year.
4. Technology update. 11 Smartboards and have two more coming.
  5. Annual School Report 2007.  
First draft given out. Number of areas needed to comment on. Looked at School Council and P&C messages. Rest is mandatory. Needs to go in the end of next week. Will be in colour. Need to remove/rework a few photos – need to be 24 pages (now is 25). Discussion on graphs concentrating on Value Added. Most subjects are building on the skills that were reported on in the Year 5 Basic Skills Test. Look at writing and explanation of Value Added graph for School Certificate – look at last year's.
  6. Current Issues:
    - Feedback from Values Forums (Patrice).  
Outlined the initiatives from State and Federal Government – all schools need to address how we teach values. Teacher 97%/Parents 98% = thought we should be teaching values. These surveys were conducted throughout the state. Lots of work has been done at BGHS. Need to make it explicit. Had to audit how values are being addressed at our school. They are implicit in what we teach. Our audit – students 10 & 11 – taught how to lead focus groups. These groups were widely representative in all areas. Nine groups of 10 students. Each group given a value = discussed meaning/values within the classroom/whole school. Extensive results.  
Staff focus groups: Core values also presented to teachers and discussed at staff meeting. Parents were surveyed – 32 responses completed at first P&C – concept of respect was highlighted by the parents. Now need forum – held in June. Will call for teacher volunteers, have four reps from P&C and some from School Council. We need to look at results – where do we go from now. There is a need to develop a feeling of values amongst the students.  
Building our awards around our core values is a possibility.  
Building on things already doing – SRC leading meetings – meeting in next three weeks.  
Head Teacher Welfare read results and said the information we received from the girls was worthwhile – also the information from the teachers.  
Were some negative comments – these need to be addressed. Overall, it was a good gauge of what students/parents/teachers think of our school. Developing responsible young women.
    - Colin spoke regarding home values and school values. Will it be measured?
    - Patrice: Working together: balance between the demand being placed on teachers. Teachers don't want to take over the role of parents. Need to work together.
    - Karyn: Discussion – how home can support the school – establishing the values. These values go across all cultures.
    - "Investing in our Schools" program. Put on hold.
    - Students in Westfield Shopping Centre, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Security guards to approach students in uniform/at some Westfields/to get them back to school. Students are being asked to leave. Discussion on this.
  7. General Business
    - Lindy: School website link for P&C – P&C and School Council minutes should go on website. Could agenda be emailed to everyone, and also on web.
    - Girl student smoking, walking the other way, unable to identify her.
    - Values forum: Colin, Lindy volunteered to work with Patrice on the forum, and Steve if available.

Meeting closed 7:30 pm.