

**BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	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)
	Karyn O'Brien	(Deputy Principal)
	Christina Nicholas	(student)
	Patrice Simpson	(teacher representative)
	Jessina Oakes	(student)
	TBA	(student)
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APOLOGIES:	Robert Brett	(teacher)
	Mia Kumar	(Principal)
	Frank Levy	(community member)

1. **Welcome** to members, and refreshments.
2. **Business Arising.** Nil.
3. **Building Program Update**
 - Apologies - server down, therefore no photos.
 - PDHPE slowly moving in, using new area this week. In the new area there are two classrooms, fitness lab, PE staffroom, movement space dance and drama.
 - 1.1 Hectares coming along down the back. Council's plan was only going to be a 1 metre fence. Mia trying to get higher fence – it would be in council's best interest as can be hired out by council. Lights?
 - Playground. Some areas still being completed – starting to plant, brick walls = ramps. Handover date? – not sure at this stage.
 - Back access from car park to Library – yes. Fence progressing. The electrical substation is out the front = all school's getting one.
 - Tim: Liverpool West Primary School getting same movement area.
 - Toilets – big tick✓ from the girls!
4. **Student Representative Council Report**
 - Jessina Oakes introduced as newly appointed student representative.
 - First meeting in two weeks. Wednesday, period 4, elect SRC President and discuss things.
 - International Day – each stall has at least two representatives.
 - Toilets and toilet paper – not happy – lack of such by the end of recess. Janina to talk to the cleaners. Suggestion: maybe canteen could have spare rolls – no, but will need to look into this. Cleaners work split shift, therefore can't replay – need to address this.
 - President: Mim Akunyare; Vice-Presidents: Indigo Elliott Phibbs and Lena Chen.
 - Also discussion of decorating school – mural. Focus more on fundraising and spread it out. World's Greatest Shave – maybe a stall – to spray paint hair.
5. **Awards**

Implemented awards scheme – merits shown (Jessina had received three).
Two merits can be given. One is 'Learning' and the other is 'Not For Ourselves Alone' (NOFA).
Learning Award = 5 Learning Merits. YA's NFOA Award = 5 NFOA Merits. Head Teacher gives out these awards at year meetings. Principal's Award = 5 Learning Awards or 5 YA's NFOA Awards.

Feedback from students – more teachers giving merits to juniors than seniors. This can be a danger – need to keep reminding staff.

6. **New Staff 2009**

- John van Leeuwen, relieving HT Science
- Sandra Moore, Maths
- Melissa Caltabiano, Dance
- Liz Bors, Social Sciences
- Guy McCulloch, Social Sciences
- Karino Ojong, Science
- Katherine Toohey, Visual Arts

David Allen has accepted position of Deputy Principal at Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus.

Judy Bokor is trained in panel training. Colin Jones willing to train.

7. **2008 Annual School Report**

- Being constructed. Tim's comments on P&C and Council have already been sent in.
- Next meeting, draft stage.

8. **2009 Budget**

- Given out – discussion on some dissections.
- Clarify dates at top of page.
- Commissions/donations – what are they? To be discussed at next meeting.

9. **Management Plan (draft) 2009-2011**

- Went through the plan and sections explained. Started with focus on Literacy and Numeracy.
- Trish Weekes – came to Executive Conference. Coming to Staff Development Day Term 2.
- She is looking at differentiating the curriculum – assessment tasks and expected outcomes.
- Patrice + 3 the head teachers workshop on differentiating. Need to also include Aboriginal Education strategies.
- ESL = as effective as possible.
- Picnic tables + canteen.
- Environmental Committee consolidating.
- Values – once International Day and International Women's Day are over going to work on this. Use the DEAR period to discuss values/and bullying.
- Went through rest of plan.
- Talked about lateness/uniform.
- 23 March – Connected Classroom in Room 29 will be installed. This will enable students to talk via video around the world – painting room blue for video.
- Computer fund - Year 9 to get laptops – not 10, 11 & 12.
- School will have wireless connection.
- New school diary and values poster shown. Some discussion on teachers using school diary.
- Discussion on values/DEAR periods using Big Sisters.

10. **General Business**

- Canteen – new this year. Cheaper/nicer food. Coffee – Yr.11 & 12 encourage them to stay at school. Looking at doing up the canteen area.

Dates for meetings on the website: Wednesday, 3 June, 2 September, 25 November

To help with communication, email notes + notification of agenda and minutes by text and email to all members.

Meeting closed 6:50 pm