

# HEALESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – 7pm in the Staff Room**

**1. Present:** Jenny DeWitte, George Perini, Gayle Shelley, Helen Egginton, Erica Benci, Heather Pitt, Allan Rennick, Carolyn Connell, Simon Fabrikant, Brian D’Arcy, D Bergin

**2. Apologies:**

George Perini welcomed all school council members, and thanked the outgoing members and presented them with a gift of appreciation. Outgoing members were invited to stay for the meeting, but chose to leave.

All positions on council declared vacant

**Election of Office Bearers**

a) President:	President and Vice President Must be elected from non-DEECD members	Nominee – Jenny DeWitte Nominator – Donna Bergin Secunder – Heather Pitt No other nominations – elected
b) Vice President	Only elected or co-opted members may vote	Nominee – Carolyn Connell Nominator – Allan Rennick Secunder – Erica Benci No other nominations – elected
c) Convenor of Finance Sub Committee	George Perini	
d) Minute Secretary	Donna Bergin	
NB: Executive Officer is the Principal		George Perini

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

Money raised from HHS out of uniform day to aid bush fire affected school was presented to Chum Creek PS

HHS has had no luck in recouping lost revenue for C Centre which was used as material relief centre. We are still trying to recover costs to resurface floor of old basketball stadium

Working Bee dates for 2009 will be discussed at next facilities meeting and reported to SC next meeting

Rise Concert to aid bush fire relief – GSH has met with organiser Stuart Aldridge. HHS is supporting the event by running a BBQ in conjunction with HPS. We will advertise for parent, student and community helpers in the newsletter this week. Date is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to man 3 shifts throughout the day

Electronic devices – The Leadership team meeting decided that electronic devices for appropriate classroom use will be allowed. Some teachers and classes will use the devices, but the school does not have insurance for personal goods, and the responsibility remains with the person bringing the device to school

A letter from President Jenny DeWitte has been sent to Dr Jim Watterston regarding Principal situation at HHS

**Motion:** School Council approve the minutes from February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 meeting as presented  
**Moved:** Carolyn Connell      **Seconded:** Simon Fabrikant      **Carried**

#### **4. REPORTS**

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Curriculum
- c. Facilities
- d. Community Links
- e. Finance & Business Manager
- f. Uniform Sub Committee

**Motion:** School Council accept all reports as presented

**Moved:** Carolyn Connell      **Seconded:** Helen Egginton      **Carried**

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS**

##### **Department of Education & Early Childhood Development**

**A1** Shine Volume 2

##### **Healesville High School**

**B1** Suspensions

**B2** Notification of Activity – Year 8 Camp (Since postponed)

**B3** Notification of Activity – VCE Water ski Camp

**B4** Outdoor Education Activities 2009 (cross country Skiing, downhill skiing, bushwalking, abseiling, Howqua River bush camp)

##### **Miscellaneous**

**C1** Healesville Football & Netball Club – Thank you for use of training facilities

**C2** ACSSO Australian Education Digest Volume 3, No 4

**C3** ACSSO Australian Education Digest Volume 3, No 1

**C4** ACSSO Australian Education Digest Volume 3 No 5

**C5** ACSSO Ensemble Volume 3, No 1

**C6** ACSSO Australian Education Digest Volume 3, No 6

**C7** ACSSO Ensemble Volume 3, No 5

**C8** ACSSO Australian Education Digest Volume 3, No 7

#### **6. OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Tarryn Thom – Thank you for contribution to School Council

Jess Murty – Thank you for contribution to School Council

Ms Karin Manley – Thank you for contribution to School Council

Mr Rod Thom – Thank you for contribution to School Council

#### **7. LATE INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **8. QUESTION & ANSWER TIME**

**C Connell** – asked if S Council members will receive feedback regarding the change in format for the Parent Teacher Evening held on March 18.

**GPE** – replied that he took comments on the night. Attendance was far greater than compared to Term 3 2008. The staff were happy to know which parents and at what time they were coming. Problems that need addressing were that not all students took home forms, staff did not keep to the time allocated for each interview, and this caused parents to get behind with next appointment. The response to using the new science tech area was positive. Parents of Year 7 students and new parents were very positive, parents of long term students not so accepting. Signage to the location was an issue, and a family booking sheet may be looked at for the next evening.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Cooption of community representatives**

4 vacancies exist. Traditionally 2 positions are filled from student leaders, and 2 positions from the wider community.

GPE – would like to broaden the SC network, would like to try to attract a person associated with a service club or involved in local government. All members agreed and it was decided that Mr John Robinson (Rotary) be approached.

ARE – said SC members elected onto the Principal selection panel are able to approach non listed referees for all shortlisted applicants. GPE elected to leave at this point. ARE asked can SC be assured that this will occur? SC members wish to use any means available to ensure that the panel is exceedingly thorough in the selection process.

Jenny DeWitte informed council that Barb Crowe will be in attendance at the April meeting to explain the process to members.

Formation of Sub-Committees – This will occur at the next meeting. The role of each sub-committee will also be clarified.

Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed