**HBETA Meeting**

**Thursday 29th November 2012**

**Napier Boys**

**Welcome & thanks to hosts: Cath Brady & team**

**1) Apologies**

Jo Morris

Amy Price

Kirsty Van Rijk.

Matt Brebner and staff

Marion Meade and staff

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**2) Presentation of John Mackenzie Prizewinners.**

1st Dollar on the Footpath – Beth Rust, KHS

2nd The Void – Miryam Jacobi, NGHS

3rd Curtain Call – Jade Trim, THS

Highly commended:

Drown the Messenger, Evelyn Birch THS

Eating Strawberries, Beth Rust, KHS

Waiting to Fall Off, Jade Trim, THS

**3) Minutes of last meeting**

* Any amendments? No.
* Move that the minutes are a true and accurate record/accepted.

**4) Matters Arising**

None.

**5) Correspondence**

* Inwards
* Outwards
* None

**6) Agenda Items**

**Ideas for PD for 2013.**

* Hamish Crafer on SOLO taxonomy ($2000 a day). Pam Hook can offer workshops and has published texts etc; Hamish is in contact and wants any expressions of interest to him so that he can flesh out how
* Toi Whakaari M. Schofield spoke about Shakespeare and performance, exploring language through movement. Working with archetypes/pacing out meter/teaches in wholly diff way. Suggests a jumbo day because rates it so highly. BM suggested writing to principals to suggest jumbo days and encourage them to consider it. Lyndie spoke in favour of this idea also.
* Sharing of resources for new Level 3 standards, with view to post to wiki. If you have a thought, e-mail Moira to let her know.
* URT? Some generic principle for marking that we need to be looking into.
* Suggestions to target low-decile school and esp Pasifika as is new push.
* M. Schofield offered more on the Level Three Writing, as she is organising the exemplars. Also willing to explore pedagogy of teaching poetry. Met with enthusiasm.
* Level 3 three resources in general.
* Cynthia Orr? M. Schofield will speak to her.
* Lyndie doing sabbatical on Pasikfika, she could speak to this?

**Debating**

* Do we want to continue in this way next year?
* Kimberley explained that having one school host entire year group unfeasible for small schools. Schools like it, for relief etc, kids enjoy jumbo day, coaches a bit unhappy as were adjudicating and couldn’t feedforward to their own teams. Discussion ensued about using phones to record their debates, also idea of not doing interschool at all with juniors. Kimberley needs to be commended. Kimberley suggests a team brings own adjudicator so can pair adjudicate. Most happy with jumbo days. Karen spoke about KHS debating, juniors having in class debates that are used as formal assessment as well as part of house competitions. Lyndie spoke about idea of having one person organising junior debating and another doing senior. In favour of keeping it regional: Havelock schools against Hastings etc. Also that schools that haven’t contributed to hosting should perhaps decide to step up. Mandy Jardin spoke about defaults. In every other sporting situation if the defaulting team doesn’t show, the other wins, but here they only half win, penalised by points. Is not fair. Cameron Price asked Kimberley to organise a Russell McVeigh weekend after KHS did it this year. Moira spoke about having two people to oversee. Can we respond to Kimberley rephrasing this discussion into proposals that she will post to wiki? Attached below.
* Can any volunteer to take on Kimberley’s admin role of debating co-coordinator? Rebecca Lagas said will consider (very tentatively).
* Karen B spoke about conference: Vintage to Visionary. Simon Armitage will speak and do workshopping. Conference website is up. Bios on speakers available and opportunity for people to offer themselves as hosting workshop, can do in collaboration. Ask around and try to fire some interest here. Committee has been going for two years so is well under control.
* Oral Presentation DVD Level 2 available, are expensive and Level 3 not far off. KHS involved in this.
* Taradale, HNHS, St Johns can host HBETA next year in that order.
* Lyndie opened discussion about Level 2 writing and the idea that the standard has moved up noticeably. She sent work to be moderated and can offer us feedback from this. Last year’s Es now mid Merits. Perhaps offer a look at a piece that was on the cusp, can e-mail around. Err on side of dropping down if one piece is weaker. One student wrote on genetic engineering/was scientific and moderator affirmed that it was E: so standard higher, but type of writing broader.
* Rod Dowling, after many years of service to teaching, is retiring. Congratulations Rod. We all wish you a lovely and leisurely change of direction. Rod thanked us for the collegiality and vitality that has been maintained.
* Congratulations to M. Schofield whose piece Father’s Hat was selected for Unfamiliar.

**Debating Proposals**

* That we only do interschool debating at a senior level.
* That we keep it for both senior and junior but have one person oversee each.
* That we have two people acting as overall coordinators.
* That we pair adjudicate.
* That if a team is defaulted to, they simply win and are not penalised by points.
* That schools that have previously not been involved in hosting etc offer more support.
* That the jumbo days continue, but that one school shouldn’t be asked to host the entire year level, as is difficult for small schools.
* That we make debating regional (ie Havelock schools against Havelock, Hastings against Hastings).