**HBETA Meeting 17th September**

**Agenda**

**General Business**

1 Debating has been very difficult this year. There have been significant issues with changing dates and sending results. The Wiki space could be the solution to sending results to the co-ordinator, each team will be responsible for posting own results. Next year we will look at setting the date for impromptu debates in stone. If you cannot make the date you will default.

Hastings Orphans Club Inc. is investigating a proposal to offer Sponsorship to the Hawke’s Bay Secondary School Debating Tournament of about $300. A thank you has been sent to Brian Cossey on behalf of the HBETA.. We will decide what to do with the money at the next meeting.

There will probably be a debating meeting held next term. Just send one representative from each school.

The dates for this years debating final will be posted on the Wiki.

2 Beauty and the Beast Set - $12,000 worth of materials, selling it for $4000. Full set and costumes from Woodford House.

3 Marni Stevenson’s Rubrics to assess Key Competencies will be loaded onto the HBETA Wiki. To assess or not to assess. Why are we assessing if we are not reporting. If we use the Rubrics to assess we could use the comments part of reports to let parents know about progress. At the moment nobody seems to know where we are going with this. Will post the Rubrics on the Wiki. John Bird has said that the KC’s should not drive the teaching, but should be embedded in the content.

2 Junior Resources

Rebecca L – Outsiders, Peter F – Body and Soul, Trish – Drama unit.

Amy P – Men in Black

Emma S – Thematic approach - Facing a challenge.

Rod D – Research – Works very well with the KC, Participating and Contributing. Community Involvement.

Fraser H – Newspaper Study, working on a point system

Dave T – Journalism Unit, working with school in Australia via Skype. Also working with a Community News Paper to publish student work..

Blog,- Wiki space. Involve students in online discussion. Teacher can check to ensure the students are participating. Conduct exercises where they need to put something online. Teacher gets an email for every entry so that they can accept or deny based on content.

3. Hastings Girls High next meeting.

Deadline for John MacKenzie Poetry Prize is Friday of week 2. The Judge is Emily Dobson – Award winning poet from Havelock North. No accommodation or travel costs. Fee is $200 for judging and addressing the meeting.

Do we still want to run the competition?

Do we still want to award such high cash prizes? ($200 for 1st and $50 each for runners-up)

The idea behind it is to have someone of literary merit to address our meeting and

4. Hosting in terms one and two 2010

Taradale High School - Term One

Karamu High School – Term Two

5 HBETA Wiki – <http://hbeta.wikispaces.com> Emma will send an invitation out to all HOD’s to this site. Share it around your school. All the work that has been shared today will be posted on this site. Can be used to share resources, links and provide information about meetings, curriculum etc.

6 Jo Morris has set up a google group for teachers of creative writing in New Zealand It is open to anyone who is interested. If . This can be used to post interesting starters as well as links to national competitions. It can also be used to post units of work. If you are interested, email Jo Morris on [jmorris@karamu.school.nz](mailto:jmorris@karamu.school.nz) to be invited.