



Hunter School of the Performing Arts P&C Minutes

Date **Monday 1 May 2023**

Time **7.00 pm**

Location **via Zoom**

Committee Members:

President:	Dave Lewis
Secretary:	Amy Maguire
Treasurer:	Philippa (Pippa) Cottle
Senior Vice-President:	Guy Pitkin
Junior Vice-President:	Harriet Ferguson
Canteen Treasurer:	Barry Dismoor

Acknowledgement of Country

Dave Lewis

Apologies

Guy Pitkin, Harriet Ferguson, Pippa Cottle, Rachel Honnef

Attendance

Barry Dismoor, Libby Guider, Amanda Lewis, Dave Lewis, Amy Maguire, Dee Morison, Michelle Offen, Darren Ponman, Blake Robertson, Ali Sobel-Read, Kevin Sobel-Read, Bernadette van de Wijgaart,

Minutes of previous meetings

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the **March 2023** meeting as an accurate record.

Moved: Amanda Lewis

Seconded: Barry Dismoor

Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nil

Matters Arising

Nil

Reports

- Treasurer's Report – see report attached.
- Canteen Report – see report attached.
 - A second air con unit for the canteen was discussed in March AGM and followed up in this meeting. Quotes received by exec committee has support for second unit purchase.
- POPPAS Report
 - Mother's Day stall approaching
 - Dee is arranging lunch packs for the primary drama camp

- Music Subcommittee Report
 - Very excited to be based in the new Band Centre
 - Lots of working bees happening to have everything in place
 - BBQ and cake stall at National Band Championships – raised \$2,500
 - Music Faculty report noted many recent engagements for music students (see HSPA social media)
 - Harriet asked Dave to raise a couple of points
 - Music committee want to purchase a second square tile base station for new band centre.
 - Darren advises that they need to also purchase an iPad or other device to support its use
 - Music committee want to investigate the use of PayID as a form to accept payments with NSW P+C Org. E.G: for Band Uniforms etc
 - Approval for up to \$500 for: new ladder, ironing board and material to make a change room curtain in new band centre
 - Principal & Committee Approved
 - Approval for total \$1000 to purchase a bolt of colour guard material to make additional Colour Guard Uniforms.
 - Principal & Committee Approved
- Principal's report – Darren Ponman
 - No specific report this week given his weekly updates going to the whole school via emailed newsletter links.
 - The Band Centre is a joint funded initiative – HSPA saved and contributed \$200,000 and that contribution was matched by the Department. However, when renovations commenced, half of the existing centre fell to bits, which eventually meant that the Department contributed over \$1million (but the project took way longer than anticipated). The school put further funds towards some important variations, as noted in March minutes.
 - Darren will aim to report to the next P&C meeting on other funding priorities from the faculties for the P&C can consider future opportunities.
 - The P&C is tasked to consider how much funding to contribute to offset the school's considerable additional costs, as those school funds were taken from other initiatives.
 - Darren notes that the digital sign is still sitting with Council so we can't know yet when that cost might arise.
 - P&C determined recently that it should have \$30,000 in reserve to cover costs that may arise for the canteen. Dee and Darren note that the air conditioner soon to be installed in the canteen may cost around \$10,000.

MOTION: That the P&C contribute \$70,000 towards the school's costs for the Band Centre.

Moved: Barry Dismoor

Seconded: Michelle Offen

Motion approved with no objections.

Parent Information Session

Libby Guider – new Deputy Principal

- Career English teacher, based in the Hunter throughout her career
- Most recently, spent five years as Deputy Principal at Warners Bay HS
- Delighted to join HSPA this year
- Notes the happy culture at HSPA, lots of enthusiastic students who are happy to be at school
- In charge of implementing strategic direction 1 – student growth and attainment
 - o One key initiative is the super six strategies for reading
 - o This strategic direction takes into account student growth across literacy and numeracy, as well as wellbeing

Blake Robertson – student support officer

- congratulations to Dave Lewis on his election as President.
- Blake is very happy to present to the community on any matters that may be of interest – feel free to suggest a topic to her.

Any Other Business

- Amanda raises the planned mobile phone ban to check on the school's planned approach.
 - o Darren reports that he is currently surveying staff on their thoughts
 - o The school will also consult with families
 - o Department has indicated that it will be flexible in terms of school implementation but Darren notes that the school's will need to be a bit more rigid than the current approach if it is to be effective in preventing phone use during break time
 - o Darren is keen to ensure that any approach doesn't introduce a block on teacher-student relations
 - o Kevin asks to what extent are students engaged in conversation around this? Darren responds that the student leadership team will be engaged early and tasked with trying to build a sense of student sentiment. Once a draft policy is developed, that would be an optimal time to consult with students.

Meeting closed: 8.07pm

2023 Meetings to come:

Dave proposes that the P&C move to meet twice per term – once in week 2 and once in week 8. This is welcomed by the school.

Next meeting: Mon 12 June (Week 8, Term 2), in person to facilitate a tour of the Band Centre