



Hunter School of the Performing Arts P&C Minutes

Date **Monday 24 JULY 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

APOLOGIES

Amy McGuire; Amanda Lewis; Guy Pitkin

ATTENDANCE

Dave Lewis; Pippa Cottle; Harriet Ferguson; Dee Morrison; Rachel Honef; Bernadette Van De Wijgaant; Ali and Kevin Sobel-Read, Gwena Levasseur; Luke Bellamy; Belinda Epstein; Darren Ponman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of P+C meeting minutes for May 2023 and June 2023

Moved: Pippa Cottle

Second: Dee Morrison

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The following funds have been allocated:

\$2000 P+C funds to P+C and school collaborative scholarship

\$20,000 P+C funds for Aircon unit

\$20,000 funds for the back oval

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. HSPA phone procedures due to start in Term 4

Summary from Darren Ponman:

- DET policy to be implemented in T4
- Paraphrase of policy: Students will not be able to use mobile phones in school, including during recess and lunch. Can use to and from school. Only to use at school for educational purposes. Principal will manage exemptions as required.
- During term 3, school needs to come up with procedure. Current HSPA procedure is that phones stay in bags during class unless otherwise instructed by teachers
- DET policy bans use in playground

- Pouches is one of the options which will require an investment of time from staff.
- Looking at asking P+C for input to procedure
- Survey was sent out to staff last term
 - Pretty confident HSPA procedure is already on track
 - Restriction of use in playground is not in current procedure
- Staff want to avoid locking up phones. Instead support students to do the right thing
 - Continue HSPA culture of mutual respect – this is a school strength
- If students are found to be using their phones against procedure guidelines, the phones will then be locked up
- Phones used a lot for recording in performing arts space among other areas. Also used as BYOD backup.

Q+A from P+C:

- Very low number of students using phones as primary BYOD device
- Issues at other schools to do with the pouches
- Devices are also not allowed on excursions
- Exemption procedures to be worked out
- Not having phone is not a punishment; in fact it is the opposite for the students. Maybe reframe the language
- Warnings in the classroom – also take up the teacher's time
- Take in old phones for videoing etc
- Thanks for the conversation and school stance
- Locking up phones creates a confrontational environment upon entry to school campus
- A lot of students use their phones to pay at the Canteen. Other school canteens have suffered from students not being able to pay using their phones.
- Canteen has a sign up *Walk Up on Spriggy Schools* which is a payment system that parents can load \$\$ onto in advance. They then authorise their student to use this system

2. HSPA parent support communication and processes

- Any suggestions please send them through
- All important communication via email not social media

REPORTS

Treasurers Report

Canteen takings for June - \$38,209

Canteen operating costs for June- \$28,292

Canteen profit for June - \$10,041

Music - \$42,614

Primary - \$10,735

Funds in total - \$155,562

\$11,394 liability

\$91,316 for use

\$ 144,667 total equity

However some big donations have been made in July that are not reflected in these figures. This will be reported at the next meeting.

MOTION:

The canteen card limit to be raised to \$3,000 due to rising food costs. (A lot of stock brought from big supermarkets as it is a cheaper option than the wholesalers.)

Moved: Harriet Ferguson

Seconded: Dave Lewis

CANTEEN REPORT

see attached report

POPPAS REPORT:

Profit \$712.64 from athletics carnival

Grandfriends day coming up

POPPAs have not yet met this term.

MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Have not yet met this term

Marching band have a few gigs coming up - Knights Home games; STEM conference;

Gloucester Twilight Markets

Stage Band will be performing at Newcastle Jazz Festival

Planning has started for band camps

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Please stay updated via the weekly Principal newsletter (via SWAY)

<https://sway.office.com/NQyJ0rWfXlhgh7BC?ref=Link>

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Minute Taker: Harriet Ferguson