



# Hunter School of the Performing Arts P&C Minutes

**Date** **Monday 5 June 2023**

**Time** **7.00 pm**

**Location** **HSPA / Band Centre**

## 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

## APOLOGIES

Amy McGuire; Amanda Lewis;

## ATTENDANCE

Alison Verkuylen; Barry Dismorr; Blake Robertson; Bernadette Van De Wijgaant; Guy Pitkin; Dave Lewis; Pippa Cottle; Dee Morrison; Harriet Ferguson; Rachel Honnef

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the last meeting have not yet been distributed  
These will be approved at the next meeting

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Update on 2nd Aircon unit for the Canteen – waiting on installation. It is likely to be installed in the July school holidays

## REPORTS

### Treasurers Report

Canteen takings for May - \$43,705.00

Canteen profit \$10,614.00

Music \$36,076.17

Primary \$10,250 (approx – reconciliation to be confirmed)

Funds in total \$159081

\$70,000 to be used for Music as promised for some of the band centre fit out.

\$205,407 total equity

### Canteen Report

Wow – we made heaps of \$\$\$ last month. Really chuffed

Drama primary camp – meal packs offered. Received really well. Good fundraiser

Spriggy Schools – online ordering platform has been used for the first time – big learning curve.

Seems good, neat and easy. Will continue to use this for other primary events.

POPPAS report

Just had a successful mother's day – over \$4000 in takings. \$3,400 profit. Lovely day.

Next fundraiser is athletics carnival.  
Working bee planned for 30th July.  
Planning for father's day stall atm.

### **Music Subcommittee Report**

No music committee meeting since last P+C – no financial report to present  
Excellent result in the National Eisteddfod Junior Concert Band were awarded Gold and Platinum;  
Senior Concert Band were awarded gold; Strings Orchestra were awarded gold  
Stage Band were received well at the recent Morpeth Chapel Jazz  
The Choirs performed In Concert in the Sydney Town Hall  
Upcoming gigs:  
EastCoast Band Championships  
Marching Band playing at a Knights home game  
Resonance Choir – have a one day tour coming up

### **Principals Report**

Weekly review put out every week via Sway -  
[https://parent.education.nsw.gov.au/news?id=%2Fcontent%2Fdoe%2Fsws%2Fschoools%2Fh%2Fhunteperfor-h%2Fwww%2Fnews%2F2023%2F7%2Fterm\\_2\\_week\\_20\\_review](https://parent.education.nsw.gov.au/news?id=%2Fcontent%2Fdoe%2Fsws%2Fschoools%2Fh%2Fhunteperfor-h%2Fwww%2Fnews%2F2023%2F7%2Fterm_2_week_20_review)

### **Air Conditioning audit**

- 104 learning spaces in the school. 78 have air conditioning. 26 do not.
- Most of the rooms without air con are the downstairs rooms which do not get as hot.
- The Art rooms have no air con and would be among the most urgent.
- The size of the unit will determine if the DET will fund the maintenance. They will fund for units 15 kwh and above
- HSPA Business manager has suggested \$120,000 is the full cost to cover all the rest of the rooms without air con.
  - Darren has asked the P+C to consider a contribution.

### **Electronic Sign at the front of the school**

- DA has been knocked back by Newcastle Council. School will continue to work with council to see what needs to be changed for the DA to be approved.

### **Performing Arts Community Meetings**

- Have been instigated. Initially with community partners in Dance. The meeting went well. Thank Canteen for the food for this meeting.
- Similar Performing Arts Community Meeting with Drama in the next few weeks. Then Music.

### **School and P+C collaborative scholarship:**

- Submission received that P+C and school provide joint funding for a Yr 8 student who is in a very unfortunate situation which includes financial crisis.
- P+C have been asked to provide \$2000.00

**1st Motion:** The P+C provide \$2000.00 of funds to the school to hold in trust for a student experiencing hardship to use for school expenses during their time at HSPA.

1st = Guy Pitkin

2nd = Dave Lewis

**2nd Motion:** HSPA Canteen to absorb costs of lunch for student in hardship as agreed by the P+C. Blake Robertson to include details of lunch arrangement within wellbeing procedures for accessing support.

1st = Guy Pitkin

2nd = Barry Dismorr

## **General Business**

### **Parent Feedback**

- Buses from Cessnock to school. Students are unable to get a seat. Family to provide further information to school. Both family and school to advocate.

### **Funding air conditioning units**

- Further discussion at meeting

**3rd Motion:** P+C to contribute \$20,000 for Air Conditioning units of 15kwh or greater and installation costs. HSPA will approach DET for a joint funding agreement.

1st: Guy Pitkin

2nd: Barry Dismorr

### **Fixing up the back oval**

- This oval has been damaged by contractors during various work projects at the school.
- The total cost is \$30,000 for redressing of the back field; \$10,000 to replace missing goal post

**4th Motion:** Pending DET approval for matching funds, the P+C will contribute \$20,000 for redressing of Oval 1 (the back field).

1st: David Lewis

2nd: Alison Verkuylen

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

Then a tour of the new band centre.

Minute Taker: Harriet Ferguson