



Date Monday 1st April 2019

Time 7.00pm

Location HSPA Staff Room

Attendance

Jo Grey, Fiona Hanson, Julie Hoey (Secretary), Guy Pitkin, Marcus Neale, David Donnelly (President), Glenn Neal, Cassandra Portelli, Harriet Ferguson, Tanya Price-Ray, Hayley Rousell, Malini Stephen, Dee Morison (Treasurer), Peter Nolan.

Welcome, Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves and their place in the school.

The new President, David Donnelly, expressed thanks to departing president, treasurer and secretary, and to new executive members.

Presentation, Visitor: Cassie Portelli, Head Teacher, Mathematics

Cassie gave a very full report of the many activities and initiatives of the Mathematics Department.

A record of her presentation is attached to these Minutes.

Apologies

Belinda Epstein, Liz Edmonds, Mardi Ryan, Emma Walker-Coon, Susan Taranawiwat.

Minutes of previous meeting

Will circulate them prior to next meeting

Consider them approved

AGM Minutes – hold til next AGM

Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil reported

Reports

- President's Report

David has met with Jo since last meeting. Both agreed that the existing arrangements had worked well, but agreed that this was a good time to review the current P&C arrangements given new Executive and new parent membes. Would like to discuss with whole P&C future direction and focus. Suggested to do a survey of members to review the currnt arrangements and seek views and insights for consideration. David will organise a survey prior to the next meeting. Executive met Sunday afternoon to deal with some logistics etc. Thanks to Jo and Marcus for being here regularly – very much appreciated.

- Principal's Report

Staffing-appointment: Head Teacher CAPA – Ravenna Gregory successful candidate. (Will be called Head Teacher Drama; also looks after Visual Arts). Will now also create a Head Teacher Dance. (Sarah Reeve is Head Teacher Music). Thank you Malini for being P&C Rep for that position.

Staffing-positions coming up: Languages (Chinese, French); Head Teacher Dance – will need P&C Member on the panel for both of those positions. Languages – need to know soon who the P&C Rep will be. *Malini will do the Languages one.*

New Building: We still have builders around due to issues with technology. Audit of sub-contractor's work has revealed an enormous amount of work done incorrectly. Builders will be here at least another four weeks. Will shut down power for a couple of days in holidays to completely re-wire. (Opening will be some time next term.)

Focus on Reading: Course that parents are welcome to come to. Strategy for staff. All using the same sort of language re: reading & comprehension. Already making a difference with lower ability students. (Email to all parents)

Yarn Up: at the school last Tuesday night; recognises achievements of Aboriginal students, including HSC. Catered by Hospitality students. Great night.

Shakespeare Short Scene Showcase – in theatre tonight.

Harmony Day: Driven by the students; fiercely socially aware – want to help.

Parent Technology Afternoon: (Note: How-to section on the website)

Shave for a Cure: ran by the students last week. Not sure of amount raised at the moment.

Senior Production: was fantastic. Sophisticated production.

Debating: Red hot Year 12 team this year. Defeated Maitland Grossman a couple of weeks ago. Planning to go far. Asked for a coach.

Marching Band played at Beaumont Street Festival.

SRC – student leadership – really fantastic, talented; great mentoring of younger students.

- Treasurer's Report

Dee submitted last year's Financial Report (Balance Sheet).

Ongoing issue of incorporation. Meeting with Lynn on Wednesday to try to resolve. Don't want to have to get new ABN and bank accounts. This issue was raised by the auditor – has the auditor indicated how urgently it has to be fixed? Dee will email. Shouldn't be an issue, but the Federation is making it one?

Total assets as at end of March (as per report). \$72,300 – money available for Jo to spend
Canteen funds: any money available to primary? They're a sub-committee, and need to come to this committee to request funds. [They do have parents work in the canteen; primary students buy from the canteen] HSPA dancers are in two Star Struck events; most schools are only in one. Star Struck costume expenses are experienced by both primary and secondary. Need to know before beginning of next term, so they can put the notes out. Not a decision to be made in haste; could easily be a slippery slope; issues of equity between the three streams.

Moved acceptance of the report: Dee

Seconded: Malini

Accepted

- **Canteen Subcommittee Report**

“Hi!

I'm sorry I won't be at tonight's meeting, as I am in Sydney today. Our daughter is having knee surgery. (A big shout out to Fiona and Lynne, along with Dee and Ann Marie for stepping in to help cover my shift today). Please accept my apologies.

Not much to report since the last meeting.

The canteen has been busy, with the last 2 Fridays being bumper sales days.

We've introduced Turkish bread melts to our menu, in a quest to increase the hot food options available at recess. They have been really popular, with about 40 selling everyday.

We have 3 flavours, Ham; Tomato and Chicken /sweet chilli sauce. We add Cheese and baby spinach to all of them.

The second EFTPOS machine has been well received. I need to follow up with Dee if she's received the money donated from Yr 12 Fundraising last year...?

We're gearing up to introduce our Winter menu in Term 2. We'll be transitioning from cutting kilos of watermelon to kilos of pumpkins for our delicious pumpkin soup. Fried Rice will be back on the menu, along with the old favourite Meatball pasta.

We are going to trial a mini quiche recipe and quesadillas too.

The new commercial dishwasher is definitely earning its keep!!!

Cheers,

Emma”

Report received, noting that the “canteen is superb” and “Emma is incredible.”

- **Primary Subcommittee Report**

Will email minutes to the gmail address

Easter raffle

Mothers Day – heaps of hand-made stuff - Environmentally friendly

- **Music Subcommittee Report**

Didn't have a quorum last week. Accounts align with Treasurer's report.

Music Committee was started to help fund extra things for the music department. The funds raised buy quite a lot of instruments. Look after Marching Band uniforms. Student fee for uniform maintenance / replacement program. Other half of money – regular fund raising. Currently: \$10,000 to fit out additional rehearsal rooms. Looking at electronic keyboards.

\$13,000 to assist Marching Band and Stage Band do tour of outback Qld during holidays; assist students from School of the Air. Run the end-of-year music camp. Meet fourth Wednesday of each month, 5.45pm. Usually in the Band Centre (not this week).

General business

Next meeting will discuss the way forward for the P&C, therefore won't have a guest speaker.

Meeting finished: 8.35

Presentation from Cassie Portelli, Head Teacher, Mathematics

HSPA is a money-smart school. Last year: had the ATO come and visit re: getting TFN, etc. Other visitors: Commonwealth Bank (really good; don't self-promote). Global Money Week – competition – putting all entries into an eBook. “The smartest thing they've done with their money, or someone they know.” Prize money from Southern Cross Financial Planning. Parent visitors with financial backgrounds, especially Year 10.

Tournament of Minds team (last year) – got full marks in performance component, bombed out in the question.

Maths and Milo – contributions from school community

Young Mathematicians Program (top Year 8, 9, 10) – Uni is going to run something for our Year 7s and 8s!!

Inquisitive Minds competition – runs at this school for the whole region (Year 8)

Smarter Maths Program – Year 11 and 12; links with schools RAP (??) data – download report on detailed HSC results – where we need to work

Canvas

Da Vinci decathlon - Mathematics Creativity and Problem Solving (Maths CAPS) – won in the Newcastle comp – first public school to enter.

Maths Space – homework and study program – should stop you ever having to hire a tutor. Will recommend on an individual basis what the student needs to revise. Parents charged \$10; actual cost is \$30.

Eddy Woo – visited HSPA on last day of school last year. Will continue to work with us in the future

David Mason – senior marker for HSC – talk to the students before HSC exam

Send several teachers down to the HSC Markers day each February

Women in STEM / Engineering

Lots of PD last year; especially upskilling for new syllabus. Ian Dunlop presented on differentiating the curriculum for mixed ability classes

Cassie – won scholarship last year \$15,000 worth of travel – global money week ideas (??)

Close links with University. Demonstration school for first year MTch maths teacher

OneNote – collaborative planning

Involvement in Newcastle chapter of Maths Association

Cassie also teaches Business Services (VET)

Robot Club – has morphed – has become calculus club

Cadets: pre-service teachers who work two days a week; provide learning support, among other things

Keith Devlin – Eddy Woo of America. Spoke to top-end Year 10s last year.

Class won MathsSpace challenge last year: \$200

Lots of STEM initiatives

Corrinne – won \$20,000 to run program linking Year 9 and 10 girls up with industry mentors

Differentiation via OneNote (Foundation, Mastery, Challenge) + vertical white boarding

Year 9 program – auditioning for Advanced Maths

Parents: keep in close contact with teachers

Top left hand corner in Maths Space: can pick any topic, do the pre-test, get feedback on areas of weakness. Can send your email address to the teacher and they will register you so you can see how your student is going in MathsSpace.

Set work not being done? Notification if your email address is registered

Balance Sheet

Hunter School of Performing Arts P & C

As at 31 March 2019

Account	31 Mar 2019
Assets	
Bank	
WESTPAC Music Savings Acc	41,995.43
WESTPAC Music Transaction Acc	120.06
WESTPAC P&C Savings Acc	83,808.83
WESTPAC P&C Transactions Acc	3,200.80
WESTPAC Primary Savings Acc	1,272.71
Total Bank	130,397.83
Total Assets	130,397.83
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
PAYG Withholding Payable	1,046.00
Superannuation Accruals Payable	767.89
Wages Payable - Payroll	1,501.71
Total Current Liabilities	3,315.60
Non-current Liabilities	
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	11,394.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	11,394.00
Total Liabilities	14,709.60
Net Assets	115,688.23
Equity	
P & C Funds Available for use	72,300.03
Music committee	42,115.49
Primary Funds	1,272.71
Total Equity	115,688.23