



Hunter School of the Performing Arts P&C Minutes

Date Monday 6th May 2019

Time 7.00pm

Location HSPA Staff Room

Presentation: Darren Ponman – Technology and TAS

See attached notes

Attendance

Belinda Epstein (Chair), Julie Hoey (Secretary), Malini Stephen, Harriet Ferguson, Hayley Rousell, Marcus Neale, Emma Walker-Coon, Dee Morison, Fiona Hanson, Jo Gray, Guy Pitkin

Darren Ponman (guest presenter)

Apologies

David Donnelly

Minutes of previous meeting

Moved to accept the Minutes as a true and accurate record: Hayley Rousell

Second: Harriet Ferguson

Voted to accept the Minutes

Business arising from previous minutes

Survey regarding P&C operation and function has been sent out by David Donnelly

Correspondence

A variety of fund-raising approaches promoted to the P&C

Reports

- Principal's Report

Border and Beyond Tour during holidays and into first week of term. Eighty students in the Marching Band and Stage Band travelled 4,000km. ANZAC ceremony in Longreach. Visited and slept in schools; did workshops with students. Great bonding time together. Greatly appreciated. Incredible logistics (Kylie Gardener – incredible organisation.) Fourteen performances. Lots of flies!

These students (Marching Band and Stage Band) also went to the Scone Horse Festival yesterday.

Focus on Reading workshops – great feedback from parents

Program and strategies (Super Six Strategies) to improve reading comprehension and understanding of how to get into a text. Including comprehension of visual communications.

Will be running more in future

Maths May Day last Thursday

- Hosted Stage 6 students from Upper Hunter
- Careers in maths / girls in maths

New position in the school: **Head Teacher, Senior Students**

- Helping support Stage 6 students better
- Look at evidence-based practice: what helps senior students achieve highly
- Interviewed eight staff members; Dr Ian Dunlop – appointed to position
- Lots of great ideas within the school / staff
- Position being funded by school; initially until end of year

Head Teacher Dance – to be advertised

ACTION: P&C Rep to be nominated

Deputy Principal Primary – to be advertised

ACTION: P&C Primary Rep: David to help nominate

Colour Run. Year 12 fundraiser for school gift. Another one at end of year for another purpose.

A Year 9 & 10 team won the Hunter Region round of the **Da Vinci Decathlon**. They were the only Public School team there. The State round will be held at Knox Grammar School.

Other events since last meeting:

- Athletics Carnival
- Star Struck launch
- Fog Horn fundraiser – great event. Possibly another one at end of year

• **Treasurer's Report** (see attached Balance Sheet)

Incorporation issue ongoing, but we have a Certificate of Incorporation

Fiona has been approved to take Long Service this term

\$74,900 – Jo's spending money [Seating and shade]

Seating suggestion from Malini: Plastic Police (furniture made from your soft plastic; comes with education program)

Jo noted that the NSW Dept of Ed is changing from Westpac to a number of other banks (different banks for different functions). This may have logistical implications for the P&C.

• **Canteen Subcommittee Report**

- The Canteen won/were awarded \$2000 from the government's Volunteers Grant that we applied for last year. Mardi Ryan-Webster wrote the application, so she most definitely has a winning way with words! We originally planned to use the money to replace the Streets Ice Cream freezer, as they were threatening to remove it, as we aren't currently able to buy enough compliant ice creams from Streets to warrant the loan of the freezer. However, Streets have now declared they are changing the recipe of their Paddlepops to make them 3.5 Health Stars, so once they are available (in July, apparently) we will be able to order them and keep the freezer!
- Perhaps we could use the \$2000 to put towards a new upright freezer for the canteen, as we are finding space tight within our freezers. (Canteen-made pumpkin soup and poached chicken takes up lots of space!!!)

- The winter menu has been well received, with Fried Rice on Fridays a big hit! Our Pumpkin soup is Gluten Free, Vegan and delicious too! Meatball subs, Meatball pasta and hot chocolates are selling well too on the cooler days.
- We had few price rises at the beginning of this term. These increases were due solely to supplier wholesale increases. Thompson's and Norco both increased their prices significantly due to the costs associated with the drought. We've increased milk by only 20cents, but Thompson's increases were more significant. 20-50 cents were added to their prices.
- **Primary Subcommittee Report**
 Senior primary students went to Canberra at the end of last term
 Easter fundraiser at end of term: raised \$1,520 (everything donated)
 Mothers Day stall on Thursday – some really good gifts will be available
 Meeting minutes included below.
- **Music Subcommittee Report**
 Marching Band and Stage Band spent 12 days touring outback Queensland. It was a packed tour, there were workshops with regional schools, Anzac Day parade & performances for local communities. This was a great opportunity for our kids to see such different communities.

We were very fortunate to receive donations of \$2,500.00 from the Newcastle RSL Sub Branch and \$500.00 from Fort Scratchley towards the Border and Beyond Tour. This paid for a number of meals for the 80 kids travelling on tour.

On Sunday both bands performed at the Scone Horse Festival, which they have been doing for many years. This is the last engagement for the Marching Band season and is the time when the incoming Drum Major receives the mace. There are 2 Drum Majors this year, Elama Vaai & Justin Pereboeff.

Upcoming events include the National Eisteddfod late May for Strings, Junior & Senior concert bands and then of course there is StarStruck orchestra & vocals.

We recently held a lovely beer tasting at Foghorn Brewery, a boutique event with 25 people raising \$572.50. We have a Bunnings BBQ in June and the Wine & Cheese night on 27 July.

Music Committee has a total of \$45,412.14 in our accounts. Of this, \$26,662.64 is General, and \$18,749.50 is Uniform. We have upcoming expenses of:

- \$10,000 for the new rehearsal rooms
- \$13,000 for the Border & Beyond Tour

General business

P&C Survey – David has sent this out.

Band Centre renovations: going well in big room; end of the building has been condemned (kitchen & bathroom); meeting this Wednesday to re-design that end. Rehearsal room should be available some time this term.

Harriet will remind the Newcastle Herald to publish photos of the orchestra in Star Struck – no photos last year

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

Presentation from Darren Ponman

[The notes below are the P&C Secretary's attempt to capture Darren's information and the tour of the TAS space we were taken on]

2018 Focus: Stage 4: new syllabuses. Heavy orientation toward digital technologies.

Biggest change: new syllabus has heavy focus on STEM and coding. Of the 200 hours in Year 7/8 – 50 hours are mandated digital technologies: 50 hours coding and associated project work.

App Design and Robot Wars: projects/modules (TAS rotation). App program has gone really well; students have really taken to it. Whizzed through it and finished it quickly; they look great – have done a great job.

In addition to 50 hours of coding etc. also have Industrial Design: design and create a device stand using Fusion 360 (this software used on advice from Industry; AutoDesk product). This project involves: Design on Fusion 360; 3D print; laser cut; build timber component in workshop.

Flexible working space (some limitations)

Multi-disciplinary room to cater for robotics.

Costume, hair and make-up (Entertainment)

Use of Canvas:

Aim: make sure all the resources and tasks are online and user-friendly; easy for students to find their way through. Theme across all Stage 4 subjects on Canvas: cross between Scope and Sequence and a Web Page; directs students through from start to finish: step by step. Allow for self-paced learning; get help when they need it. Use of Canvas: Starting hard with Stage 4, working up through Stage 5 and 6. Game plan for next couple of years: consolidate and refine digital space

Every TAS subject: project-based.

Discussion posts/ forums

A way of doing exhibitions in a more logistically-friendly manner. Better caters for larger numbers of students. Also allows parents to see! Allows 'likes'. Allowed to Like 3 comments – see where their comment ranks. Easier to keep track of and monitor day-to-day classwork than when it was written in a book and lost in the bottom of a bag.

Students will come and see the exhibitions of the other rotations.

Click on App Design module: framework for students

Embed their Apps in forum discussion response. Peers can trial them and give feedback

Brief: Design and App that can help someone

Submit folio and App next week: Marked against criteria / explicit marking guide

Physical TAS spaces. Transformed space

Balance Sheet

Hunter School of Performing Arts P & C

As at 30 April 2019

Account	30 Apr 2019
Assets	
Bank	
WESTPAC Music Savings Acc	41,830.09
WESTPAC Music Transaction Acc	3,582.05
WESTPAC P&C Savings Acc	83,838.22
WESTPAC P&C Transactions Acc	4,730.97
WESTPAC Primary Savings Acc	2,851.52
Total Bank	136,832.85
Total Assets	136,832.85
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
PAYG Withholding Payable	161.00
Superannuation Accruals Payable	267.69
Trade Creditors	1,773.33
Total Current Liabilities	2,202.02
Non-current Liabilities	
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	11,394.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	11,394.00
Total Liabilities	13,596.02
Net Assets	123,236.83
Equity	
P&C funds available for use	74,973.17
Primary Funds	2,851.52
Music Funds	45,412.14
Total Equity	123,236.83

Primary Sub-committee: Meeting Minutes (Monday 6th May 2019)

Previous minutes accepted

Moved Lisa

Seconded Kim

Deputy Principals report

- Garden being dug up near COLA
 - New garden planting - by mums at Mother's Day activities
 - Activity to use ethics/scripture time for those not actively engaged, gardening for school
 - Starstuck contributions, as P&C have to be careful not to set up a precedent that we might not want/be able to maintain. Fee structure of Starstuck has changed, leading to higher expenses. Has to be equitable across whole school population. Staff have had discussion and subsidised dancers through dance ensemble budget to bring cost to manageable size.
 - Starstuck rehearsals 9-3 interferes with bus/train travellers, costing also issue. Can give feedback to organisation after shows
 - Shade sails finished Thursday or Friday (all paid too) " will add some greenery in near future
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- Good showing school body where P&C money is going
 - Big start to term, keep an eye on activities to support students, very busy

Presidents report

- Welcome
- Thanks for successful Easter activities. Fun was had by all and money raised. No plastic worked well. Basket pre purchased for next year

Treasurers report

- Opening balance \$1314.71
- Breakdown of Easter profits, guessing comp \$60, treats \$300.50, Raffle \$1179

Mother's Day

- Going well, lots of gifts, set up in 6A Thursday morning. 6 baskets one class at a time to cut chaos.
- Bring an enviro friendly bag for your gift
- Some small plastic bags are in storage could be good for transporting plants.
- Lolly jars can we include nutty rocky road? Divided, as long as labelled and sealed. Decision to just use lollies
- Book swap, do we have many books
- Float for Mother's Day???
- Activities until 9.39
- Stall at 10.00
- Plenty of people around to man stall.
- Set up at 7.00 Community day Last Wednesday of term 2
- Kate, Jade, Biannca
- Supporting well being, feeling of community
- Live life well, coming in to do a presentation for parents
- Morning tea, supporting program eg fruit kebabs. Munch and crunch program with Woolworths
- Include veggies, cheese and bickies, dehydrated fruits.
- Rotating activities: inflatable obstacle course, yoga class, aerobics station, road safety station. Supporting fitness, relaxation, fun, safety. ?including beeswax wraps?? Need a dietician to support?? Nutritionist, environmental focus. 10.00 to 1.00 how to continue at home. Primary Disco 2
- Easter profits \$1539.60 Balance \$2851.52
- Possible this term? No move to term 3 will look at dates.

Deputy principal job will be advertised, want a parent representative for panel. Involves online training and attendance at interview and the review, short list.

New system implemented for excursions, all online. Preparation now happening digitally, notes will come out digitally in next few weeks. Option to print and sign or to sign digital copy. Keep records neater, easier to file and reply to promptly. Notes will be emailed to relevant parents. Excursion details are automatically matched to attendance, medical details carry over.

Meeting closed 7.05pm