



Hunter School of the Performing Arts P&C Minutes

Date Monday 2nd March 2020

Time 7.45 pm after AGM

Location HSPA Staff Room

ATTENDANCE

Julie Hoey (Secretary), Jo Gray (Principal), Gwen Flanagan, Bernadette van de Wijngaart, Esther Veal, Pippa Cottle, Malini Stephen, Dee Morison (Treasurer), Darren Ponman (Deputy Principal), Guy Pitkin, Mark Peyler, David Donnelly (President), Harriett Ferguson, Emma Walker-Coon Bree Harvey-Bice (Deputy Principal), Anthony (Primary SC Treasurer)—left prior to 8.00pm.

APOLOGIES

Belinda Epstein, Hayley Roussell, Natalie Allan, Holly Foote.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the February meeting as an accurate record.

Moved: Dee Morison

Seconded: Guy Pitkin

Approved

BUSINESS ARISING - nil

CORRESPONDENCE - nil

REPORTS

Principal's and Deputies Report: Priorities & Plans in 2020

Overview of last year + directions for this year

Building project delivered

Still upgrading some of the music areas

Darren Ponman is managing defects. The end is in sight. Darren has led this fantastically: the building has millions of dollars more in technology than we would otherwise have had because of the way he has led.

HSC

HSPA's rank is creeping up

Second highest performing public school in the region after Merewether.

Band 5s and 6s: movement upwards

Where the Band 6s happened

Students in top 5 in two subjects (Drama and Modern History)

Plus only student outside of Sydney metro to get 99.5 ATAR

School Plan. All staff PD is based on 'What works Best'

NAPLAN results have also improved, especially in Reading, and across all levels.

Note: since HSC changed to make English the only compulsory subject, girls began doing better in the HSC, but in the really top, top ATARs, there are more boys than girls.

This year: focusing on **Mastery Learning**

- Don't move on until you've learnt the foundation information
- Staff: Develop continuums for each outcome in each KLA
- Canvas allows us to really manage this well, especially data. Easy access to patterns as well as individual student progress. Looking at about 12 months to fully roll out.
- Mastery learning personalises education for each student. Focus on both high potential and gifted students as well as students with gaps.
- Reward for effort; feedback; continual improvement even if you're the best in the class
- 12 months away; will be a slow process – want to get it right. Huge amount of professional dialogue to get the continuums right.
- Mastery learning and HSPA: most students coming into secondary school: already at a sound learning level – want to be able to extend them.
- There's a lot of work to do with staff, but they are seeing the potential and the benefits.

Treasurer's Report

\$18,700 P&C Funds available for use

Discussion regarding the cost of EFTPOS; do we endeavour to cover this e.g. with the money donated by the Year 12 students, or do we accept it as one of the costs involved in making the money. To discuss at a future meeting.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Malini Stephen

Seconded: Mark Peyler

Approved

Canteen Report (Emma)

See written report attached.

Health inspector surprise visit two weeks ago: passed. One flyscreen to be fixed. Gloves: NSW Food Authority website: you don't have to wear gloves if you're regularly washing your hands.

New Volunteers Grant is available.

Primary Subcommittee Report

Easter Wed 8th fun day raffle

Musical this year – going to be announced / launched.

Music Subcommittee Report

See written report attached

How to include new families. Big concert before eisteddfod – have a supper before that.

Marching band uniforms and hot days. Hot gigs: Zooper Doopers, spray bottles, cooler towels.

Worked well on Australia Day

Marching Band agreements printed and given to all families at camp. Previously: 18 / 90 paid. (\$100 uniform hire.)

All ensembles have started

In-concert choir event in Sydney: will be a Hunter version this year

Looking forward to back end of band centre being finished.

Jo has a gift for Fiona

GENERAL BUSINESS

Newcastle School Safety Survey

Australia Road safety issue – Bree noted that we have received something back on that. Will follow up.

Guy: great school response to train safety issues. He has made representation to our local member. Reminders to students about safety support on trains.

Harriet: science syllabus gender inequality

Local Schools, Local Decisions – to discuss next meeting.

Meeting finished: 8.45

Next meeting: 6th April 2020

Balance Sheet

Hunter School of Performing Arts P & C

As at 29 February 2020

Account	29 Feb 2020
Assets	
Bank	
WESTPAC Music Savings Acc	30,171.44
WESTPAC Music Transaction Acc	3,104.79
WESTPAC P&C Savings Acc	19,036.24
WESTPAC P&C Transactions Acc	4,188.97
WESTPAC Primary Savings Acc	13,121.97
Total Bank	69,623.41
Current Assets	
Petty Cash	500.00
Total Current Assets	500.00
Total Assets	70,123.41
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
PAYG Withholding Payable	520.00
Superannuation Accruals Payable	517.82
Trade Creditors	895.38
Total Current Liabilities	1,933.20
Non-current Liabilities	
Prov'n for Long Service Leave	5,875.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	5,875.00
Total Liabilities	7,808.20
Net Assets	62,315.21
Equity	
P & C Funds available for use	15,917.01
Music Funds	33,276.23
Primary Funds	13,121.97
Total Equity	62,315.21

HSPA Canteen Report

3/2/20

- The Canteen has been running smoothly, with takings a little above in comparison to the same time last year. Profits for the month of February are looking quite healthy, which is due to our price overhaul at the beginning of the year.
- After the defrosted freezer debacle we discussed at last month's meeting, we bought some child locks for the 3 big freezers. We know fasten them every afternoon before leaving, so there is no chance of the door coming ajar again. Possibly the best \$6 we've spent!
- The new laminated price signs are proving to be a big hit with our volunteers. It takes away the need for them to ask the price or to look it up on the price list or cash register. Definitely something we should have done ages ago!
- On Friday we had 3 brand new volunteers plus one experience volunteer in the canteen with Lynne and I. The evacuation certainly put a spanner in the works by eating into our preparation and cooking times. Canteen on Fridays is always hectic, but last Friday was NEXT LEVEL HECTIC! We didn't open our serving windows until halfway through lunch, as we just hadn't had enough time back in the kitchen to prepare everything. We were baking, microwaving at grilling like crazy! I'm really proud to be able to say the students were very understanding when I warned them we'd be late opening and asked them to wait in the shade of the COLA. What great kids we've got! Our new volunteers had an initiation by fire, but I think they'll come back again!! They were most impressed by how professionally the whole evacuation was handled by the school and by the manners and patience shown by the kids.
- Thanks very much for the continual support of the P&C. Our canteen is a very busy, but enjoyable place to work.

Emma Walker-Coon

Music Sub Committee Highlights of meeting held Wednesday 26th February 2020

AGM held.

Chair	Julia Peetz
Treasurer	Karen Sherlock
Secretary	Felicity Ferguson-Tait

Highlights:

- All ensembles have started for 2020
- Hunter InConcert - new for 2020. 8th April in City Hall. Snr Concert Band and Choirs to perform.
- Megan Bennett is now taking Junior Concert Band and is filling Bruce Rowlett's vacancy for 2020
- Band centre update - plans have been submitted to council for rear end of building ie; kitchen and bathroom.
- Marching Band gig this Saturday 7th March for Grand Opening of Elermore Hotel (former Shaft Tavern)

Fundraising activities planned:

- Welcome to new families – prior to National Eisteddfod Farewell Concert in May
- Pie Drive – July
- Cheese and Wine - End of July- Early August
- Foghorn - Beer Tasting proposed for weekend after Father's Day if available.
- Mangoes - Nov
- Bunnings BBQs – dates TBA in second half of the year

Finances

As at 20 Feb 2020

Total:	\$32, 348.82
Uniform:	\$24,426.50
General & Fundraising	\$7,922.32

REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FROM P&C

Approval sought to purchase up to 6 pairs of Marching Band pants in smaller sizes. Price is approx. \$240 per pair.

Next meeting 25th March