

MINUTES

HSPA Parents & Citizens

Date | time 07/11/2016 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by John Tessier

In Attendance

John Tessier, Lynne Guy, Rod Guy, Fiona Hanson, Lynne Kentish, Harriet Ferguson, Amanda Linstrom, Mardi Ryan, Jo Gray, Janine Bendet, Marcus Neale, David Donnelly

Apologies

Nikki Grant, Khalil Khay, Kathryn O'Connor, Clare Tipper, Lee-Anne Baxter, Emma Walker-Coon, Claire Tipper

Guest Speaker

Ms Jo Gray

Ms Gray provided an update on a number of current issues

- A significant funding announcement was recently made for a new building at HPSA to better cater for the performing arts. Initial planning was underway with fortnightly meetings of a planning group. It was expected that the building may be completed and ready for occupation sometime in 2019. The group was discussing a set of educational principles which would inform the planning process and design. Next meeting 21 November.
- The Lion King Junior completed its run of 8 shows in October to full houses and impressed audiences. Mr Khay had just advised Ms Gray that the production had been successful in being nominated for several CONDA awards.
- The Importance of Being Earnest had followed quickly after The Lion King and was a very impressive performance by the drama students and the support and technical teams.
- A Dance showcase was due to take place later in the week.
- Ms Gray asked everyone present to complete a short survey on the issues they particularly liked about the school and others perhaps in need of improvement or increased attention. After those present completed the survey, Ms Gray presented the findings on the same survey which had also been completed by staff and the leadership group of students across all years. A report will be provided at a future meeting of the responses provided by those present at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from previous meeting accepted

Moved: John Tessier Accepted: Lynne Guy

Business arising from previous minutes

A request had been made for the Music Committee to consider making a contribution towards a proposed multi-media room. Fiona Hanson, treasurer of the Music Committee, reported that the issue had been discussed at a recent Music Committee and the Committee decided that since the proposed facility was not likely to be a primary space for music students to use, it would not contribute funds raised by the Music Committee for that purpose. By way of an example of where the Music Committee funds are directed, Fiona explained that each Marching Band uniform costs about \$800. The Committee owned approximately \$70000 worth of uniforms. Example of a Marching Band uniform was shown to the meeting. Storage was a problem for the Committee with not enough room for the large number of instruments.

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Nil

Treasurers Report

As at 31st October 2016

- **\$77,511.05 in total funds**
- \$4,698.79: Primary School P&C
- \$36,975.51: Music Committee
- \$8,500: LSL Provision
- **\$27,336.75 P&C available funds**

Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: John Tessier

Canteen Report

My apologies for not being at the meeting tonight, as I am in Alstonville (up near Ballina) with my daughter for a sunny week beside the pool. (don't be too jealous...we are here for CHS water polo...so I am going to be surrounded by more than 100 teenage girls). I am very grateful to Fiona and Lynne for covering my shifts for the week.

Here are a few updates:

- The Nosh Pit is continuing to do well. Even though Year 12 have finished their HSC, our takings haven't changed too much from week to week. Our banking figures are about \$12,500 above what they were at this time last year, we are hopeful our profits are looking as healthy!
- The term has been without drama, although there have been a few days where no volunteers were able to attend. Those are the days we are in bed before our kids! We have been advertising for more volunteers in The Audience but to no avail. If you have a few hours free any day of the week, please don't hesitate to come in, we'll find a job for you!
- Book Packs: The 2017 Year 7 Book Packs have been ordered and are due to arrive on Tuesday 29th November, in readiness for the Orientation Day on Thursday 1st December. We will put together a bit of a spiel about the canteen to try to drum up some new 2017 volunteers on the Orientation Day.
- WWCC: We are getting each volunteer to fill in a Working With Children Check online, whilst they are in the canteen. For volunteers, it is free.
- The new kitchen sink tap has been purchased (\$152) and installed and is fantastic. Thank you.
- We are looking forward to the air conditioning unit being moved to the centre of the wall, hopefully during the school holidays. The canteen is starting to heat up with the weather, yet we can't turn the fan setting up higher, as, due to the A/c location, it dries out/cool the food on the preparation tables. This problem will be solved with the relocation. Khalil Khay is following this up, I believe.
- Taco Tuesday is back on the menu, by popular demand! We were planning to keep it only as a Winter item, but the uproar on the first Tuesday of the term was deafening! We have caved to the pressure!
- We can't keep up with the watermelon sales. Last week we bought 14 watermelon, cut them up and sold the lot in tubs for \$2 each. When speaking with staff from other high school canteens, they can't believe how many fruit tubs, sushi, salads and fresh wraps we sell. Our students are making wonderful, healthy choices!

Thanks again for your continued support,
Emma, Fiona and Lynne.

- Suggestion that senior students assist with the canteen perhaps by way of a roster. Ms Gray suggested she would discuss this issue with Ms Maher.

Primary School Report

\$1500 profit was made from the canteen at The Lion King. Trivia night was taking place this Saturday night. Orientation breakfast 1st December. A raffle was also taking place.

See attached report for a copy of the latest minutes of the Primary School sub-committee.

Music Report

Music camps were due to commence for 3 weeks starting late November. \$135 per camp per student.

Bands in the Park was taking place on 12 November. Junior and Senior Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble participating.

Ms Hanson reported that there was a minor shortfall of funds following the Marching Band trip to China earlier this year for the travel

shirts. There was approximately \$4000 worth of shirts. 7 students had not paid despite numerous requests. This means that the Music Committee was \$245 short for the shirts. There was also a \$40 shortfall which was not able to be explained but was likely the result of a change of coordinator and the involvement of a number of people in supporting the process. It was suggested that a discussion be held between John, Lynne, Kathryn and Fiona to discuss internal processes to ensure sound practices were in place. A report would be provided at the December meeting.

Theatre Report

Nil

Principals Report

Covered in the Guest Speaker section above

General Business

Nil

Next Meeting 5/12/2016 7pm, HSPA Staff Room
Meeting finished at 8.34pm