

MINUTES

HSPA Parents & Citizens

Date | time 07/03/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* John Tessier

In Attendance

John Tessier, Harriet Ferguson, Claire Tipper, Monique Cooper, Lynne Kentish, Dee Morison, Barbara Gamble, Nikki Grant, Susan Taranawiwat, Lee-Anne Baxter, Rod Guy, Lynne Guy, Xenia Dolja-Gore, Emma Walker-Coon, Kathryn O'Connor, Analee Isbister, Geoffrey Isbister, Richard Jennings, Khalil Khay, Marcus Neale

Apologies

Bede Thoroughgood, Liz Edmonds, Janine Bendit, Mardi Ryan

Guest Speaker

Jeanne Hardie spoke about the Wellbeing Framework for Students.

- The P&C were requested to approve the sending out of Parent/Family survey in regards to mental health and wellbeing. The approval was given

Safe Schools Project: Natalie Hudson and Michelle Maher are currently implementing

STEM: Additional resources are being directed towards this program as it has been identified that 60%-70% of jobs/careers will be based around Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Robotics is part of this program and has proven very popular amongst the students so the school is hoping to expand this program.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from previous meeting accepted

Moved: John Tessier Accepted: Lynne Guy

Business arising from previous minutes

None

Mail

- Fund raising pamphlets

Treasurers Report

As at 29th February 2016

- **\$93,946.65 in total funds**
- \$4,381.14: Primary School P&C
- \$42,186.35: Music Committee
- \$7,000: LSL Provision
- **\$40,379.16 P&C available funds**

2016 has begun well in the Nosh Pit (Canteen). We have been pretty busy since day 1, with the new Year 7 and primary students fully embracing the canteen and all it has to offer! We have been receiving lots of comments about our menu from both students and parents alike! Word must be spreading, as today we had 2 people from Merewether High School come in to see how we run our canteen and to collect ideas to take back to their school. Late last year we had the new Canteen manager from Hunter Sports High spend 2 full days with us to pick up some ideas as well. Our menu is quite varied and offers choices for vegan, vegetarian and gluten intolerant customers. If we can tweak something to accommodate special dietary needs, we will. We can't offer the choices we do without the help of our volunteers. Without them, our menu would be a lot smaller, and the service times would be a lot slower. We can't emphasise enough how much we appreciate their help. We have had a wonderful response to our request for more volunteers at the Orientation Day last year. We even have a few Dads on the roster this year, and a few more Grandmas too! We love it! Some of our volunteers don't even have children at the school anymore, but choose to stay on the roster, which is fantastic! We sold all except one of our Year 7 Book Packs this year, so we have finally got a handle on the numbers we need each year. Having EFTPOS available in the canteen made selling these a breeze. We have been receiving Rewards Points from our frozen food supplier EWH. We have chosen to redeem them for \$350 in Coles gift cards again this year. I am happy to 'buy' them (as I did last year) and put the \$350 cash into petty cash, as most of our big petty cash purchases are made at Aldi, not Coles. (But I do my personal shopping at Coles each week, so it's not a problem to use them.) We held a Volunteers Christmas Party at Kotara Bowling Club in December last year. Really bad lawn bowling, hilarious trivia, a nice meal and lots of laughs were had by all who attended. Everyone is looking forward to the next one, and taking notes for the Canteen trivia! The number of students ordering their lunch is steadily increasing. We encourage them to order, as it gets them exactly what they want, without the risk of it selling out. The added bonus is that they don't have to line up with everyone else, they get their own special 'Ordered lunch' line. We are still catching students pushing in...could the Staff rostered on to Playground duty in the Canteen quad please police the lines? Some days no-one shows up... We'd also like a copy of the 2016 roster, please, as ours is out of date. Our Air conditioner stopped working during the 37-degree heatwave on Thursday 25th February. Friday, Monday and Tuesday were unbearably hot in the canteen. (34 degrees when we walked in each morning...before turning on any ovens or pie warmers...) The new parts weren't expected until Thursday, so we sought permission from John Tessier (P&C President) to hire a couple of pedestal fans. It turned out that it was cheaper to buy a big industrial fan from Bunnings for \$218 rather than \$228 for 2 days' hire of 2 small fans! So, the Canteen (P&C) is now the proud owner of an awesome (if not loud) pedestal fan! George (G.A) went to Bunnings with our Petty cash and picked it up for us last Tuesday afternoon. Thank you, John, for not hesitating on approving the purchase. The air conditioner was repaired after we closed on Thursday. Friday saw us back in a comfortable work environment again! We are now in Week 7 of an 11 week term, so we have started looking at the Winter menu for terms 2 and 3. There will be a few price increases to cover the supplier price hikes. Thompson's Pies put their prices up 5% each year... We always endeavor to keep our prices as low as possible, whilst still maintaining a profit for the school. We are really excited by a Year 11 Assessment task. The students are surveying their peers to find out what they think is lacking on the canteen menu. Then, with their results, they have to create a new menu item that complies with the Healthy Canteen Guidelines, complete with costings, sell price, recipe and packaging! We can't wait to see what they come up with! We're always looking for new ideas! If you haven't seen inside our canteen yet, or are thinking about volunteering once a month, please don't hesitate to pop in one day to check us out!

Thanks!

Emma, Fiona and Lynne

Primary School Report

- Requested \$4000 be given to the school for playground enhancement
 - Moved: Harriet Ferguson Seconded: Nikki Grant
- There was request that more information be given in regards to when and where the meetings are.
- Confirmed that it was OK to apply for a club grant with Wests Leagues. An amount and reason will be determined at next meeting. A letter will be formulated and then sent from the P&C.

Music Report

- Bands in the Park: 6th March at Speer Point
- All things are currently geared towards China for the Marching Band
- Senior Band may be going to Canberra Eisteddfod

Theatre Report

- No Report

Principals Report

- Orientation Concert: was disappointing for some students as it was not a whole school event. Unfortunately, it not only became logistically impossible the expense (\$16,000) was becoming too high to justify having it at Civic Theatre.
- Swimming Carnival: once again well attended and a great atmosphere and more importantly the staff won the Year 12 versus staff relay.
- Bev Boyd has officially announced her retirement
- New Head Teacher TAS has been appointed
- Lion King: Auditions have started today
- Falling Petals: This was a senior production with one comment being “very confronting but am in awe”. It was very well received and it was produced, written and all acting done by the students.
- Online Payment: parents/students can now pay all fee and excursions online
- Year 12: midyear exams start next week and with that in mind staff are taking a look at the student’s time management. The idea being that if they have a major work due they are not leaving it till the last minute to complete and requiring time away from other classes.
- HSC results continued to improve overall especially with the proportion of students achieving more the 2 subjects in either Band 5 and/or Band 6
- Communication Feedback: This is a very important issue and as a result the School Newsletter has been developed into a two week based concept – thanks to Marcus, called “The Audience”.
- Chocolate Selling – The boxes of fundraising chocolates cannot be sold at school and the staff have asked that parents ensure that their kids are not bring them to school.
- School Uniform – A number of girls are currently wearing running shorts that are total inappropriate for the school environment. Again the staff are asking for parent support in ensuring that these outfits are not worn to school.
- School Blazer for Captains: Richard ask that the P&C pay for 12 blazers, we have missed a few years, at a total of \$1,320
 - Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: Kathryn O’Connor
- School to invoice the P&C for \$28,000 as per Principals request for funds
 - Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: Xenia Dolja-Gore

General Business

None

Next Meeting 4/04/2016 7pm, HSPA Staff Room