

MINUTES

HSPA Parents & Citizens

Date | time 01/08/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* John Tessier

In Attendance

Anja Viswanathan, Debbie Nolan, Harriet Ferguson, Liz Edmonds, Susan Taranawiwat, Dee Morison, Emma Walker-Coon, Lynne Guy, Marcus Neale, John Tessier, Amanda Linstrom, Mardi Ryan, David Donnelly, Kathryn O'Connor

Apologies

Bede Thoroughgood, Rod Guy, Lynne Kentish, Bree Harvey Bice, Khalil Khay, Lee-Anne Baxter

Guest Speaker

Darren Ponman: Head Teach TAS

Darren enthusiastically discussed how he came to be at HSPA, his dream job, and the changes he is making:

- New subjects for Year 7 students
 - Multimedia Studio experience for Stages 5 and 6 which will be used in the role of web design and film making
- Two to three-year plan
 - Rebuilding the Stage 4 program – which the staff are very excited about and have fully embraced the changes
 - Incorporate multimedia, STEM and items that industry studies are saying that students will require in the future

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from previous meeting accepted

Moved: John Tessier Accepted: Dee Morison

Business arising from previous minutes

Music Account: All up and running

Mail

- Thankyou from Richard Jennings
- Fund raising pamphlets
- P&C Federation Magazine
- Insurance Policy to be updated

Treasurers Report

As at 31st July 2016

- **\$75,319.18 in total funds**
- \$2,002.22: Primary School P&C
- \$29,024.60: Music Committee
- \$7,000: LSL Provision
- **\$37,292.36 P&C available funds**

Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: John Tessier

Canteen Report

Today marks the 2nd anniversary of the Nosh Pit! We moved over from the Bini on the 1st August, 2014! Happy Anniversary to US! The canteen is a hive of activity at the best of times, but the last week of term 2 and first 2 weeks of this term were pretty hectic! We catered for 200 top achieving students over 4 parties on the last 2 days of term. 1 oven, 40 pizzas, sandwiches, lollies, cakes, fruit, hot food, chips, fairy bread, gluten free, lactose intolerant, vegetarian and vegan options were all catered for....BEDLAM! (But we came out the other side...a little war torn, but definitely wiser!) Unfortunately, Lynne and Fiona were both overseas for week 1 this term, making for a hectic week, but Jennifer Murphy stepped in to fill their shoes, along with some other wonderful volunteers who came in as extras to lighten the load. Lynne came back to work Week 2, and Fiona returned to work today. It's nice to have them back and to hear of their adventures! Today our EFTPOS terminal upgraded to one that runs on 3G, not 2G. It was installed into the canteen without a hiccup and prints a little faster than the old one. It is also cordless, which is handy! Our air conditioning unit was out of action for 2 days last week. It has been recommended that it be raised on the wall, as it has very little (if any) fall for the water to drain. We are hopeful it can also be moved further towards the middle of the canteen wall where it will be more effective. Our takings for the Year-to- Date (104 days) are \$144,100. At the same time last year, we were on \$135,300. That's an increase in takings of around \$8800. We're looking forward to seeing the Profit/Loss figures from Lynne Guy, which will give a true reading of how we're tracking. Due to work commitments, we have lost a couple of volunteers and have some vacancies on our roster. If you are available to help out, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I have the roster with me tonight... I'll advertise again in The Audience this week.

Thank you all once again for your support. Emma Walker-Coon and Fiona Kershaw (Co-Canteen Managers)

Primary School Report

- Trivia Night confirmed for 12th November 2016
 - Donations required
 - Can we post the date on the website?
 - Preparing for Father's Day stall and breakfast on the 2nd September
 - Organising the service of tea/coffee and cake during the intermission of the Lion King
 - Second hand uniform swap – still waiting to get enough uniforms to hold the store, floated the idea of having high school ones as well. At this stage send all to the Primary School Office.
 - Orientation Breakfast: 21st November
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Music Report

- No Report
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Theatre Report

- Still Standing
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Principals Report

- Fees ratified for next year with minimal change
- One issue is that in the fees list there has been included a cost for the 'diary' this will change. Currently the handbook version and E-Diary is not working so they are considering going to a new system called CANVAS. It will be
 - Web based
 - More functional
 - Integrated system
 - Will replace Moodle which has a limited life and not very user friendly
 - Its and initially \$7,000 setup fee and it will cost the student \$14/year – this will be charged instead of the 'diary'
 - We will not be the first school to use and it comes well recommend from those schools who are currently using it.
- Subject Interviews for students and parents going into year have been conducted.
 - The Monday EXPO was probably a bit much for the kids but the interview have been very well received.
 - The personal approach has been very well received
- Asset Management have paid a visit and there will be:
 - Painting
 - Roofing and guttering repaired
 - New flooring

- Leveling of concrete paths
- A VET Audit will occur this Friday 5th August:
 - Main focus will be hospitality
 - It is a massive task to remain current and an audit occurs every year
- Cassandra Porteli has been nominated by 'Choose Math's Awards' where she will receive prize of between \$1,000 to \$10,000. Congratulations!
- To Stream or Not to Stream
 - 2017: there will be streaming in Year 7 across the board as they move into Year 8, 9 and 10 there will 2 'top' classes and then 4 'mixed' classes. The exception will be for Math's where the classes will be split into 3 groups as per the curriculum.
- Board of Education have brought in the following changes:

The reforms will be implemented in two phases, with initial changes announced by the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, on 19 July 2016. These reforms will come into effect over the next four years along with new Year 11 and 12 syllabuses in English, maths, science and history. They include:

- *establishing a minimum literacy and numeracy standard from 2020. Students in Year 9 from 2017 will be able to meet the standard by achieving Band 8 in NAPLAN in reading, writing and numeracy. From 2018, an online literacy and numeracy test will be available for students to demonstrate they have met the standard*
- *establishing a regular review cycle of syllabuses provided online. Syllabuses will provide more opportunities for students to master knowledge and skills*
- *new courses, starting with a Science Extension course for Year 12 from 2019*
- *introducing rigorous guidelines for effective school-based assessment that focuses on the application of knowledge and skills, and reduces student stress by capping the number of tasks*
- *redesign HSC exam questions to assess depth of knowledge and application of skills*
- *apply a common scale for maths, to encourage students to study the maths course best suited to their level of ability.*

General Business

- Rectification of Fees for School Contribution
 - \$80 for Year 7-10
 - \$90 for Year 11 – 12
 - * With one exception – “In the event that if CANVAS is implemented the diary cost will increase from \$10 to \$15 as part of the subject contribution”

Moved: John Tessier Accepted: Unanimous by P&C Committee

Next Meeting 5/09/2016 7pm, HSPA Staff Room