

MINUTES

HSPA Parents & Citizens

Date | time 05/09/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* John Tessier

In Attendance

Lynne Guy, Steve Waye, Monique Cooper, Lee-Anne Baxter, Jo Gray, Lynne Kentish, Dee Morison, Liz Edmonds, Michael Blaxland, Debbie Nolan, Amanda Linstrom, Kathryn O'Connor, Susan Taranawiwat, Janine Bendt, Marcus Neale, Darren Ponman

Apologies

Bede Thoroughgood, Nikki Grant, Khalil Khay, Tony Brown, Harriet Ferguson, David Donnelly, Hayley Rousell, Emma Walker-Coon, Claire Tipper, Rod Guy, Mardi Ryan, Linda Brent

Guest Speaker

Darren Ponman and Marcus Neale: New Multi Media Centre

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

- Marcus and Darren have requested that \$12,000 in funds originally specified for the Library be redirected, with an additional \$30,000 from P&C funds, to creating a new purpose built Multi Media Studio.
- Darren showed the P&C where the studio would be situated and outlined how it would look, the equipment required and the benefits the students would receive from having all this available to them.
- An outline of where the funds would be allocated was presented and reinforced what benefits the students would receive from the conversion of this TAS room.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from previous meeting accepted

Moved: John Tessier Accepted: Dee Morison

Business arising from previous minutes

Mail

- Fund raising pamphlets

Treasurers Report

As at 31st August 2016

- **\$83,800.00 in total funds**
- \$2,467.22: Primary School P&C
- \$29,830.00: Music Committee
- \$8,800: LSL Provision
- **\$42,702.78 P&C available funds**

Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: John Tessier

Based on the above proposal, from Darren and Marcus, it was decided:

- \$10,000 would be allocated to Library furniture as previously requested
- \$12,000 would be redirect to the new purpose built multi media centre
- The additional \$30,000 would be prioritised to the new multimedia centre when available
- The suggestion was also made that John Tessier would approach to music committee to assist with funds

This motion was

Moved: Lynne Guy Seconded: John Tessier

Unanimous acceptance by all members in attendance

Canteen Report

We were excited to receive a copy of the profit and loss figures from Lynne Guy last week. As at 26 th August, we have already matched the profit we made for the ENTIRE year last year. That's a profit so far of \$41,865. (\$13,500 more than at the same time last year...) We are extremely proud of our efforts to keep prices down whilst still turning a decent profit for the school. We are always striving to find new products and better wholesale prices. We are extremely lucky to have so many volunteers, which helps to keep the cost of staff wages down. Now, whilst we have you in a good mood.... we'd like to ask for a new tap for our sink. □ We have 2 huge sinks, but the tap that services both sinks is fixed and not terribly user friendly. It pours too close to the corner of the sink, making it difficult to rinse our large items. What we would love, is a Flexible hose type tap. We are hoping you will approve the purchase of one (we will look for the best priced one), and that the school could organise for it to be fitted the next time a plumber is on site. Two new items in the canteen are selling really well. We have a lot of Vegans and vegetarians at our school, so we now sell a Vegan Falafel burger. Even the meat lovers are enjoying them! The Twisted Frozen yoghurts have also been a huge hit! (Watermelon and Mango is delicious!). Term 3 is always the most difficult for us to cope with students coming to the canteen at all times of the day. We have always been happy to serve Juniors with water at any time of the day, and Seniors anything that was ready at any time. Most days this works out just fine, but lately we have been short on volunteers some days and under-the- pump to get all our food prepared ready in time for recess. Contributing to this problem is the kids that have been 'in the theatre' or 'returning from an excursion' or 'watching a performance' or 'received an early mark'. On days when we are struggling to get the food ready, we put an Apology sign up on the window, stating that due to a shortage of volunteers, we are closed until we get the food ready. It is disappointing that a few of the students think that their needs are greater than the needs of the many. Some expect to be served at any time, as they are 'seniors' or have been in the theatre. Thursday was one of those days...Both our volunteers were unavailable. After numerous begging phone calls, we finally sourced a lovely mum to come and help us. She arrived at 10am. The Assembly went until 11.20am, which pushed recess back. We than had a 45-minute turn around to get everything restocked and cooked again for the lunch period. Primary had their lunch at 12.30 (which we were informed of the day before, which was nice). It was super hectic. We scooped our own lunches down in a few spare minutes. A senior student actually complained to Khalil that we turned her away...

OK, so, enough of our whingeing, basically, what we are hoping you will approve of, is 2 times when the canteen is closed for business. 9.30 – 10.30am (when we are getting all our recess food prepared and 12-12.30, which is when our lunch food and orders are being prepared. Hopefully we can manage to have a bite to eat during this time too.

On a high note, we are excited to be putting together our Summer menu, which will kick in Term 4. We have been advertising a few vacancies in our Roster in the Audience, but haven't filled the spaces yet, so if you have a Tuesday of a Wednesday free, we'd love to welcome you to the canteen.

Thanks for your support,

Emma, Fiona and Lynne

Request for new tap

Moved: Kathryn O'Connor Seconded: Monique Cooper

Re request for closing times

- At this stage, it was decided to try and communicate to the students what is expected of them and to emphasize the privilege of having access to a canteen outside of normal 'trading hours'. There is a concern if we close off access, as a standard, then the students will go elsewhere.
- Ensure that the central calendar that details school activities is up-to-date
- If the behavior continues then we will re-evaluate
- The question was asked in regards to having another paid employee but this was deemed too expensive and would make a huge difference to the profits. Which directly results in the contribution that can be made to the school.

Primary School Report

- No meeting tonight due to Showcase

Music Report

- Refer to attached document

Theatre Report

- Still Standing

Principals Report

- Summary of events
 - Yr. 9 and 10 Snow trip
 - Chess team going from strength to strength
 - NAIDOC celebrations
 - Primary school into full swing with The Lion King
 - Primary School Showcase
 - Yr 7 Interviews
 - Tell Them From Me Survey
 - Marcus to organise to get them emailed out
 - Music Practical Exams about to begin
 - Trials all finished and students begin their run into the HSC exams
 - End of school activities
 - Will be based on last year's structure which worked very well
 - Richard Jennings to attend as honoree referee for students versus staff soccer match
 - Naplan: Results are back and the school did very well, except for two parts, they were ahead of the average
 - CANVAS
 - The school has signed up and will be ready to go for start Term 1 2017
 - It will cost students \$12/year
 - The school can opt out of the system after 4 years.
 - The Audience
 - Working very well and receiving positive feedback
- Principals Pick
 - Marcus was honored to be able to choose his pick in a selection of wonderful HSC works from the Visual Arts and Industrial Tech subjects. The choice was very difficult resulting in 5 first places and an honorable mention.
- Deputy Principals Conference
 - 600 in attendance
 - HSPA Sax Quartet played providing wonderful exposure

General Business

- Crossroads trip to Sydney
 - It was mentioned that due to some disorganization in regards to buses, basically not enough seats for the number of students, the students consequently arrived late to the course.
 - It was asked that students who missed important content of the course be allowed to attend next year if they desired to.
 - Marcus didn't see this as being an issue