



Hunters Hill High School Parents & Citizens' Association

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MINUTES OF P&C MEETING - 12 AUGUST, 2019

Meeting Details

7:00pm Staff Common Room, HHHS
Chaired by Martin Brown , P&C President
Minutes taken by John Cooper.

Attendees

33 P&C members signed the attendance sheet. The Principal (Mr Greg Lill) and Alicia O'Donnell also attended.

Apologies

1. Simon Hirst
2. Rachel Cooper

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: The minutes of the 17th June 2019 P&C meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Proposed: Emma Paxton **CARRIED**

Business arising from previous minutes

Actions

P&C to write a letter to Anthony Roberts MP for Lane Cove regarding the air conditioning "Cool Classrooms" program to see if he can assist with enquiries. Jacqueline C volunteered to prepare a draft.

Olejuru L to obtain a quote for new bike racks, maybe making a dedicated space for bikes and use this for a fundraising target.

Correspondence

None.

School Presentations

Alicia O'Donnell, Head Teacher English, delivered a presentation describing the current approach and focus of the new English team.

Principal's Report

Mr Greg Lill presented.

1. Subject Selection night will be held on Thursday 15th, commencing at 6:00pm.
2. With 750-760 enrolments for 2020, the school qualifies to have a second Deputy Principal.
3. The school will be recruiting a French & Spanish languages teacher.
4. With Nadine Wild gone, the school needs more mathematics teachers.

Reports

Canteen Report

Monique C presented.

Conforming to the Healthy Schools canteen requirements has seen the loss of several popular menu items resulting in a drop in sales.

Bronwyn was commended for her efforts to maintain the profitability of the canteen while meeting the new requirements.

A temporary drop in sales was to be expected as part of an adjustment period when adapting the canteen menu to meet the new requirements.

In discussion it was indicated that the incoming Year 7 cohort will have come through their primary schooling with the same healthy canteen menu item requirements and will not require any adjustment period.

Music Report

Jenny Nylund presented.

Thanks to Dee Karthik and Tim Manefield for assisting with the accounts.

The HHHS String Ensemble performed at the Christmas in July festival for strings held at Hunters Hill Public School, on July 26. Strings and Chamber Strings groups from Hunters Hill Public School, Lane Cove Public School and Boronia Park Public School also participated.

the HHS Stage Band participated in the Australian Schools Band & Orchestra Festival at the Conservatorium of Music on July 28th and was awarded 'Gold'.

Both the HHHS Vocal Group and the Senior Percussion Ensemble performed at the Moocooboola Festival, held at Boronia Park, on August 4th. Both groups impressed the large audiences and congratulations to Holly McDpnnell and Sasha Curdie who were selected to open the festival by singing the National Anthem.

The Senior Percussion Ensemble was successful in their audition and are to perform in the Ryde Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House. They will perform their own composition on Japanese Taiko drums.

For parents to attend ensemble rehearsals they must obtain permission from both the P&C and the school prior to entering, must sign in at the school's main administrative office and must hold a Working with Children Check for volunteers.

Dance Report

Delphine Davies prepared report.

All dance troupes competed in the Ultimate Dance Challenge, at Dural, August 3rd. The Hip-Hop and Jazz troupes earning 'Silver'.

The Jazz A troupe have qualified for the Ryde Schools Spectacular, to be held at the Sydney Opera House.

Uniform Shop Report

Robin Butterfield presented the report.

A major stocktake was been performed on 23rd & 24th July. Thank you to Olejuru Lanfear & Marcia De Souza and the sub-committee. There were several errors identified in the Reckon system records, but it was recognised that Reckon is primarily a Financial system rather than an Inventory system.

For Term 3, the Uniform Shop will be operating on reduced hours. One day a week - Tuesdays 8-11am.

Simone Haslehurst has taken on the promotions role and thank you to Jamie Hurworth for the video promoting the school scarves.

Environment Report

No report presented.

Fundraising Report

The Moonlight Cinema generated \$595 profit, which has been donated to the chicken coop installation.

Planning is underway for the Trivia Night to be held on the 7th September.

P & C Executive Report

1. P&C Executive
 - a. P&C Executive's authorisation of expenditure of P&C funds since last P&C meeting
Martin B indicated that a small purchase would be required for the new P&C website.

Treasurer's Report

No report presented.

Acceptance

Motion: The committee reports were accepted.

Proposed: Martin Brown **CARRIED**

General Business

1. Presentation from the P&C Executive regarding a proposal to contract the operation and management of the Uniform Shop
Chris Kimber delivered a presentation regarding the possible options for strategic changes to Uniform Shop.
The P&C Executive are obliged to think strategically about the P&C business activities to ensure that they perform well and so deliver the best outcome, ultimately, for the students.
A significant amount of time has been spent over the last few years managing issues with the Uniform Shop and the Executive is prepared to consider different approaches to its running and management. It is unusual for a school to run its own uniform shop these days. The services of five different providers were discussed.
Discussion followed the presentation and many questions were asked regarding how contracting out the operation of the Uniform Shop would work. What would happen to the existing uniform stock? What would happen to the existing staff? Who retains ownership? How would stock prices be controlled? Would the uniform designs change? Would there be extra costs? Would there be a strategic review of the Canteen to follow? What schools currently use Sustainable Schoolwear for the uniform and shop? Would there be second-hand uniform services available?
Jacqueline Crompton proposed that all the questions be emailed to the Executive and a 'Q and A' be prepared and published to provide clarity on many of these concerns.
It was stated that the P&C would need to act quickly to allow a new provider time to acclimatise before the large 2020 Year Seven intake arrives requiring uniforms. There was enough interest in the proposal to recommend that a special meeting would be called, Sustainable Schoolwear would be invited to present at that meeting and a vote on contracting out the operation of the Uniform Shop would be held.
2. **Motion:** To declare income from the canteen to be "input-taxed" and as such not considered for GST threshold
Proposed: Martin Brown **CARRIED**
3. Reiby Rd update
The footpath-widening recommendation was considered at a Hunters Hill Council meeting last week, was rejected and the council proposed a 'pram-ramp' instead. The 'pram-ramp' would be likely to guide students to cross the road at an appropriate place. Even though the recently changed signage had improved vision on the street it was felt that more needed to be done and methods of attracting attention to the issue, in the media, were discussed.
4. My Community Project voting "Shade Sails"
Everyone was encouraged to register and vote on the Shade Sails project. Previous grant winners have won on very limited voting.
5. Trivia Night
Trivia Night will be held on the 7th September. Noel S will fill the role of the quizmaster. The FundRaising Committee is currently focusing on getting prizes organised. A volunteer will be required for marking quiz answers. The event will be BYO food and drink and is an adults only function. The colour run will be held on the 20th September

Actions

1. P&C to draft letter to Anthony Roberts MP for Lane Cove regarding the air conditioning "Cool Classrooms" program to see if he can assist with enquiries.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Future Meetings

- Special Meeting, 29th August - Uniform Shop proposal
- Term 3, Week 7 - 2 September Public meeting to address Reiby St safety
- Term 4, Week 3 - 28 October
- Term 4, Week 7 - 25 November (possible move to Week 8 - 2 December)

Upcoming Events

TRIVIA NIGHT 7th September

COLOUR RUN 20th September