



Hunters Hill High School Parents & Citizens' Association

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MINUTES OF P&C MEETING - 4 NOVEMBER, 2019

Meeting Details

7:00pm Staff Common Room, HHHS
Chaired by Mitch Kirkman , P&C Executive
Minutes taken by Rachel Cooper.

Attendees

15 P&C members signed the attendance sheet. The Deputy Principal (Ms Michelle Chiew-Meldrum) and Ruth Simpson also attended.

Apologies

1. Martin Brown
2. Emma Paxton
3. Katrina Nash
4. Deborah Hill
5. Jacqueline Crompton
6. Robin Butterfield
7. Greg Lill
8. Astrid Jordan
9. Joanna Craig

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion: The minutes of the 12 August 2019 P&C meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Proposed: Olejuru L **CARRIED**

Motion: The minutes of the Special Meeting 29 August 2019 P&C meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Proposed: Dianna Rich **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 to follow up on this.

Olejuru L will put together a quote for bike racks which includes options/styles for consideration at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Greg Lill received an email from Louise Rizk congratulating our Jazz dance troupe on their outstanding performance at the Hunters Hill Public School fete.

School Presentations

Michelle Chiew-Meldrum presented proposed timetable changes focussing on maximising learning time and smoother classroom changeovers and reintroducing a whole school and sport assembly on Tuesday. Small tweaks of the existing timetable including 5 minutes more to Umatter program and a small change to lunch times. Overall the timetable changes this year have been effective and Years 11/12 using their free time more productively.

Parent Portal for communication working well and the "Well-being" program run by Edwina Patten is proving to be a success.

Student numbers for 2020 Year 7 around 140 students.

Most staffing for 2020 will remain consistent within faculties - Ivan Law now permanent in Science and we will need another temp in Science for 2020, 2 new graduates in Maths plus a panel underway starting 2020 (Najwa Halwani started already Term 4). Corrine Wilson in PDHPE (started Term 4). Another temp required in TAS due to increasing student numbers.

Goal for 2020 is to encourage the students to think more and not need spoon feeding information. The "ALARM" matrix was an attempt to improve writing output - not as successful as school hoped and more work will go into improving the students' independent thinking.

Reinvigoration of "Figleaf" student paper - Rebecca Lake and Jess Austen being involved with this. School hoping that the student voice may be useful in influencing the student body behaviours - eg to improve the environment around them as rubbish is a real problem - children are littering and not treating the gardens with care. Umatter sessions may be able to deal with this by taking groups on a walk around the school. Also a Year 12 proposal for rubbish recycling being facilitated by Mr McAlpine.

Reports

Canteen Report

Mitch presented from Martin Brown.

Feedback on changes to menu.

EFTPOS requested by Canteen for Orientation Day.

Martin investigating Canteen online sales.

Overall financial position of Canteen now indicates that it isn't a source of P&C funds anymore, rather a service for the students. Overall losses increasing.

"Flexischools" app being used at other local schools.

Music Report

Jenny N presented.

Soiree success - thanks to Ms Tombs. P&C Service Awards presented to 4 Year 11 students who have been dedicated to the school arts programs.

Ryde Schools Spectacular - combined Percussion Ensemble performed on Taiko drums - thanks to tutor Robert Oetomo, Monique C for coordinating and Ms Sibley for transporting and supervising the students.

Upcoming performances at "Carols in the Park" at Boronia Park for the String Ensemble and Stage Band on Sunday December 1st. Also Year 7 Orientation Day and Presentation Day.

"Rain Bringer" collaboration with Lane Cove Youth Orchestra and local primary schools hosted by HHHS (organiser Tim Manefield). Performance on Monday December 9th at 7.00 -8.00pm - funds raised go towards drought relief for Gunnedah which is Lane Cove's sister town. Everyone warmly invited.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Music program this year.

Dance Report

Mitch presented from Delphine Davies.

Term 3 busy with Ryde Eisteddfod (Highly Commended Jazz "A"), The Ultimate Dance Challenge (Jazz "A" and Hip Hop placed 2nd), performances at Soiree and Ryde Schools Spectacular.

Working towards an "all troupes" routine for Orientation Day.

Delphine Davies retiring - needing a Dance Coordinator.

Uniform Shop Report

Chris K presented the report from Annie T at Sustainable Schoolwear.

Annie and team of 3 now running shop - 1st month in going well. Opening hours Tuesday 8-11.30, Thursday 8-11.30.

Orientation Pack -check if girls skirt is shown properly as an option in the pack. Bamboo socks in the Year 7 packs.

Discussion on what to do about the 1.6% + 30c Shopify transaction/merchant fee - at the moment we have absorbed this but still considering whether to add this as an additional fee.

HHHS online store launched 28th October - good take up with 7 orders in the 1st week.

Internet running slowly - EFTPOS cutting in and out - suggestion to upgrade the internet or connect to School NBN/Internet.

New mobile phone number for HHHS Uniform Shop - 0413 534 610.

Planning a Sustainability Planning Session November/December at the Incubator.

Environment Report

Simon H presented.

Lack of attendance at working bees making it very difficult to maintain the previous work done. Rubbish and trampling of plantings are frustrating to see. Simon suggests the school grounds need a professional team to beautify the grounds prior to Orientation or Open day - maybe once the roof repairs are finished.

Fundraising Report

Olejuru L presented.

Trivia Night a success - 80 people attended raising around \$5000 net on the night.

Colour Run postponed due to weather. Now 22nd November.

Eventbrite - successful tool for booking tickets - will use for future events and have access to use "Square" to accept payments at events.

Movie night - need an organiser...

Welcome drinks - 21st February waiting on confirmation.

P & C Executive Report

Treasurer's Report

No report presented.

Acceptance

Motion: The committee reports were accepted.

Proposed: Mitch Kirkman, 2nd Chris Kimber **CARRIED**

General Business

1. Reiby Road update - Council met on October 28th and voted unanimously to give approval to build an adequate footpath for students. Works will hopefully be completed by the end of Term 1 2020. Many thanks to Jacqueline Crompton and Emma Paxton for all their hard work getting this achieved.
2. "Shade Sails' Community Project success - \$50k for Shade Sails at HHHS voted number 1 Community Project for the Lane Cove electorate. Thanks to Emma Paxton for finding this opportunity and encouraging participation from the community to vote.
3. Discussion regarding inaugurating a P&C Sport Coordinator (suggested by Phoebe Faulkner) - we need a volunteer from the P&C to explore options - look at Ryde East model? Perhaps we could provide additional training for athletes leading up to Zone and State Carnivals, running club?
4. Discussion around support for academic tutoring at the school - Michelle Chiew-Meldrum said Greg Lill doesn't want the school to be involved - too many issues and could be seen as a conflict of interest if the P&C supported this. There are some free onsite opportunities currently being offered at school that aren't being taken up by many ie: Maths lunchtime help and Beyond the Bell.
5. Tech Crew - Dianna R presented a report giving 4 options for moving forward. Michelle CM said events have been more professional and we need to find the balance between big events and simple low key needs - maybe should look at using Doug Cardew for big events and the students could be involved/John Range trained up on the new sound board for regular school events. We will look into the options - book Doug for Presentation Day and then determine how much interest there is next year with new students to make a decision on the program.
6. New P&C website released <http://www.hhhspandc.org.au> - suggestion from Michelle C-M that we need to make the P&C website look different to the school website - use different photos.
7. Christmas Drinks 16th December confirmed - same day as Presentation Day.

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.

2. Tech Crew- Dianna Rich to see if Doug is available to be booked in to do Presentation Day.
3. Olejuru L to organise a quote for bike racks to be put forward for approval.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9:12pm.

Future Meetings

Term 4, Week 8 - 2 December

Upcoming Events

Colour Run - 22nd November

P&C Christmas Drinks - 16th December