WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL of the PERFORMING ARTS
P&C MEETING MONDAY 17th March 2014 7pm

Attendance: Di Trist (Principal), Doug Hearne (Deputy Princ), Marinella Blencowe (Secretary), Anna Brown (Canteen Manager), Carol Player, Rayleigh Kerr, Marija Sheedy (Treasurer), Michelle Davies, Annabell Teodoro, Jennifer Turnbull, Gaye Burrows, Barney Ellevsen, Trevor Jennings, Alexie Bull (President), Catherine Da Silva, Angelik Konstandaras, Ruth Ellevsen.

Apologies: T McLean, M Weall, Tony de Silva, Stuart Wright.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm
Minutes of 16.2.2013 Moved: Alexie Bull Seconded: Marinella Blencowe

Mrs Ruth Ellevsen Music Dept – Marimba.
Ruth was invited to the P&C meeting to put forward the Music Dept request for the Marimba & to enlighten us on the music program now & what they are working towards in the future.

- Trying to expand our orchestral program, Music 1 & music 2 as well as junior program. To do this we need to build up percussion instruments.
- Most students bring in instruments, but percussion is different. Instruments are more for a specific need and we view them as an investment to the school.
- WHSPA has 15 drummers/percussion from Yr7 to 12.
- 500 students a week come through the music dept.
- We have 2 drum kits purchased, but need to build on more. Next year our goal is a timpani drum.
- We are PA high school but unfortunately in comparison to mainstream schools, at the moment, our range of instruments (percussion) is not as good.
- Would like to bring people in to our music program.
- Storage space. We have acquired the ex-science cupboard to store instruments. Not lockable but is still a secure place to store your instruments.
- The marimba we would like to purchase is a timber instrument which is of a very high quality - $5500. There is a cheaper synthetic marimba for $4399, but the quality is not as good & will probably need replacing earlier than the timber marimba. Of course we would be thankful for any amount you would like to donate to the music dept, the gap will be made up by us.
- As an idea for 2015. We have 120 auditions for 60 spots in music. The program is continually growing & its exciting to see.

Principal’s Report Di Trist Moved: Marija Sheedy Seconded: Gaye Burrows
- Mid Summer Nights Dream. Brilliant show. Audience members said it was better than professional one they saw earlier this year.
- Melissa Meafou was hired as a permanent science teacher.
- Parent teacher 8,9,10 & 11. Over 2 night 8th & 9th April.
- Yr7 on their own.
- Evaluations - English in 2014. To work out how to move forward.
- Gifted & talented program being evaluated. Teaching & Learning – how we deliver in the classroom.
- Bring your own device – Yr9 students received handouts. WHSPA has decided his will go ahead. Yr7 & 8 can also bring one but not compulsory. Yr10, 11 & 12 that are using their own device, have been asked to bring back the govt supplied one for students & families that are struggling.
- Q&A for Yr9 BYOD on 2nd April 6pm.
- Question about security – maybe purchase lockers to lock away devices. 12 door locker - $60 per locker.

Correspondence In/out: Moved Gaye Burrows Seconded Rayleigh Kerr
- Treasurers mail was handed to Marija Sheedy (treasurer).
- High notes
- Pamphlet from Unisite – Seating & Furniture specialists
- NSW Dept Education & Communities – School Global Funding for semester 1 2014.
- MedEntry – UMAT program to help student that are wanting to go into a career in medicine or health.
- Pamphlet – Mini melts- fundraiser.
- TAS Dept (Rachel Jospe) – Request for P&C funding for a drum sander - $2,780.00 + gst.
- Invoice from Big Screen ($275.00) outstanding. Books are at the auditors so unfortunately “Big Screen” will have to wait. Check that it’s not double charged. Marija to contact “Big Screen” for clarification as final invoice has already been paid.
Outgoing

• Letter to Telstra from P&C. To change plans-Business Line Select to Not For Profit plan. – Handed to Anna Brown (canteen manager)

Canteen Report: Moved: Marinella Blencowe , Seconded: Rayleigh Kerr

• Invoices $100, $380, $100. $480 Jan, Feb & March just on vouchers alone.
• Books came back from the auditors. They will need signing.
• Change of menu, Hokien noodles trial.
• Sushi was a no go. Had to buy frozen or buy by the box.

Treasurer’s Report Moved Marinella Blencowe , Seconded: Gaye Burrows

• Books back from the auditors.
• Invoice from “Big Screen” was not received by the treasurer.
• All invoices as far as we are concerned were paid. Tanya will need to be asked. To clear up discrepancies.
• Marija to email “Big Screen” company
• Question to reinvest surplus money. Hold off on Reinvesting until we have a current balance so we know how much we can/are going to reinvest.

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TREASURER’S REPORT FOR March 2014

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General Business: Moved: Rayleigh Kerr  Seconded: Gaye Burrows

Voting for Marimba - $5000
All in favour. Moved Marinella Blencowe, Seconded: all.

• Gaye Burrows - Can I bring a skate board to school? No. Skateboards are not allowed.
• Alexie Bull– RMS revoked 14 bus passes. Gaging distance from front gate not back gate. They have said its safe to cross highway. Families putting in an appeal to RMS & Ryan Park. Issue will not be resolved by Term 2 which is when the passes will be revoked. Premier Illawarra to be asked to include 14 bus passes, even though its in their rights to say they have to pay.
• Free bus, kids stepping onto the road. Not taking notice of signals.
• Cross Country event – closure of canteen from 12pm.
Communications breakdown. A bit of notice would have been good, rather than two days before. If we had more notice P&C could have had a marquee down on the back paddock to sell food/drink. Half day closure has reduced funds coming into the P&C and has actually cost the P&C because wages still needed to be paid.

AGENDA FOR May MEETING.

• Vote on the drum sander – TAS Dept $2780.00
• Vote on 12 door lockers - $60 per locker.
• Discuss recognition of P&C purchased items – perhaps announce on assembly as well as in the newsletter. Students don’t seem to know where things are coming from. E.g $2000 donated for the gym equipment.

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 19th 2014 7.00pm  Meeting Closed 8:29 pm