



MUSIKAL

Kalamunda Senior High School Music Department Support Group

MusiKal General Meeting held 13th February 2017 at 6.30pm

MINUTES

6.30pm meeting declared open

Attendees: Marcus Roberts (MR) President, Alex Stevens (AS) Secretary, Anny Fah (AF), Andrea Doust (AD), Helen Addison (HA), Mark Luderman (ML), Anna Bunn (AB)

Apologies: Michelle Vivian (MV) Vice-President, Rachel Hill (RH)

Acceptance of previous minutes: Proposed by MV, pending – not enough members present who had been at previous meeting.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

President's Report

- New specialist music stream now up and running with 18 new year 7 students. It is hoped that the benefits will filter through to all music students, parents and staff as the bar has now been raised again.
- Two music camps planned for this year: firstly for junior and senior band and secondly for guitar ensembles, vocal and string groups. Considering whether parent help is required.
- ANZAC assembly planned for last day of term 1. Hope to combine all groups to perform on stage. Performances get better each year and this will add another dimension to the music performed, more interest for non-music students and gets more students directly involved.
- MV has been very successfully transitioning year 7 students and “weeding out” less motivated students. Students now encouraged to sign a contract committing to music study for a period of years.
- Music Department now has permanent use of adjacent classroom “D1” to facilitate teaching two classes at the same time. This should provide adequate space for the current number of music students.
- Around 20 new classical guitar students this year, and an extra teacher has been appointed for them.
- SIMS has adopted a National Curriculum for Arts and so some lesson plans have been expanded to make sure all students have the technical knowledge and repertoire expected. Improvisation, sight reading and playing by ear all part of the curriculum which will produce more well-rounded musicians.
- Music Dept has purchased a Jam Hub (and has an order for another one) which allows a band to rehearse through headphones. There is no noise interference for other rehearsal rooms.

Treasurer's Report

- No report tabled
- Bank statement balance as at 31 Jan = \$3021.84

Business arising from last minutes:

- Letter for new Music parents tabled. Forwarded to MV to further action

New business

- Calendar Dates set.
 - 16/3/17 – Yr 11 and 12 Music Students – excursion
 - 20/3/17 – MusiKal AGM
 - 2/4/17 – WACE Performance Rehearsal Day
 - 7/4/17 – ANZAC assembly: combined music students perform
 - 7/4/17 – Kalamunda Show – some opportunities for selected students to perform
 - 8/5/17 – MusiKal Meeting
 - 12/6/17 – MusiKal Meeting
 - 15 and 16/6/17 – Band camp – junior and senior bands
 - 20/6/17 – Midyear Music Concert at KPAC
 - 22 to 24/6/17 – Senior Band Festival
 - 25/6/17 – Senior Orchestra Festival
 - 24/7/17 – MusiKal meeting
 - 3 and 4/8/17 – Music Camp for Guitar ensembles, choirs and strings
 - 8/8/17 – Kalamunda Day – some opportunity for music students to perform
 - 19 and 20/8/17 – Guitar Festival
 - 20/8/17 – Choir Festival
 - 31/8/17 – Junior Band Festival
 - 3/9/17 – Junior Orchestra Festival
 - 4/9/17 – MusiKal meeting
 - 16/10/17 – MusiKal meeting
 - 25/10/17 – Twilight Concert
 - 13/11/17 – MusiKal meeting (final for 2017)
- Future expenditure:
 - Interest expressed by teachers and parents for a “STAFF” music shirt to wear at KSHS events. AS to price a set of 20 for the school (some for volunteers to be loaned, and some for teachers to be bought). Suggestion of “EVENT” and the symbol for music staff = Event staff
 - AS to post a FB and email reminder to return unwanted performance uniform shirts and claim the \$15 refund.
 - Proposal to subsidise the performance uniform shirts for the (say) 55 new students (\$15 subsidy each x 55 new students = total commitment of \$825). Unanimously agreed.
 - Discussion of how to improve larger “stage” area for the Twilight Concert. Extra curtains? Stage set dividers, like big wings as they have at KPAC?
 - Some more work needed on the design of the retractable aluminium signs “Anny’s Signs”. Issue for further discussion, but funds already committed.
- AD proposes some possible performance opportunities at Zanthorrea Nursery 18 and 19th March. MR to action

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Next meeting: AGM 20 March 2017 6.30pm (Week 8)