



MUSIKAL

Kalamunda Senior High School Music Department Support Group

MusiKal General Meeting held 12 February 2018 at 6.30pm

MINUTES

6.32pm meeting declared open in absence of MR

Attendees: Marcus Roberts (MR) President, Michelle Vivian (MV) Vice President, Alex Stevens (AS) Secretary, Helen Addison (HA) Treasurer, Andrea Doust (AD), Anne-Marie Taylor (AMT), Mark Luderman (ML), Emma Parsons (EP), Michelle Plaistowe (MP), Esther Favory (EF), Tammy, Kylie Brinfield (KB)

Apologies: Anny Fah (AF)

Acceptance of previous minutes: General meeting 7 December 2017 Proposed by HA, seconded MV. Unanimously accepted

Correspondence In:

- Bank statements to 31 December 2017

Correspondence Out: Nil

President's Report

Welcome to all, particularly new parents. Introduction of members. Joined by MR for remainder of meeting.

Band Photos scheduled for 2 March (P3) – some discussion of how to get most kids into their performance uniform in time. There are about 15 school-owned spare shirts in the Music room, plus another 10 second hand shirts in storage with AS. MR proposes that an email be sent as soon as possible to all parents regarding ordering music uniform shirts, and that 10 men's size S and 10 lady's size 8 shirts be ordered to avoid the lead time at least for some students. Seconded by MV and unanimously agreed. AS to action.

MusiKal support group set up to support the aims of the Music Department – that is, to give students practical skills and performance opportunities, as well as the skills to enjoy music and their chosen instruments. The parent group is particularly important during events. Parents bring their own musical skills, plus their ability to guide and encourage students in preparation for performances. Parents also contribute by fundraising – holding raffles and sausage sizzles during some events and making sure ticketing, ushering and setup/pack down processes happen with the minimum of fuss.

The KSHS Music Department is growing and now shows the benefits of all the work done in feeder schools. MV particularly recognised for her work in feeder primary schools. The first crop of KPA Music students in year 7 commenced this year.

The Music Department focuses on performing and creating: building on the artsy nature of the School. Starting to see results with three Y12 students from 2017 going on to study music at tertiary level (2 at WAAPA and 1 at Monash Uni). KSHS does not offer the ATAR course in Music, but focuses instead on teaching the skills to be practicing musicians. The goal for all year 7 students progressing through their high school years is to study skills leading to an ongoing love of music (the high stress environment of ATAR music does not always promote this) and there is a wide range of TAFE qualifications to lead into tertiary study as demonstrated by last year's Y12s.

ANZAC assembly briefly discussed. Change of date to 10 April to allow Peter Hind (Director of Senior Band) to conduct and help arrange. There is the possibility of holding the assembly outdoors – either on Kostera Oval or in the main quad – and if this happens, MusiKal may be asked for some volunteers to help co-ordinate the groups of students. To be discussed further at next meeting.

MR suggests that MusiKal call for a uniform co-ordinator – to be discussed at future meetings.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance as at end Dec = \$2303.81

Business arising from last minutes:

New dates for the MusiKal calendar

- Music Camp to be held at Swanleigh on 2nd and 3rd August. Likely cost \$130. Parents have been notified of possible costs of \$150 in information provided by School at the start of the year.
- 28 February – KPA students to tour feeder primary schools
- 11 May – Music students to visit Falls Rd Primary

New business

AS discusses possible changes needed to MusiKal's constitution to bring us into line with new regulations for incorporated entities. None of the changes look too onerous, but AS will provide report to MusiKal for the next meeting. Possibility of becoming a sub-committee of the School's P&C discussed (assuming they are agreeable).

Goals for 2018:

- Purchase of marimba
- Purchase of longer lasting and more formal files for band – MV to investigate costs
- Purchase of rolling storage system for band files (above) – MV to investigate costs
- Repair or replacement of timpani – MR to chase percussion director regarding best course of action

- Purchase of Mighty Bright music stand lights (approximately \$40 each) – AS to ask for a few quotes

AS proposes that MusiKal continue to subsidise the cost of the performance uniform shirt in the amount of \$15 each. The total cost per shirt is \$35, so parents make a payment of \$20. There are 63 new students = total commitment of \$945. Seconded by HA. Unanimously approved.

Twilight Concert 22 October

- Possibility of including this performance in an “arts week” – conversation ongoing with Head of Arts, Claire Eden

Meeting closed 7.40pm

Next meeting: 19 March 2018 (Annual General Meeting)