

North Tyneside Brass in Schools

Management Committee Minutes

Monday 29th Jan 2018

Held at: Burradon Community Primary School, 13:30-14:40

Attendees: Angela Hunter (Head teacher), Gavin Dudley (Administrator and Tutor), Julie Dorr (Music Hub), Nicola Ternent (Tutor), Natalie McLean (Tutor)

Apologies: Lauren Symonds (teacher), Angela Hunter had to leave before the end of the meeting

1. The minutes of the previous committee meeting on 2nd Oct 2017 were read and agreed. There were no matters arising.
2. Gavin gave an update on activities since the last meeting:
 - a. Burradon has 3 returners (was 5) and 3 new starters since Sept (was 4), plus 5 new starters in Jan - total 11 plus a teaching assistant (Helen). Professional Tom Rushton started last week
 - b. Balliol has 2 returners (was 5), 1 parent (was 3) and 7 new starters since Sept (was 12) - total 10 – there have been issues with support from the school and this is being addressed. Lauren is the contact.
 - c. Backworth has 3 returners (was 6) and 4 new starters since Sept (was 5) - total 7 plus a teacher (Sarah) and a teaching assistant (Carole)
 - d. 24 children and 2 teachers took part in North Tyneside's Got Talent at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Tues Oct 10th. The performance was a great success although there were issues with managing the children backstage
 - e. 3 children took part in the Brass in Concert workshops at the Sage Sat Nov 18th. This was a lot less than we had hoped for but uncertainty about funding meant we did not push it very hard. Also, the format was too advanced for our new starters and it was perhaps fortunate that we did not take more children.
 - f. 8 children and a teacher took part in the Brass Band concert with Backworth Colliery Band on Sat Nov 25th and was very successful
 - g. There were end of term performances at each school
3. Gavin gave a financial update.
 - a. Our grant application to The Community Foundation to finance events was successful (£1,460) but the application to Awards4All for instruments and tuition was not
 - b. We have £2,170.20 in bank. The accounts show a balance of £2,150.15 of which £1,387.50 is earmarked for events (Community Foundation) leaving £762.65 for other items
 - c. Some money needs to be kept back e.g. for website costs and insurance. Otherwise the priority for money is new instruments and professional tuition support. We could look at acquiring second hand instruments and/or further fund raising. **[Gavin]** to provide Julie with a shopping list for new instruments to see if any funds are available. **[Natalie]** to look at crowd funding and other ways to raise funds.
 - d. Longer term we would need to raise about £3000 a year to pay a professional tutor, plus other money for costs and events etc.
 - e. The Co-op bank have asked for details from all committee members not just signatories, plus details of sources of grants and this has been provided. Waiting to hear back.
4. Future events
 - a. Wansbeck Music Festival - 3 schools entered - waiting for date and time (end of term)

- b. We discussed proposals for a summer play day and agreed to propose a play day after SATS at a suitable venue e.g. the Y Studio in North Shields. **[Julie]** will draw up a programme of workshops and sessions to play brass music, percussion, singing, games etc. and book professionals. We have the Community Foundation grant to cover costs, including transport and lunch, but **[Gavin]** will check with them that this is ok. **[Gavin]** to check with schools for a suitable date.
- c. We will also encourage schools and children to take part in any music play days/transition events at High Schools e.g. George Stephenson (10th July), Longbenton and Seaton Burn.
- d. Similarly for a Borough-wide play day in June (13/14th?) with a performance at Whitley Bay Playhouse.
- e. Perhaps we could arrange a joint activity with the Northumberland Music Service? **[Julie]** to investigate.

5. Any Other Business

- a. Now that we have 1.5 hours/week from Tom Rushford paid for by the Music Hub, we discussed the best use of this time and agreed it would be beneficial to give our 3 returners from last year at Burradon, some small group tuition e.g. before the after-school brass group. That would mean during the last 30 minutes of the school day on a Tuesday. **[Julie]** and **[Gavin]** to progress.