

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON
Wednesday 15th May 2011, 7.00pm**

Present:), Murray Wratt(MW), Josie Wickers(JW), Cameron Fairweather(CF), Lisa Ross(LR), Tracie Gibson-Morling(TGM), Brenda Gooch(BG), Grant Maclachlan(GM), Marilyn Read(MRe), Mandy Wood (MWd) and Vivienne Karakia (VK)

Apologies: Melissa Peagram (MP)

Introduction - CF

Minutes moved (LR) and Second (MRe)

Treasurer's report –VK

Term investments expire in June – to be reinvested for another 3 months

Moved (JW) and Second (MW)

BOT Report – GM

Refurbishment going well

New updated Charter under way

BOT are investigating after School care as a way to raise funds

Mobile Dental unit is to go around the schools

Principal report – (MW)

Roll =562 enrolments to date during Term Two.

Staffing Changes: none

Grounds and Buildings: Two year six classes in Rooms 5/6 have moved back into their refurbished classrooms. Classes in Rooms 7/8 have shifted out to other classrooms

General Comments:

* A good settled start to Term Two

* Parent Interviews/three way conferences attended by 97% of all families. Total of 18 pupils unrepresented

*Some other statistics of interest: 13% of School's students speak a language other than English at home. 21% of our students live with one parent

* Visitors to the School have included:

ERO personnel 11-15 April

Charles Johnson, Veola Transport, to speak to students about safety around railway lines

Constable Gamlen, Police Youth Education Services, working with junior classes

* Professional Learning: 13 April/11 May: Miss Spurdle and Miss Walker to Numeracy training at Ramarama School

12 April: Literacy Leaders working at Papakura High School

9 May: Comprehension Strategies half day course for 6 teachers at Papakura High School

11 May: Literacy Leaders at Papakura High School
12 May: Mrs Walker and Mrs Laing to afternoon workshop at Papakura High School
11 May: After school workshop on spelling at Opaheke School – 12 Teachers
12 April: A very successful disco
Kapa Haka will be restarting next Tuesday morning

Requests for PTA consideration

1/ Would the PTA be interested/willing to set up an evening in the hall to host Celia Lashie as a guest speaker for our parents? I have been in discussions with her as she is doing some work with mothers at a local school and she would be keen to be involved. Celia, whose speciality is raising good boys, is a powerful speaker with plenty of humour, anecdotes and sensible strategies

2/ Would the PTA be willing to top up the laptop computers on the two cows? At present we have 17 all purchased by the PTA and it would be ideal to add another 12 to enable a whole class to work on these in their classroom at any one time

Teachers Report – MRe

The PTA received some very lovely thankyou letters with very colourful pictures of the dragon that we painted last term. Thank you children, we enjoyed looking at them
Year 7 students are to be selling chocolates as a fundraiser and checked with the PTA that it doesn't coincide with any fundraiser that we might be doing. Appreciate the notice.

General – all

Request for top up the laptop computers for the two cows by MW – PTA agreed that funds from school gala to be utilised for this. Nikkie Laing to get quotes

Calendars - LR

On the 12/9 the order forms are to go out to the Parents and 29/9 to get all the orders placed

Celia Lashlie – Guest Speaker in the School Hall Wed 21/09

MR to confirm booking

Disco

A fantastic disco was held last term with the PTA raising \$1205.50 profit!! Another date has be set for Thursday 14/07.

Quiz Night

The last Quiz night was a great success and the PTA has agreed to organise another fun night. The date set is Friday 2/09.

Gala

The date set for the Schools biggest fundraiser is Sunday 6/11.

Meeting closed 8.20pm, next PTA Wednesday 15th June 2011 @ 7.00pm