

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

Present:), Brenda Marquet (BM), Cameron Fairweather(CF), Lisa Ross(LR), Tracie Gibson-Morling(TGM), Deborah Honan (DH), Marilyn Read(MRe), Jo Bertram(JB), Melissa Pegram (MP), Karen Edwards (KE) and Vivienne Karakia (VK)

Apologies: Brenda Gooch, Mandy Wood and Josie Wickers

Introduction - CF

Minutes moved (LR) and Second (JB)

Treasurer's report –VK

Moved (LR) and Second (JB)

BOT Report – DH

Refurbishment going well

Mobile Dental Clinic

Website being updated

Principal report – (BM)

Roll =573

Staffing Changes: Miss Amesha Patel has commenced work in the junior school after gaining two years teaching experience in London.

Grounds and Buildings: Rooms 7 and 8 have been refurbished and classes have moved back in. Rooms 3 and 4 are next to be modernised.

General Comments:

* Visitors to the school have included:

19 May: Constable Grant Gamlen working with junior classes on Safe Walking

1 June Yr5/6 classes ripper rugby with Counties Manukau Personnel

2 and 8 June Helen Smith Speech Language therapist in to assess teacher referrals of children with language delays

13 June Yr7/8 classes ripper rugby with Counties Manukau Personnel

13 June Junior classes to performances with Polka Dots drama group

8 June UNSW Science test took place

* Sporting occasions:

24 May: Counties Zone girls soccer won by our team who were subsequently placed runners up in Auckland Interzone championship

9 June: Counties North Yr7/8 Winter Sports field day

16 June: Counties North Yr5/6 Winter Sports field day

School Councillors have been organising lunchtime activities for pupils to enjoy eg Yr3/4 games day, remote control vehicles, inter class tug of war, sausage sizzle, skate day.

Professional development almost all based on Papakura Achievement Initiative with a focus on reading and lately links to writing. Other development has included:

23 May: Mrs McFlinn and Miss Powell to Mathematics

31 May: Mrs Williams and Mrs Walker to day's course on Moderation linked with National Standards

Mrs Marquet involved in evaluation of progress in PAI in local schools

Requests for PTA consideration

Organisation for next school disco 14 July – JW

Celia Lashlie confirmed for evening of Wednesday 21 September starting at 7.30pm.

Need to organise details eg. Donation and seating

Mrs Read has details of the purchases for the Computers on wheels agreed to in principle at previous meeting

Teachers Report – MP

Could PTA pay for a new BBQ – all votes yes, VK to look at prices

Board games for wet weather – VK and JW to look at purchasing

General – all

Letter received from Karen Edwards asking the PTA committee to contribute \$2000.00 towards Term 4 camp at Chosen Valley. Along with the PTA the Yr6 classes will fundraise towards the cost of the camp by selling sunblock
Family Portraits Fundraiser – confirmed date of the weekend 20/21 August.

Meeting closed 8.15pm, next PTA Wednesday 13th July 2011 @ 7.00pm