

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON
Wednesday 19th June 2013, 7.00pm

Present:) Murray Wratt (MW), Kirsty Johnson (KJ), Jenn Jury (JJ), Richard Pearce (RP), Tracie Gibson-Morling (TGM), Heidi Molyneux (HM), Marilyn Read (MR), Clare Uhlenberg(CU), Barbara Beams (BB), Claire Hart (CH), Lisa Ross (LR), Renae Allison (RA),

Apologies: Jo Bertram (JB), Sam Beazley (SB)

Introduction – (JJ)

Previous PTA Meeting Minutes

Moved (JJ) Seconded (MR)

Treasurers Report – (RP)

Funds available at moment \$28887.80 – actual funds of \$39587.80 in the bank (committed funds \$10700.00). Disco takings were down on the last disco but many purchases made for this disco will also do the next one and some movie night products too. Still waiting for details on iPads so a donation can be made. Commitments are still around \$8200 for iPads and \$2500 for book week.

Moved (CH) and Second (RA)

Principals report – MW

Roll: as at 07.06.13 = 607. We had 8 New Entrants start at beginning of Term Three.

Staffing: No changes

Grounds and Buildings:

1. Former Dental Clinic now being used as a small group teaching room, interview room and IT storage.
2. Pathway now links two story block down to main court area.
3. Some tidying up has been completed to garden by flagpole

Matters for PTA Information

1. A good settled start to the new term
2. Mid-Year reports for Y 4-8 sent home near the end of Term Two and these were followed up by Three Way Conferences. Learning Conferences for junior children also occurred.
3. Two student teachers currently on practicum at School
4. Visitors to school have included:
 - 20 June: Helen Smith Speech Language Therapist to assess children referred by class teachers
 - 30 July: Associate Principal Rosehill College in to speak with Year 8 students about the transition to College in 2014
 - 06 Aug: Our new Board of Trustees visited the School to find out more about the day to day functioning of the School, its students and staff
5. University New South Wales English test on 31 July

6. Individual portraits taken on 2 August.
7. Visits:
 - 21 June & 5 July: Y3/4 classes visited Papakura Marae
 - 26 June: Chess tournament at Rosehill Intermediate
 - 28 June: Junior classes enjoyed their Poetry Recital competition
 - 03 July: evening Travel wise presentation in Auckland. A group of pupils attended with Mrs Lendrum.
8. Sports Occasions:
 - 27 June: Y7/8 classes took part in Counties North winter sports field day
 - 03 July: Y5/6 classes took part in Counties North winter sports field day
 This term the Y3-6 classes are receiving lessons in football skills as their focus for Physical Education
 Gymnastics and cross country will also be a focus for this term.
9. *Professional Development*: has included
 - 5 – 7 July: Mrs Cantley attended the Australian Literacy Conference in Brisbane
 Mrs Lendrum and Miss Walker have begun working with Y2 and Y7 students who require extra help in Mathematics. This required intensive training and preparation. Mrs Fairweather has been working each day also with a group of Y3/4 pupils who are at risk with their Writing results. This programme like ALIM required considerable training and preparation.
 Mrs Read, Miss Pulman and Mr O’Connell have almost completed the Incredible Years programme. The focus for this ongoing project is about class management and changing student behaviour.

Requests for PTA’s Consideration

1. Firewood: One of our parents has offered firewood for the PTA to sell if we wish. It would have to be cut up however.
2. Movie Night on 23 August. Organisation required.

Presentation by Brett Jenkins

Mr Jenkins came to talk to the group about putting turf in areas of the school. Had been suggested that this might be a good remedy for the problem in the junior school area where the kids sit for lunch. The discussion focussed a lot on turfing the fields or courts which was slightly outside the scope of what we were considering originally. Every one learnt a lot about artificial grass that’s for sure! Concerns over kids eating food on the turf and cleaning issues were addressed and all questions were answered very well.. possibilities to be discussed at next meeting.

Teachers Report – MR

Ipads are proving to be a great addition to the teaching resources in the junior school – thanks from the teachers. Nothing else to report.

Board Report – JJ

Meeting was reported in last school newsletter so nothing to add. The annual report is available from the office if anyone wants to read about how the school is doing.

Correspondence

Stardome Observatory offered to let the PTA pay \$250 for a weekend session and then the PTA sell the tickets at recommended prices to families and keep the profits. Was agreed that this was worthwhile pursuing but maybe put it on the list for next year.

Hellers Sausages – PTA was offered 1020 sausages as part of their charity, we will need to do some promotional signage for the carnival and report back to them with how much money was made.

Movie Night – 23rd August

Set prices at \$5 per family and \$2 per person. Will do 2 movie sessions. Juniors will be from 5pm and older kids from 7.15pm. We will get 2 of each DVD to raffle off at end of session. Not many movies available on new release at the moment so was decided to do Despicable Me and Paranorman. Lisa will organise a bit of training on how to work the dvd player, set up from 2.30pm. Good list of volunteers to help that night.

Kaiaua Night out – 14th September

Tickets have been done – price set at \$30pp. If we can find out prices of drinks may be helpful in advertising. Start selling tickets next week from the 12/8/13.

Carnival Committee

Finalising stalls and craft work is underway. Volunteers needed to wash toys and also if more people can help with the craft that would be great.

General Business

Community post – to apply for this for next years carnival sponsorship letters, set a tentative date of 7th of November 2014. Can only use this funding for specific events, not just general postage.

Christmas Heirloom Co – LR has possibility of a How to decorate a tree or Make a Xmas wreath evening as another fundraiser. They can take up to 40 people and the ticket price (\$10) goes to the PTA. PTA needs to provide light refreshments and all participants get a 10% discount on shopping afterwards. It was agreed that LR should book in a night (not the 20th of November) and we will sell tickets to this too.

Meeting closed 9.15pm. Next PTA Wednesday 18th of September @ 7.00pm