

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA/AGM OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON
Wednesday 23rd May 2012, 7.00pm**

Present:) Murray Wratt (MW), Josie Wickers(JW), Cameron Fairweather(CF), Lisa Ross(LR), Tracie Gibson-Morley(TGM), Mike Gilmore(MG), Karen Edwards(KE), Marilyn Read(MRe), Renae Allison(RA), Claire Hart(CH) and Vivienne Karakia(VK)

Apologies: Jody Dempster(JD), Richard Pearce(RP)

Introduction - CF

PTA

Moved (TGM) Second (LR)

Treasurer's report –VK

Quiz Night went well and raised approx \$1918.00 profit!!!

The Councillors Shirts have been handed out to the students and well received

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Principal report – MW

Roll: as at 18.5.2012 = 584. 11 new enrolments at start of Term Two. 7 pupils left the school.

Staffing: No change. We will be starting a new Year One class as from the beginning of Term 3.

Grounds and Buildings

1. No major problems during April holidays. Some letters on the face plate at school entrance were stolen.
2. Trees were trimmed or removed during holidays.

Matters for PTA information

1. A good settled start for Term Two.
2. Visitors to school have included
 - 23 April: Wally Nix from Papakura RSA for ANZAC assembly at School
 - 26 April: Public Health Nurse in to talk to Y7/8s about forthcoming vaccination programme
 - 4 May: Constable Brian and Bobbie to assembly for Y1-6 pupils
 - 11 May: Children's Librarian from Papakura Library to work with School Librarians
 - 23 May: Hearing and Vision testing junior children and Y7
3. Class Visits:
 - 10 May Y7/8 enrichment group to Fonterra Science Roadshow at Greenmeadows Intermediate.
4. Our professional development over the last 7 weeks has been focussed on Writing, Mathematics and training up on knowledgeNet. We have had teacher

observations, model lessons and staff meetings on both Writing and Mathematics.

5. School Councillors organised a Wheels Day for lunchtime 4 May. Two head councillors also took part in ANZAC Day service on 25 April. A sausage sizzle will be held tomorrow.
6. Curriculum update: Following training days on Term 1, Ms Edwards and Miss Allison are teaching a group of Y6 and a group of Y4 students for additional Mathematics in Term 2. Called Accelerated learning in Mathematics or ALIM for short, the programme is set up to improve groups of students achieving below national standards in Mathematics and act as a booster. The programme is being fully funded by the Ministry of Education but only for one term.
7. PTA Quiz evening was enjoyed by all who attended and participated.
8. We currently have 4 student teachers on their practicums with class teachers.

Teachers Report - MRe

Thank you for a very enjoyable Quiz Night

Feedback received from the teachers about the Quiz Night to maybe look at for next year

- Cheap entrance
- Vouchers for tables to use to bribe or to buy for answers
- Auction answers
- Booze card

Karen Edwards

Year 6 camp is being held at the end of Term 3 24-26 September. The cost for this camp has increased up to \$85.00 per students. A request for a monetary donation from the PTA of \$2,000.00 to help ensure all students can attend and keep the cost down for parents

Donation agreed

BOT Report – MC

Last BOT meeting was held Tuesday 15 May

- They had a presentation from Anne in regards to International Students. BOT very keen, more details required to view how it works
- Property report – busy looking at the 5 year plan > teachers require more storage space/draws and a breakout area
- Upgrade rooms/toilets 15,16 & 17
- Mike Capper is currently updating the school website. PTA were shown a printout of what it is starting to look like, looks great.
- School newsletter is going to be emailed out next month. School busy getting/updating parents email addresses, getting them to subscribe or unsubscribe
- New PE shirts due to arrive
- Viv to forward Charitable Trust info to the BOT

General - ALL

The PTA received a lovely thank you letter from Murray Wratt thanking them for a well organised and enjoyable Quiz Night and a special thanks to the Quiz Master (Cameron) who out did himself once again!!

LR – Calendars

Lisa is currently organising

Diaries cost- \$11.50 we sell \$15.00

Calendars cost- \$7.50 we sell \$10.00

Cards cost -\$9.00 we sell \$12.00

Paper will be ordered 16/7 and then students have 10 weeks to draw.

Orders go out to parents on the 15/10 and last orders 26/10

Meeting closed 8.40pm, next PTA Wednesday 20th June @ 7.00pm