

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.00pm

**Present:)** Kirsty Johnson (KJ), Jenn Jury (JJ), Sean Valvoi (SV), Richard Pearce (RP), Heidi Molyneux (HM), Claire Hart (CH) Renae Allison (RA), Marilyn Read (MR), Korrinna McCallion (KM) Brenda Parquet (BM) Rebecca Passi (RP) Vanessa McFlinn (VM)  
**Apologies:** Jodi Dempster

Introduction - (JJ)

Previous PTA Meeting Minutes

Moved (HM) Seconded (RP)

Treasurers Report

To be presented during AGM section of meeting.

Principals report - SV

**Roll as at 18/3/15 - 591**

**Grounds and Buildings:**

1. Next term we will be starting another Year 1 class – Room 15.
2. We have disposed or sold a lot of the old furniture that was taking up a lot of room in the school.
3. Jenn and I met with the solar power people last week to discuss options for the school. They will come back to us shortly with some pricing.

**Matters for PTA's Information**

1. ERO visited the school on 10 March. We are one of 4 schools chosen in Auckland because of what ERO saw in the school last year and how well we implement aspects of wellness in the school
2. We came second in the Weetbix Competition. Unfortunately there are no prizes for second.
3. The Board hosted the Brainwave Trust. We had approximately 40 people attend.
4. Both the Year 8 Camp and the Year 7 EOTC were successful activities this year. Thanks to the PTA for their contribution towards this. Keeping the cost down means that all the children are able to participate.
5. The staff have completed the Wishlist for 2015. Some items which were not fulfilled in 2014 have remained on the list.
6. Staff are fully involved in Visible Learning PD this year. There is one school call back day in the April holidays and 1 in the July holidays.
7. School Councillors should be finalised next week.
8. Some activities for Term 1 and 2:

25 March	Year 5 and 6 Summer Sports
26 March	Junior Learning Conferences
30 March	Easter Raffle Draw
31 March	BOT Meeting
1 April	PTA Disco
2 April	End of Term 1

20 April	Beginning of Term 2
27 April	Anzac Day (Monday No School)
30 April	PTA Hells Pizza
4 May	Sign Language Week
12 May	HPV Immunisations
19 May	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
20 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
21 May	National Young Leaders Day
1 June	Queens Birthday
12 June	Class Photos
16 June	Rhythm Interactive – Whole school performance.
17 June	PTA Meeting 7pm
23 June	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
25 June	Junior Learning Conferences
30 June	Students Led Conferences 1pm – 7pm
1 July	Students Led Conferences 3pm – 5.30pm
2 July	School Disco
3 July	End of Term 2

Sean Valvoi  
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There is also the matter of a funding shortfall of approximately \$9000 of funding agreed to but not yet paid for. Can we bring a cheque book to meetings and make payments as we approve things? There was discussion around this and the main reason why we don't do this is because a lump sum donation is preferable for tax purposes. We did however agree that we need to come up with a more regular donation payout scheme in order to keep track of this better.

### **Teachers Report – RA**

The PTA staff reps will be changing this year. Staff will be rostered on to attend meetings and for helping at events. MR will be the contact point for term 1 & 2 and RA will be the contact point for term 3 & 4. A few more teachers will come on board with the carnival committee too. SV provided a wishlist of items that the teachers would like us to look at funding.

Several items on the wishlist were discussed and finding was immediately agreed for the following items :

### **Board Report – JJ**

Not really anything to report at the moment that hasn't already been covered in principals report.

### **Correspondence**

We received an email promoting a mobile ice rink that can be used to fundraise. KJ volunteered to check this out further and bring the info to the next meeting.

## General Business

Bunnings Manukau BBQ – have bookings for 22/11/15 and 6/12/15 (both Sundays).

Disco – 1<sup>st</sup> April, DJ has been booked and everything else is under control.

Hell Pizza – KJ has this all sorted to run in the second week of next term. Zena Miller will be running the distribution day.

Solar Installation. There has been a preliminary visit to the school and quotes are yet to come in. This may be something we could think about contributing to in the future.

Road Crossing – Tasman Drive is still a big problem, there are just not enough helpers. KM requested us to try to get more people in to help. Various suggestions were made. Perhaps putting out a flyer to see if grandparents or retirees could help? Perhaps the school might be prepared to look at getting a teacher aide to help supplement the gaps in the roster? RA was going to discuss this further with Jess (a teacher aide) who might be able to do this. This was probably going to be the best solution to the problem as we have been continuously asking for helpers in the newsletters for the last year and we are still short of helpers.

Meeting closed 8.05pm. Next PTA meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 @  
7.00pm