

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON
Wednesday 20th May 2015, 7.00pm

Present:) Kirsty Johnson (KJ), Jenn Jury (JJ), Sean Valvoi (SV), Heidi Molyneux (HM), Claire Hart (CH) Brenda Marquet (BM) Karen Edwards (KE), Linda Grey (LG) Marama Mae (MM) Apologies: Stacey Cooper, Korinna McCallion, Richard Pearce, Rebecca Passi

Introduction – (JJ)

Previous PTA Meeting Minutes

Still short on numbers for crossing duty – spoke about offering incentive (ie free Hell Pizza for children of parents who help) – CH to contact Korinna about feasibility of this

Moved (HM) Seconded (KJ)

Treasurers Report

Jan - April 2015 Treasurers Report

As of April 30, \$62476.78 in available funds across the cheque, call and lunch room accounts - this figure excludes the \$14,400.00 outstanding payment to the BOT.

Interest earned for the first four months totalled \$604.72

Family Fun night, after float profit was \$665.79

Easter Raffle banking for April of \$2030.00 - more in May's accounts.

Disco - excluding the float profit was \$1,918.28 after expenses - Jenn how large was the float?

Hells Pizza profit \$446.00 on very high sales of \$2198.40

Principals report – SV

School Role as at 15 May – 605

1. Room 15 started at the beginning of this term.
2. Due to roll growth it is likely we will have to open Room 18 part way through Term 3.
3. The building has begun in Room 19 and 20. This is a modernisation of that block. Hopefully it will be complete in 3 more weeks. Blinds and heat pumps are not covered by the MOE.
4. The space around the school is very tight at the moment with Room 19 in Room 18 and Room 20 in the Arts Room.

Matters for PTA's Information

1. The School Councillors had a sausage sizzle last Friday. This was very successful – earning \$700 in profit. The money will be going towards improving the quiet areas – with planters improved, sculptures etc. This is a project the School Councillors are taking on.
2. The BOT are wishing to improve the front presentation of the school. I am sure they would appreciate ideas from the PTA.
3. The Board held a hui for whanau of Maori students last Thursday. This generated many ideas and discussion. From this we hope that a group will form.

4. Shortly we will be having 2 parent open afternoons in the Year 7 and 8 classes to see what they are doing with e-Learning. There will also be another Year 5 and 6 'My Mobile Learning' information evening before the end of the term. Year 5 and 6 will begin 'My Mobile Learning' next term.
5. Amelie Laing and Cameron Ross are the two Head School Councillors
6. The National Young Leaders Day that the PTA have paid for is tomorrow.
7. Some activities for Term 2

21 May	National Young Leaders Day
22 May	North Counties Rugby Trial
25 May	Samoan Language Week
28/29 May	School Table Tennis Tournament
1 June	Queens Birthday
5 June	PJ Day
6 June	Room 4 Squash afternoon
9 June	North Counties Rugby
10 June	Year 5 and 6 Parents Information Evening on My Mobile Learning
12 June	Class Photos
16 June	Rhythm Interactive – Whole school performance.
17 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Field Day (save day 19 June)
17 June	Year 7 and 8 Open Afternoon – e-Learning
17 June	PTA Meeting 7pm
18 June	Snail Race
23 June	Science in a Van
23 June	Jambus
23 June	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
24 June	Senior Reports Go Home
25 June	Junior Learning Conferences
25 June	Year 7 and 8 Open Afternoon – e-Learning
30 June	Students Led Conferences 1pm – 7pm (early school finish)
1 July	Students Led Conferences 3pm – 5.30pm
1 July	Counties Hockey
2 July	School Disco
3 July	End of Term 2

Teachers Report – KE

Request that PTA increase funding for Year 6 Chosen Valley Camp from last years' \$2500 to \$3000 this year. The cost has increased and the extra funding from the PTA will enable the cost per child to be kept down to \$110 (last year was \$95). This allows for the cost of parent helpers and those children whose families cannot pay. The Year 6 group will also be fund-raising with Sausage Sizzles, Cake Stalls and maybe a Mathathon. Funds from this also go towards the Year 5 EOTC Week.

\$3000 from PTA APPROVED

(BM) Brenda Marquet came along to thank the PTA for the \$5000 given last term for new Reading Books for the Junior school – she has been able to purchase sets of 3 new levels and the books are on their way to school now.

(KE) Mangere Mountain Trip for year 5 and 6 was a great success – the children learnt a lot and had loads of fun.

Board Report – JJ

BOT has been looking at data from Reading Tests, some areas require attention and the school will be looking at ways to help in those areas.

The Hui for Maori parents and families went well last week, good turnout and response.

BOT has been questioning whether Police Vetting is necessary for parent volunteers at school. Has been decided this is not necessary at this stage.

Correspondence

Thankyou letters to the PTA from children from Year 7 EOTC Week

Thankyou card for the PTA from Opaheke Netball Club

General Business

SCIENCE ROADSHOW - Request for funding for Science Roadshow 23 June.
\$1656 APPROVED

BOOKWEEK - PTA has committed to funding entertainment for Bookweek. Deposit of \$558 has been paid (JJ to find out whether that has been paid by the PTA or the school), **\$2232 remains to be paid.**

KAIUA NIGHT – We could potentially sell 100 tickets for this and would like to increase sales on last years' 40. Ideas for promoting:

- Add spot prizes
- Advertise on electronic billboard (SV)
- Send out flyers soon (JJ)
- Put large notice in next Newsletter (CH)

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – 2 July. Police take \$3 door fee and provide DJ and supervision. We make all profits on food, drinks and glow items.

COMPOST BINS – (JJ) Can we purchase two compost bins for gardening club.

\$100 APPROVED

NETBALL GOAL POSTS FOR HALL – (JJ) suggested purchase of two freestanding goalposts to use for netball training in the hall on wet training days. These would be available for use by classes during school time and would be stored outside the hall next to the crossing equipment.

\$200 APPROVED

CALENDARS – are ordered by Lisa Ross. Paper will be delivered on 15 June, order forms will be sent out 31 October and orders must be returned to school by 11 September. Art or Photos. Calendars \$11, Cards \$12, Diaries \$15. Lisa will train Teresa Healy to take over the calendar orders for next year.

ICE RINK TOUR – Ice rink for hire – costs nothing to hire, we would make 20% of the takings. Entry \$7 for children and \$13 for adults for half an hour. Recommend keeping rink for a week to gain maximum takings. Is run by their staff, but we can sell food and drink. The rink is synthetic (not cold), takes 2-3 hours to set up and measures 10-16m.

All agreed that it sounds like a good idea, but not at this time. Will keep in mind for next year.

OTHER FUND RAISING IDEAS – Fun Run? Scavenger Hunt? Family Challenge? Keep these in mind for future fundraising ideas.

CARNIVAL – 6 November (CH to organize ‘brainstorming meetings’ on Monday 15 June at 1.30 and 7pm to catch parents who are available at either of these times.

Need to book banner and sign spaces (JJ)

Send out sponsorship letters soon

Meeting closed 8.30pm. Next PTA meeting Wednesday 17th June 2015 @
7.00pm