

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON
Wednesday 18th September 2013, 7.00pm

Present:) Kirsty Johnson (KJ), Jenn Jury (JJ), Richard Pearce (RP), Heidi Molyneux (HM), Marilyn Read (MR), Clare Uhlenberg(CU), Barbara Beams (BB), Claire Hart (CH), Lisa Ross (LR), Renae Allison (RA), Jo Bertram (JB), Alison Cantley (AC) Estelle Mulford (EM)

Apologies: Tracie Gibson-Morling (TGM), Murray Wratt (MW), Josie Wickers (JW)

Introduction – (JJ)

Presentation by Phil Gower – Just Good Lunches

Presentation of lunch delivery service available. This is a private business and no benefits to the school other than a service that the parents may appreciate. Food available is homemade and of high quality. Only issue we have is whether this would affect our own school lunch orders. Was agreed to trial on a Monday and possibly a Wednesday to see if there is any interest. If it does affect the lunch order side of things then this will be stopped.

Previous PTA Meeting Minutes

Moved (CR) Seconded (CH)

Treasurers Report – (RP)

Funds available at moment \$33,000 – actual funds of \$47,717.70 in the bank (committed funds \$10700.00 – still haven't made donation to board yet plus the 2 camps we agreed on funding for). Funds in of around \$6000, \$3800 directly from raffle ticket sales. \$4000 in lunchroom account and Movie Night made about \$460.

Moved (JJ) and Second (HM)

Principals report – AC

Roll: as at 07.08.13 = 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.

Teachers Report – MR

Nothing to report. Could we consider purchasing more wet weather games? These were great last year and it would be nice to increase the number of games available. Was discussed taking advantage of The Warehouse close down sale to get more games at a better price. All agreed to go for this (subsequent email confirmed spend limit of \$500 as this was not settled on at the meeting)

Board Report – JJ

Board are readvertising Principals position to make sure they are getting the best candidates possible. Still working on the parents survey as there is a lot of feedback to analyse.

Correspondence

Parmco – cooking competition flyer (we got too late to enter anyway)
PTA Association letter – wanting us to join – all agreed no to this.
Letter from AC about the very successful book week. This was probably the best one ever and Mr Duval was an excellent choice for promoting an interest in books and reading. Would be great to secure him again for next year.

Kaiaua Night out – 14th September

Was a great night by all accounts. Disappointing to only have sold 30 tickets however this is also a great start for an event we haven't run before. JW suggested we contact Staceys parents to offer to pay the costs of the bus due to the low turnout. Kirsty will speak to Stacey and see how they feel about it.

Raffle Ticket Sales

The Warehouse have said we can sell tickets at the new store on the opening weekend. Dates that have been booked so far are :

6/10 – The Warehouse Manukau

20/10 – Mitre 10 Takanini (sausage sizzle for this one)

26/10 – New World

27/10 + 28/10 – The Warehouse (new one)

Will get office to email all parents to see if anyone can help – time from 9am – 1pm at each site.

Carnival Committee

Was agreed that rather than handling money at every stall we would sell carnival money instead – in \$1 and \$2 values so people can buy money as they enter and redeem it at each stall. Carnival money will be kept at each stall so we can see what each one earns. If people have carnival money left over they can exchange it as they leave. Site plan has been done and most of the stall have been finalised. Will try and get helpers to do 1 hour slots with half of the last hour being clean up. Notices for donations will start going out first week back at school. Prices will be finalised in school holidays and advertising will be done during hols too. Next carnival meeting will be 16/10 at 2.45pm in Tasman Rooms.

General Business

Write in the dark pen – all agreed not to promote this to students

Repainting the dragon – defer until after the carnival when the weather is more settled.

Artificial grass – nothing required of the PTA at the moment.

Calendars are all under control, letters to go out first week of next term- LR

Hell Pizza Orders – Helpers for 11.20 am on the Thursday are EM, LR, JB, also see if JW, TGM, BB and CU can help too. Kirsty to email Hell Papakura to make sure no orders are taken at the shop and to follow up some sponsorship for carnival.

PTA page on website – Kirsty proposed revamp, will look at this over the coming months ready to go next year.

Murray Wratt – wrap up evening, PTA to fund, will be on 4/12 discuss closer to date.

Meeting closed 8.40pm. Next PTA Wednesday 16th of October @ 7.00pm