

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PTA OPAHEKE SCHOOL HELD ON Wednesday 17th
April 2013, 7.00pm

Present:) Murray Wratt(MW), Kirsty Johnson(KJ), Jenn Jury(JJ), Josie Wickers(JW), Tracie Gibson-Morling(TGM), Jodi Dempster(JD), Heidi Molyneux(HM), Richard Pearce(RP), Marilyn Read(MRe), Jo Bertram(JB), Clare Uhlenberg(CU), Barbara Wedderburn(BW), Renae Allison(RA), Vanessa McFlinn(VM), Jo Pulman(JP), Glennis Williams(GW), Claire Hart(CH)
Mike Capper (MC)

Apologies: Cameron Fairweather(CF) Lisa Ross (LR)

Introduction – (JJ)

PTA Minutes

Moved (RP) Second (MW)

General

Discussion re Quiz Night – date set for 21st June. Josie and Cameron will be the main organisers of this event with rest of PTA to support where needed. Door entry price was discussed and it was decided to increase the cost to \$10.00 per person as this is becoming quite a popular night and is still good value for money at this price. Josie will be organising to do question booklets this time to make it easier to get through the paperwork on the night. Sponsors ads will probably be put up in between slides and questions. Please feel free to suggest any ideas for the segment that involves the school/teachers/kids. Pizzas will be provided. Was suggested we approach Boundary Rd Brewery for a sponsorship deal – maybe discounted alcohol for the night? Also was suggested that there be a limit placed on buying questions this year. If anyone else has any other suggestions please contact Josie.

Josie also suggested that we run a Pajama Day at school and charge a gold coin donation for kids to wear their PJ's to school for the day (similar to a mufti day at other schools). This would be mainly to raise funds to supply tissues for all the classrooms as we head into winter. Was agreed we should do this, date of Friday 31st May was pencilled in.

Principals report – MW

REPORT TO PTA

7.00pm

Wednesday 16 April 2013

Roll: as at 12.04.13 = 577

Staffing: One new teacher Miss Kim Neal will be starting with Yr1 class in Room 17 next term.

Grounds and Buildings

1. Minor vandalism on evening of Good Friday. Some sports gear stolen and glass bottle smashed. Police have recovered the softball bats. .
2. Refurbishment of dental clinic in to a small group teaching room and storage room has been approved by Ministry of Education. Work should be able to start during April holidays.
3. School swimming pool has been very well used over summer and early autumn. It will be drained later this week.

Matters for PTA Information

1. **Learning Conferences** for parents of Y1-4 pupils took place afternoon and evening of 11th April.
2. **PTA Annual General Meeting** occurred on 20 March. Office holders elected were:
Chairperson: Jenn Jury, Secretary: Kirsty Johnson, Treasurer: Richard Pearce
3. **Professional Learning and Development**
Mar 19: Mrs Lendrum on Travel wise meeting and planning
Mar 20: Miss Marquet, Mrs Mc Farlane and Miss Neal to induction programme with Alison Davis on PAI Strategies at Opaheke School
Mar 21: Visible Learning Research Auckland, Mr Cossey, Ms Edwards
Mar 26: St John Workplace First Aide update, Mrs Willoughby
Mar 27/ 28: Accelerated Literacy Learning Programme training at Waipuna Lodge, Mrs Cantley, Mrs Fairweather
Apr 4: Leadership Strategies at West Auckland, Miss Hamlin, Ms Edwards
Apr 4: Travel wise at Manukau. Mrs Lendrum. She was accompanied by four students.
Apr 5: Incredible Years – Part Two – focusses on behaviour management for younger pupils. Kelvin Rd School. Mrs Read, Miss Pulman, Mr O’Connell.
4. **Sporting occasions**
Mar 21: Y5/6 classes swimming sports at Massey Park pool
Mar 22: Y8 students (8) to Fear Factor competition at Pukekohe, organised by the police.
Apr 10: Summer Sports Field Day for Y7/8 classes
Apr 12: Summer Sports Field Day for Y5/6 classes
pm Y7/8 Swimming Interhouse challenge
5. Currently we have three student teachers on practicum at School. One of these will be based at School for one day per week over the School year.
6. Our Y 3-6 classes have benefitted from an Aquatic skills programme. This programme was funded by Sealord and our School was fortunate to be included.
7. Cycle Safety programme occurred for the Y6 classes on 19/20 March and for the Y3/4 classes on 22 March.

Requests for PTA’s Consideration

1. Organisation for tomorrow evening disco.
2. Would the PTA be willing to bring a guest speaker in to School one evening to share ideas on parenting and raising children.
3. The junior children’s Dragon needs some repainting. Would the PTA be willing to do this.

Murray Wratt
PRINCIPAL

Requests will definitely be considered – dates and prices etc to be finalized at next meeting.

Treasurers Report – RP

Funds available at moment \$10,181.64 – actual funds of \$32,490.25 including the term investment, less commitments leaves \$29,990.25 in the bank. Was suggested that the term deposit not be rolled over when it matures in June as we could use these funds for upcoming purchases. All in agreement.

Moved (MR) and Second (TGM)

Teachers Report – MRe/GW/VM

As per the earlier request for funding for 12 x iPads and accessories for the junior school, Vanessa McFlinn and Glennis Williams made a presentation (a very good one)

explaining the benefits of having this technology and answered all the questions that were asked regarding security, cybersafety, app purchases etc. Pricing was made available and the basic calculations were that it would cost between \$7600 and \$8000 to fund these. A vote was taken and it was agreed unanimously to fund the iPads.

Moved (TGM) and Second (BW)

A letter was presented from Mrs Laing thanking the PTA for funding the COWS that are used at the moment, however as these mobile computers are now over 4 years old could we consider looking at funding an upgrade for these. Initial price estimated at around \$10,000. It was agreed that we would look at this at the next meeting.

Board Report – MC

BOT had a meeting last Monday

Dental Clinic – upgrade is underway

Board elections are coming up

General – all

Lunchroom – Jenn presented a list of pricing the results of her investigations in to whether it is worth changing the menu. Possibility of changing the menu for Tuesday to be the same as Friday and aligning the prices as there have been no changes in the last few years. Was agreed that we should trial the change and price increases and see how well things go. Jenn will decide on the menu options and price change after checking with the bakery. This will take effect early term 2. Also, Kirsty is able to source some Just Juice boxes at a price of 70c each, however the downside was that they have an expiry date late in June. With a view to selling them in the lunches and at our upcoming events for \$1.50 it was agreed we should purchase them.

Playhouse structure raffle – tickets will be \$5 each and as there are roughly 390 families at the school there will be one booklet of 5 tickets to sell sent out to each family. We will produce 3000 tickets so the rest will need to be sold around town. Kirsty to approach places like Rainbows End, Kelly Tarltons, Sky Tower etc to see if we can get some free family passes to use as a prize for the child/family that sells the most tickets. PTA will need to help compile the ticket booklets. Jodi D to help with the design. Was also suggested that we advise the purpose of each fundraiser – so this one will be to upgrade the computers on wheels.

Carnival – volunteers for a sub-committee were requested as we need to get planning for this underway asap. JJ/CU/HM/KJ/JP/BW volunteered.

Was suggested we update the PTA page on the website. Kay at the office can do this. Next meeting we will sort out what changes to make.

A fundraising idea was presented by BW – Stacy Cooper (daughter Isla), her parents operate the Bay View Motel at Kaiua. This has a bar and restaurant and they are prepared to put on buses for 100 people to go out there for dinner and dancing. They are prepared to pay the buses and supply the band, a buffet meal and 1 drink per

person in return for the publicity and hopefully lots of money over the bar. An initial price of \$30 per person was suggested. All in agreement that this is a fantastic idea and a very generous offer. We just need to find out what date suits them best then we will book it in. Hopefully Stacy can attend the next meeting to discuss further.

Question as to whether the meeting night still suited everyone – was agreed to keep at 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.40pm, Next PTA Wednesday 15th May @ 7.00pm