



Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2017

Present: Leonie Wallace (Chairperson), Sandy Collier (Treasurer)

Rose McRae, Denise Fang, Yi Huang, Tracey Theron, Lucinda Van der Vyver, Sharon Lau, Bonnie Fan

PMPS Staff: Ian Dickinson (Principal), Mark Eades (BOT), Jenni Slater (Teacher Rep) & Susan Booth (Teacher Rep)

Apologies: Tracey Carvill, Mel Palmer, Jodi Lister, Shorelle Adams

Welcome [Leonie Wallace]

Leonie welcomed everyone and explained about how the PTA meetings work:

“Meet once a month on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Mr Ian Dickinson is often present, 2 teacher reps and BOT rep and often Mark Eades (BOT chairman)

Goal of PTA to get together to create fun events for students of the school. Funds raised go back into the school for areas that are lacking or needing support.

Last year’s fundraiser was for Shade Sails. Awesome effort with our shade sails, look great.

Parent input no pressure but help where you can is awesome.

Advantages of being a PTA member - Get to know the teachers/board/principal”

Introduction of everyone as we have some lovely newbies joining the team.

Minutes from previous meeting [Leonie Wallace]

- Passed forward as OK

Matters arising from minutes.

- Nil

Correspondence

- Correspondence inwards
- Various fundraising ideas

Treasurer’s Report

- Last year \$42,124 from PTA to Pigeon Mountain
- Present \$4932 – but ice block sales still to be counted and yoghurt testing to date to add.
- PTA account is required to have a minimum of \$5000 in it’s account at the start of the year. At the end of the year money in excess of \$5000 is donated to the school to be used for purchasing resources
- Throughout the year teachers can put through a funding request if they have a specific requirement that will benefit the whole school.

Teachers Report [Mrs Booth/Mrs Slater]

- Mrs Booth said a huge thanks for the shade sails. She is taking on the sports this year through school and events coming up are swimming and table tennis also cricket, softball,
- New teams and structure seems to be working everyone is settled
- Mrs Slater – thanks for the shade sails looking forward to seeing what else is to come.

Principal’s Report

- Today 518 role strong, looking at tracking smaller than last year, still closed to out of zone enrolments. Conscious of monitoring this.
- New Teachers: Amanda Lee (yr 1), Tess Kirkham (yr 2), Kim Timmins (yr 6) fitting in well
- Teams are working really well, going with tree names as, house names are birds – birds live in trees Vibrant and exciting buzz going round. Students/teachers/teams have been going through these.
- 17 student from sister school Yuyao Experimental School #2, just farewelled them blend of time in classroom and offered out of class kiwi experience weaving, F&C on beach. Reciprocal exchange, no charge, keep this open for future connection.
- Busy 4 days prior to school commencing, professional learning unpacking assessment info for good start to the year, modify curriculum with big understanding of these, and how they affect the children. This term is ‘well-being’

- Languages is another focus
- Tomorrow lunchtime hope to hear from a company – ‘Focused NZ’ to start the process of the new building. Was signed off 2 year ago and now hopefully this is it... (Fingers crossed). If so then building will start within a couple of weeks. If this doesn't come to fruition we are going to just go ahead and modernise the rooms (painting/carpets etc...) then look at this in a year or so time to re vamp the building structure. One way or the other the two classroom blocks will be a modernised, either better building space or refurbish them.
- Teams – went with trees for the visual aspect, looking at how to do the logos. Signed up to have the school re painted and looking at using this to create images throughout the school.
- Meet the teachers – next Wednesday – go to classrooms and learn about what the teacher’s goals are for the year and where they view things for their classrooms. We have a speaker this year Dr Nicky Knight passionate about where the future of education is going and changes that have gone through to date, nice fresh view on education. Then everyone will go off to class rooms.

BOT Update (Mark)

- Budget spread cost over a period of time, this goes to landscape/Gardner etc... we use this to re paint the school and get the maintenance as well. By winter this year school will be a different colour, brighter. To add to what we are trying to create with the school
- Have done budget allocation for this year – up grading hall, and bits round school upgrades to health and safety. Professional development – teachers/teacher aides
- Open policy in the BOT approachable talk ideas etc... always open for a chat. First point of call would be teachers then BOT/Principal if you have any ideas/concerns/suggestions.

Chairman’s Update [Leonie]

- Yoghurt testing done today in rooms 18 and 19 – easy profit of \$400.
- Family picnic – weather not looking great postponed date 2 March, if not called off everyone brings dinner, we put out sports equipment, Mr whippy/sausage sizzle. Great social event for the whole school. Helpers would be great, selling drinks/sausages/etc... Will organise games for the 2nd March if rained off i.e. sack races, 3 legged race, egg and spoon
- Look at two time slots should be max of 90 mins for more than one child
- PTA AGM in March – 15 March – first 15 mins to elect the roles for chairperson/secretary/treasurer & executive team. All members stand down and either get re-elected or new members proposed.
- If anyone is interested in any of these roles express your interest to Leonie.

Term 1 activities –

- Standard – picnic day, 2x mufti days
- Scheduled Mufti days - 17 March St Patricks day (dress up in green) – 7 April mufti crazy day.
- Other ideas – we usually have a disco in third term but want to do one in term 1 as well. Date for this will be 31 March for this date.
- Disco works 1.5 hours for juniors Yr. 1-3 then 1.5 for seniors Yrs. 4 – 6 sell glow sticks/items, lollies/drinks/chips.
- Sunscreen – notice in by Tuesday next week. Ask around colleagues/businesses etc... this is a good deal.
- Also ice blocks term 1 & 4. This is a good money maker. If anyone is around please turn up about 2:50pm any Fridays by the chess board

Other ideas:

Chocolate sales – Easter egg pack – option to do. Last two weeks of term?? This would be the year to do this as Easter chocolate, could do this with ice blocks or disco weigh up the effort V income. Possible not happening.

Term 2 – bake sales these were great

- Movie night for the children, junior and senior
- Entertainment books

- 2 x mufti days
- Bingo??
- Another idea: night parents V kids quiz night, combine families 4 – 5 kids 4 adults. An idea of a quiz category would be 'Disney movies sound tracks' play the music/guess the title of the movie. Each group swap answers with their family team and mark the right results then the two teams add the amount together then this goes up on the board, say 10 categories. Fun night
- Skating – cost to be determined term 3????
- Carnival – Aug/sept.... for next year?? Or get in this year as other schools are doing biannually????

Any other ideas:

- Yi – community health talks, ticket sales will go back to the school, 1 hour of talking, then a workshop after (Yi's husband to do this?) \$25 single \$30 for a double for parents to come. Fits well with 'wellbeing' theme for this term??? Knowledge is always good... Possible look at this termly, have a nutritionist to come along too? Discuss holistic/emotional issues etc... series for different semesters. Find out more.
- Another idea if picnic postponed can do this – old school games, sack races, 3 legged races, etc... purely for fun. Kids being kids. Equipment needed can anyone bring things to go for this, sacks (Mark can possible source these), helpers on the day. We have lollies and choco to give away, egg and spoon (with substitute – water balloon) / water balloon throws, gum boot throwing.
- Adidas fun run – or Auckland marathon run last 2 kms for our students to get involved
- Imagination experience: Science shows in schools/corp groups as well. Lot of work involved but looking into idea of fundraisers – shows in school are \$1500. Leonie has spoken to the guy about a 40 min show which would combine some experiments he does in school show with other things. 'Don't do this at home' experiments. His charge is \$400, we could sell tickets for this and over and above this price we make the profit. \$5 per ticket or \$15 per family. Limited for 200 people (50 families), possible look at 2 sittings on this or more shows or on a Saturday with a few sittings, could do family event with sausage sizzles etc... Leonie to follow this up.

General Business

- Flow have approached Ian and keen to do this, Cross fit for kids lunch time series 7 week blocks 20 kids per group. Financially not a lot for school but good for the children. \$7 - \$8 per child. Better to look at after school program
- CNSST art sessions this would be after school activities

Meeting closed at 9:07pm

Next meeting date: 15 March, including AGM, 7:30pm