



PIGEON MOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9 May 2018

Meeting opened at: 1933

Present:

Chairperson: Shorelle Adams

Treasurer: Quan Trinh

Principal: Ian Dickinson

Board of Trustees: Mark Eades

Teacher Reps: Deb Crowley, (Rm 10) Jason Cox (Rm 13)

Parents: John Winters, Jodi Lister.

Apologies: Rose McRae, Leonie Wallace.

Previous meeting minutes: Approved by Ian and Mark

AGENDA

Correspondence in and out: Shorelle

- 'Believe it or Not' Quiz Night – We have sufficient fundraisers for now, so perhaps consider for future fundraisers. (This is possibly more for adults than children)
- Fundraising First Aid Kits – Something to consider later in the year. Check if St Johns do the same thing, as it would be preferable to support them.
- Give Socially – Online Gift store. We get 15-20% of sales revenue – Quan to investigate further.

Treasurers Report: Quan

- End of April balance = **\$ 17,288.29**
- Batteries raised \$9K. Supplier has been paid. We have 3 boxes, plus 4 single packs left over. Shorelle to email Ernest Wong to see if he wants to purchase them.

Teachers Report: Jason

Sports update:

Term 1 focus was the swimming carnival held at Lloyd Elsmore pool. 4 -5 practices were held at Pakuranga College pool and 39 kids went to the carnival, accompanied by Angela Carter, Ian Dickinson and Jason Cox.

Cricket with Roger is underway and basketball commenced in T1.

Term 2 Winter sports are hockey, rugby, soccer, netball, and basketball.

Other activities for Term 2 include dance, (Footsteps are coming in for 3 sessions with senior classes), chess and art extension – Trudi has students working on murals. Angela Carter is taking Robotics and Coding, Kim Timmons is taking Literacy Book Club (Friday lunchtimes), Linda Lowden has Ukulele up and running and Bruce Murray is taking Choir. Also, ICAS Examinations have begun.

Class trips: Team Kauri and Titoki are going to the Science Roadshow, Pohutukawa is going to MOTAT and last term Puriri went to Kelly Tarlton's.

Teachers Only Day: Our teachers undertook a Restraint course, which is part of the new PB4L (Positive Behaviours for Learning) criteria. New certificates to reflect PB4L values have been produced. These replace CARE Award certificates.

Library Feedback: Students love our library! Ex PMPS students still reminisce about it! We are fortunate to have (and have funding for) 2 Librarians, (Jan and Gina) who are present daily. The library provides a safe, comfortable and functional environment for our children to explore and learn. A parent library is also located within the school library, so it's a great place for all.

Principals Report: Ian

- PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) now replaces CARE. The same values, but more of a forward step. Positive behaviour has a positive effect on learning. These behaviours will be reinforced daily in all activities to promote a deeper level of self-reflection and self-governance by all students and ultimately become part of our schools' culture and identity. Students' comments in the latest newsletter indicate that we are already heading in the right direction with this.
- Marlene Jackson from Buckland's Beach Primary met with Ian to propose the establishment of a one-day online promotion for our local schools and community. Each month a great online deal on one or two specific products or services is offered to this group. A promo code is provided to receive the special offer and track sales. We get a percentage of what is sold. This is mostly an admin task, but we would need to have someone to manage distribution/collection of products.
- Ian met with Yvonne (Consultant) from Go Fund who co-ordinates sponsorships. As a result, we have acquired 2 sponsors who have contributed \$10K each towards our shade sails in the last 1-2 weeks!!
- Whiteboard approved for Room 20 at our last mtg has been ordered, but not yet delivered.
- Ian has Skype interviewed a teacher in Tauranga, who is likely to be offered the position of New Entrant Teacher, once reference checks etc have been completed.

Important Dates:

- 11 May – Ladies Breakfast celebrating Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers etc. All helping hands welcome. This event is registered as a pink ribbon breakfast for anyone that wants to contribute.
- 16 May is World Support Staff Day – which recognises Teacher Aides, Caretakers, office support staff etc. A top-secret lunchtime group is currently working on cards and a small token of appreciation for these very important people!
- 29 May – Pio Terei will present an evening session on parenting in the school hall as part of the Parenting Tool Box workshops. We aim to tie these events in with BBI who are also conducting parenting workshops. BBI's first topic is anxiety in children. These workshops fit with our strategic goals of working with our community and providing learning opportunities to parents.

Lifewalk Trust Update: John

- John's biggest challenge is how to get the children to see him. Using a diary and Google docs hasn't worked, so he has gone back to classroom visits. Being present on a regular basis will help. It also takes time to establish trust.
- Teachers are very busy and don't always remember to remind students of this service. Please email John if you know any child that he may be able to assist with.

- John has encountered conflicts twice in one week – as a parent – not in his Lifewalk Trust position.
- Important for John to understand the parameters of PB4L, so he also attended the Restraint workshop on Teachers Only Day.

BOT Report: Mark

- A review of tasks, policies, procedures etc has been ongoing over the past few months.

Collaboration of Learning:

- 4 years ago, the Ministry of Education established a Collaboration of Learning (COL) programme to encourage us to work with local schools. There are 7 schools in our COL collective; *Bucklands Beach Primary, Bucklands Beach Intermediate, Macleans Primary, Macleans College, Mellons Bay Primary, Owairoa Primary* and ourselves. Previous attempts at establishing this were unsuccessful. The Board has been proactive in trying to get this going again. The first meeting was held at BBI on 11 April. There was a great turnout and the meeting was very positive. The second meeting was held last night (8 May) and was also very positive. The next meeting will be in 3 weeks.
- This collaboration provides us an opportunity to create successful partnerships, share resources, teachers and knowledge. Schools can share information to identify transition pathways in learning.
- The MOE has NZ wide funding of **\$380M** available for COL that we can tap into. It's a complex model but worth pursuing.

Financial Review:

- Pigeon Mountain is in good stead. No further property building this year.
- We are still fundraising for 'Raise the Roof', but we are on track and have already paid the deposit for the shade sails on the netball courts.
- Alternative funding (eg Go Fund sponsorships) or excesses in our fundraising targets give us opportunities to do other things eg carpets.
- Area D was finished last year. The outstanding balance was significantly higher than what we had originally agreed to. The BOT have successfully negotiated a \$35-40K price reduction on this and has also applied to and been granted additional funding from MOE to cover this.

Temporary Classrooms:

- The two temporary classrooms will remain temporary fixtures, but we will keep them for as long as we can. They are currently rented but will discuss options, eg rent to buy.
- Our school roll entitles us to another classroom. BOT have applied to MOE for this, but this can take up to 18 months.

Uniforms:

- We are on a 7-year (inherited) contract with NZ Uniforms. The school has received multiple complaints regarding change of store location, poor quality materials, lack of availability of specific sizes and has experienced issues with slow production of staff jackets etc.
- A process is involved if we wish to break our contract. This includes providing NZ Uniforms the opportunity to address the issues we raise.
- To date they appear to be working to do this and have provided additional value for PE uniforms, improved quality of materials, provided free singlets for PB4L, provided cards in Mandarin to help parents with sizing and have improved speed of service.

Chairpersons Report: Shorelle

- Term 1 went well with batteries sales of \$9K. A great success. We also did well with iceblock sales and Junior/Senior Disco.
- A big THANK YOU to Leonie who managed batteries from start to finish. Leonie advises that we did receive the stand-up paddle board and \$100 voucher.
- Last meeting, we approved one of two requests for new whiteboards and advised that we would consider the second whiteboard at this meeting. As we have sufficient funds available, we can proceed with this. In favour of this were Shorelle, Ian, Quan and Jodi.
- After our last meeting, Shorelle and Rose discussed how we could encourage higher attendance at PTA meetings.

Suggestions:

- Promote it as a forum to raise concerns and share issues? Ian and Mark advised that this is not the appropriate purpose or function of a PTA meeting. There is a process to follow for anyone who has concerns or issues. The first point of contact is their child's teacher.
- Send a personal invitation to attend a PTA 'social' – Come in, meet the PTA committee and stay for a meeting. Possibly shout a light supper as an incentive!
- Advertise a select agenda item each month to encourage participation/attendance/feedback on a specific topic – eg uniforms, school canteen – nutrition etc. Promote it as a focus group.

Fundraising events for this term:

18 May – Pyjama Mufti Day – Gold coin donation

8 June – Movie Night – Junior and Senior

Bake Sales: Week 4 - Kahikitea, Week 6 – Kauri, Week 8 – Titoki.

Need a minimum of 2 x Parent helpers + Student Councillors for Bake Sales.

Term 3

Bake Sales – dates TBC

17 August – Junior and Senior Disco's

Calendar Art – Clashes with art exhibition, so unable to do in school time. For those that still wish to do this, we can provide a calendar art pack for kids to take and do at home.

Term 4

Ice-blocks

Ice-skating

Online Shopping TBC

Bingo night TBC

General business: Nil

Meeting closed: 2116

Next meeting: Wednesday 13 June 2018