

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA
Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2014

Present:

Marilyn Cox, Wayne Buckland, Beverly Webb, Mark Bayer, Emma Butler, Marion Samson, Louise Wickham, Sandra Lucas, Denise Ngakuru, Carrol Tolley, Maree Wright.

Apologies:

M: Emma S: Marion

Alice Grant, Pam Crawley, Rochelle McCollum, Angela Hargreaves.

Meeting started with a tour of the new girls toilets.

Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes taken as true and correct.

M: Marion S: Emma

Matters Arising from previous minutes:

None

Correspondence – In and Out:

Megan Carran has a quote from Gazebos Factory for \$5346.00 for four commercial grade aluminium gazebos.

Megan has successfully had \$2000.00 approved by the Oxford Sports Trust to contribute towards Gazebos, and has asked the PTA whether they would be able to make up the balance.

Emma pointed out that at our last meeting we promised money for hallway seating.

Treasurers Report: Sent in by Angela

M: Marilyn S: Sandra

Opening Balance	\$11092.36
Income from second Hand Uniforms	\$ 5.00
Closing Balance	\$11097.36

Discussion followed regarding wish lists and spending...

Mark admitted to the school looking tired and needing to be freshened up. He also talked about trying to generate and engage more student voice through the school councils.

Wayne pointed out that \$450,000.00 is being spent on upgrading the school at present, with \$300,000.00 being spent on the toilets.

Discussed the completion of the brick work on the pizza oven - refer to Stevie Ryland.

Wayne said the school converts to LED lights within the next 3 weeks which should pay for itself over the next 2 years.

Yr 7 & Yr 8 asked if we could match the costs to purchase PE equipment and outside BBQ tables.

Yr 9 & Yr 10 wish list is for seating in corridors.

The senior council wants to do concept plans for the central courtyard before coming to the PTA with a wish list.

Wayne pointed out that the school had increased department budgets by 20%, so their wish list wasn't huge.

We looked at contributing funds towards...

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| - Gazebos | \$2500.00 |
| - Gardens | \$1500.00 |
| - Bench seating/ottomans in corridors x 2 | \$ 800.00 |
| - Outdoor tables ... approx. | \$2000.00 |

Decision passed to make up the balance of costs needed to purchase Gazebos, with the possibility to have PTA 2014 printed on them.

M: Marilyn S: Marion

Principals Report:

School returned after holidays to bomb site, with workers everywhere, and there is some concern as to our readiness for the reunion only three weeks away. Hopefully working bee will catch us up on some issues.

The Working Bee requires crews for edging, weed eating, cleaning of gutters, sweeping and scrubbing footpaths, gardening, tidying up buildings. Students are invited to help and can earn a service stripe. Helpers to bring their own gardening gear if possible.

Working Bee to start at 9am and finish approx. 12noon with a sausage for helpers.

The present caretaker has resigned and the school is advertising for a replacement. This position comes with a house. The school has decided to take on new cleaners that will be on site throughout the day, endeavouring to give an extra spring clean to one area of the school each week. This will hopefully keep them on top of everything, making the school look nicer, and also free up about 1 ½ hours of time previously spent by the caretaker.

The college now has three vans available - the Transit, Mazda, and a new Toyota van.

Results Analysis – sitting above in every single target. Overall performance is great, and identification has been made of all students requiring extra help.

Subject teacher interviews – discussed the fault in interview booking system, which has now been addressed.

Mark Bayer:

Commented on the effect noise from the tradesmen's hammers and drills etc. had on some classrooms and that where possible classes had been rearranged. Health and safety issue.

He said the school is trying to improve the learning processes with 21st Century learning models regarding surface to deep learning. Teachers are trying to reflect on the level of engagement and learning with pupils through...

- context for learning

- authenticity

- enjoyment

- mindfulness (knowing how your mind works and learning how to retain information and learning how to focus)

There was some discussion regarding a university lecturer saying NCEA didn't prepare students well enough for university.

Carroll Tolley brought up concerns on IT health issues. Assured by Wayne that newer devices are less harmful.

General Business:

- Marion discussed the raffles for the upcoming reunion.

She has offers from Office max for a prize, and already has a season pass for the rugby.

Angela has offered to organise a grocery hamper, and Bev to send a notice out asking for people to donate specialty foods.

It was decided that 2 (3 max) raffles would be adequate for the numbers attending the reunion.

- Marion has located someone to donate much needed mulch for the gardens. She asked if anyone had a trailer with sides. The decision was made that we need as much as they can donate for free and that if offered, a truckload wouldn't be too much.

2nd Hand Uniforms – Maree to clean and Sandra to mend.

We discussed the need to build up contacts with email addresses and encourage people to attend a meeting and get involved. Wayne suggested a 'click to register' button on the school website for those who might wish to receive the PTA Minutes. Do we want open or closed PTA minutes?

Discussion on 'Holding hands only' policy for the young love birds.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm.