

## Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA

### Meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2016

#### Present:

Sandra Lucas, Angela Hargreaves, Maree Wright, Sharon Carroll, Helen Robinson, Wayne Buckland and Carol Tolley.

#### Apologies:

M: Maree      S: Marilyn

Jane Hall, Susan McRae, Pam Crawley and Heather Jacobson.

#### Minutes from last meeting:

M:                      S:

Not discussed

#### Correspondence – In and Out:

None

#### Matters Arising:

M: Maree

**Welcome** to new parents of year 7 students – Helen Robinson and Sharon Carroll - who attended our first PTA meeting of 2016.

The PTA like to meet on the 2nd and 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every term, and offers us all the opportunity to meet other parents, create a connection between parents and teachers, to keep in touch with what's happening at the College, and to raise any concerns that we have about the curriculum, the school buildings, activities, student behaviour and many other issues. We often invite speakers along to help us understand what is going on at the school, in the community, and to talk about issues relevant to parenting teenagers.

At our next meeting – Wednesday 11 May - we will have a session for parents like me, who find it difficult to find our way around PC School, and need assurance on educating kids on cyber safety. Sharon is going to create a flier and the school will endeavour to advertise the session on *Spider* over the next couple of weeks, and parents will be encouraged to bring their own device as one of the staff guides us around the school website. Hopefully then we can better keep abreast of what our kids are up to, how they are each progressing in their chosen subjects, learn what the school is teaching our children about digital citizenship, and what is planned for each term.

Unlike many of the primary school PTAs, the Bream Bay College PTA does not ask parents to undertake a lot of fundraising events, so do not be concerned about having to give up a lot of your precious spare time. We do though, organise the *Tides Out Fun Run and Walk* held in Term 4, run the second hand uniform sales, cleaning and mending donated items of uniform, and a school working bee every term

Any money raised we get to spend on things like enhancing the school grounds with plantings, providing seating in corridors, and at the end of last year were asked if we might like to help financially with the resistance machines planned for the fields around the fitness track, which would be available 24/7 to the community.

Please rest assured that there is absolutely no pressure to do anything, and we'd love to see you join us.

**Committee Positions for 2016.**

M: Maree      S: Helen

Chairperson – Sharon Carroll

Treasurer – Angela Hargreaves.

Secretary – Carol Tolley and Maree Wright

**The Student Council** have asked if the PTA would like to help match their funds in the purchase of PE gear for use in the lunch hour.

Sharon has offered to meet with them at one of their upcoming meetings.

**Matthew Spragg** (School Caretaker) is requesting help with the gardens and a general grounds tidy up, in the form of another PTA organised working bee. In the past we have endeavoured to hold at least one working bee every term. Maree to sort a date that suits both Matthew and Susan McRae (our garden expert) - possibly Sunday 08 May... To be advised...

**Bream Bay College Treasurers Report from 14/10/2015 to 31/12/2015:**

M: Angela      S: Maree

Opening Balance		\$ 9,277.04
Uniform sales		\$ 180.00
PTA Fun Run profit		\$ <u>3,206.87</u>
		\$12,663.91
Accounts paid		
S McRae Reimbursement for plants	97.84	
Senior prize giving afternoon tea	345.00	
PTA Xmas function contribution	125.00	
S Lucas Reimbursement for flowers	49.99	
S McRae reimbursement for uniform bags	<u>5.67</u>	\$ <u>623.50</u>
		<u>\$12,040.41</u>

## **Bream Bay College Treasurers Report from 31/12/2015 to 17/3/2016**

Opening Balance	\$12,040.41
Uniform sales	\$ <u>430.00</u>
	\$12,470.41
Accounts paid	
Refund uniform	\$ <u>10.00</u>
	<u>\$12,460.41</u>

### **Principals Report:**

**Wayne Buckland**

- A decision has been made due to poor attendance, and the costs involved, that there will be a reduction to two, from four, school socials this year, plus the senior Ball.
- A push is being made to encourage year 13 students to clean out their old uniforms and donate them to the school for resale as second hand uniforms.
- 20 to 25 school Mediators are being selected at the present time.
- ...as is the Student Council, selected from Year 7 to 13, who meet fortnightly to discuss students' affairs and opinions, and who select a student to represent them on the Board of Trustees.
- 6C's Learning Competency.

With traditional jobs disappearing through mechanisation, the skills needed to be successful in the workplace are changing, and different skill sets are required. The focus for year 7 to 13 students is changing from learning facts and knowledge regurgitation, to developing creativity and innovation through the 6C's learning competencies.

The 6Cs are Citizenship, Character, Creativity, Communication, Collaboration and Critical thinking. The teachers have already discussed with students the *Character* trait. With reference to the Athletics day they have related the trait to Grit, Tenacity, Perseverance and Resilience.

- There is a new tracking system which analyses attendance and key competency details at the push of a button.
- Student Calendars have changed, and students are being encouraged to learn self-responsibility.

## General Business:

- Sandra asked if the Whanau Buddy System still existed at the school, and we held a short discussion on the support Students get from their Whanau family as a whole.
- Carol discussed parent access to *Spider* calendar, google classroom, assessments and due dates, and how kids need assistance with time management. Along with this we queried that with the school going electronic, when do the kids actually get taught keyboard skills like touch typing. Wayne's response to this was that due to the speed technology is changing; soon we will just tell our computers what to do.
- More new modern learning equipment is being made available to the Year 7 and 8s with the school to spend 30K on the next lot of learning equipment.
- Office 365 is now available, and kids can upgrade for free, along with up to five other machines per home. Students and their families also have access to...
- SnagIt –SnagIt helps you capture images and videos so you can customize them and create quick videos by recording your screen.
- Camtasia – Camtasia is screen recording software that you can use to record your onscreen activity, audio, and web cam video and narrate existing PowerPoint presentations.

**The Fun Run – Date set for Sunday 6th November 2016.**

M: Maree      S: Sharon

Anyone wanting to be involved with the organising of this event can contact Maree Wright ([mareewright@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mareewright@xtra.co.nz)), Susan McRae ([bs.mcrae@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bs.mcrae@xtra.co.nz)), or Sharon Carroll ([gavinandsharon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gavinandsharon@xtra.co.nz)).

Marilyn Cox, who no longer has a student at the school, has generously offered to continue with the organising of the entry form, with storing gear, and with the donation of a prize for the Bream Bay College student entry.

Hopefully this year the ability to make both entries and payments on line, participation in this event might increase...

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm.