

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA
Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7pm

Present:

Sharon Carrol, Carol Tolley, Wayne Buckland, John Kramer, Yvonne Boakes, Kelly Dobson, Julie Winslow, Sandra Lucas and

Apologies:

Maree Wright, Heather Jacobson, Freya Lynch, Helen Robinson, Jane Hall and Yette de Jong

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Approved M: Yvonne Boakes S: Sharon Carroll

Bream Bay College PTA Treasurers Report from 21/3/2017 to 19/4/2017

Approved M: Sharon Carroll S: Yvonne Boakes

Opening Balance 9,462.14

Income

2nd hand uniforms 145.00

Stage Challenge 20.00

Expenses

Nil

Closing Balance \$9627.14

Fun Run Account

As per ledger report on 19/4/2017

Opening and Closing Balance 5,522.70

No activity since last report. Money still to be transferred to the PTA account.

Further Discussion

\$400 to be contributed to the **Y13 trip to Auckland**

Receipt to be received from the **Working Bee**

PTA attendees unanimously agreed to contribute \$2,500 towards the purchase of the **A1 printer**. The school is waiting on supply of colour inks before it can be used. It has the capacity to print up to 10 meters continuously.

Modern Living Environment furniture for classrooms. Teachers will receive training in how to best utilize this. \$8,000 was approved as contribution from the PTA towards purchase of furniture.

Principal's Report:

Wayne Buckland

ERO will be undertaking their review from 21st to 24th May. Report back will be on 25th May. The PTA agreed they would like to be part of the community consultation. Consultation will also be with local Maori community and there will a focus in the review on wellbeing of 'at risk' Maori male students.

Tai Tokerau Festival received much positive feedback. There was very big participation and support for the festival this year. The only issue that received complaint was related to very wet weather and mud.

The Whare work is to commence soon.

Correct Winter Uniforms will be a focus this term, particularly regulation jackets and thermals.

New Software has been released by the Ministry of Education to analyse where students progress on to after leaving school. Data is showing more participation in NorthTec training than was realized, so more focus will be placed in the future on working with this Tertiary provider.

Roll Growth projections show an increase to 750 students within the next 5 years.

General Business:

Fun Run date was set for 12th November

The **PTA BBQ** to thank students for their participation in and support of the FUN RUN was set for after the school Cross Country next week. This also aims to raise awareness amongst students of the FUN RUN and the role of the PTA.

Displaying Student Art Work is delayed by the wait for the commissioning of the A1 Printer. Wayne is to follow up selection of student art for display in the corridors.

PTA supported **Public Speaker Evening**: a request was made that Kathryn Berkett be invited back for a further evening as she was so well received in her session on the 'Adolescent Brain'.

Fundraising Projects: The Quiz Night at the RAZZA next Wednesday is the next fundraising event for the PANIMALS and the Japan Trip.

A request for a Letter Head for Freya was approved.

The recent **WORKING BEE** was well attended and achieved a lot. The School was well presented for the Tai Tokerau Festival. A Big than you to everyone who participated.

Volunteers from the PTA will be needed again to provide security at the **School Ball**. Food will be catered for by the School Café. The number of free tickets has been reduced this year to lower the cost to students for tickets. It was also suggested that Freya be asked whether she would like to organize the Face Book page for second hand ball dresses.

Volunteering outside of school can be acknowledged by supplying names to Mark Bayer to verify student efforts.

'Future Me' programme: There was some feedback that there is some resistance amongst students to this NZCEA curriculum subject that focuses on CV development. There was mention from some parents that they were not comfortable supplying important original documents for copying and verifying for student CVs.

NZCEA Credits: It was mentioned by Wayne that the school will be reviewing the number of credits attached to each subject in the future. The current load of 26 credits for some subject is quite high. Other schools opt for less subjects or less credits per subject.

Mid Week Football: Wayne clarified that the problem of the team arriving too late to have a 'warm up' was due to games being scheduled too early. The Principals' Association had stipulated in their discussion with Northland Secondary Sports Association that students were not to lose school time to attend games. Wayne will raise this problem at the next Principals' Association meeting.

Stealing: the school is investing a lot of time into resolving recent incidents of stealing that occurred on one day. There is a locked area for students to place their valuables during PE and the changing area is locked while PE is in progress. The school welcomes any community feedback on the incidents of stealing.

The question was raised as to how the school supports students who want a **non University career pathway**. Wayne explained the school aims for career pathways at Level 4 and 5 qualification 'as this is where the jobs are'. This includes Trades qualifications.

Discussion on how to **promote reading for leisure** amongst students. It was noted that there is capacity for the Library to be linked with SPIDER, although this is not currently utilized.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm.