

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA
Meeting held on Wednesday 05 August 2015

Present:

Marilyn Cox, Susan McRae, Angela Hargreaves, Emma Butler, Rochelle McCollum, Maree Wright, Carol Tolley, Jane Hall, Julie Winslow, Sandra Hayward, Alison Dalglish and Beverly Webb.

Apologies:

M: Bev Webb S: Marilyn

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Minutes from last meeting:

M: Bev S: Angela

Correspondence – In and Out:

Inwards – Only Fun Run Correspondence

Bream Bay College PTA Treasurers Report to 23/7/2015

M: Angela S: Maree

Opening Balance	\$11,215.42
Plus 2 nd hand uniform	\$ <u>138.00</u>
	\$11,353.42
Less Contribution towards Ottomans	\$ <u>800.00</u>
	\$10,553.42
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Fun Run Account

Opening balance	0.00
Expenses	<u>Nil</u>
Plus Sponsorship	<u>\$717.40</u>
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Principals Report:

Alison Dalglish

- Stage Challenge – 2nd place overall.
- Ball security. Huge thanks to Pam Crawley and her group of parents who policed the outside of the auditorium on the night of the school ball.
- Whaea Tau has recently received an *Unsung Hero Award*, and her Diploma Level 4 in Te Reo.
- Alien Weaponry has made it through to the National Competitions and the Pacific Beats Maori Awards.

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- Uniform. Bev showed us the new red sweatshirts – crew neck and V neck - that the school has added to their uniform range, and Sandra modelled the new and very popular black fleecy lined school jacket.
- Senior Exams. The results of the mid-year internals are disappointingly down on predicted grades from earlier in the year; however the Year 7 & 8 results are up. The kids have been made aware that if they want to do better at their externals they need to buckle down and put more effort in. Tutorials are to start shortly, and will go for the next 10 weeks.
- Katrina Hiki from the bilingual unit has recently returned to Auckland for a permanent teaching position.
- Matthew (the caretaker) has been working really hard around the school painting, fixing seating, and tidying up garden edges before the school open day on 19th August. Alison has been having weekly meetings with him to discuss and plan the never ending 'To do' list.
- Two Sunday working bees have been planned to get extra planting done - 9th and 16th of August. Marilyn will supply a sausage or two, and if you can entice extra helpers that'd be great. We had a short discussion on how to encourage families to participate.
- Following the Strategic Planning Meeting held on 16 June, 5 goals have been identified as school priorities. As a point of interest to families, Megan will be displaying these annual goals on the website and will be continually updating them. There is still time to make suggestions and comments.

Health Education:

Sandra Hayward

Sexuality education is part of the health and physical education curriculum in New Zealand. Sandra explained that how this is taught and to what level, is decided by individual schools and their communities. Every two years the Board of Trustees must consult with school communities on their draft health curriculum, so that parents and caregivers have a chance to ask questions, share ideas and express views. To this end, we have set a date in Term 4 – Wednesday 21 October. A group of PTA members – Julie Winslow, Jane Hall, Carol Tolley and Maree Wright are to meet in the last week or two of term to brainstorm and prepare for the meeting, to discuss ideas on how to attract people, to list the most important issues or concerns for parents, such as Cyber safety/digital citizenship, drugs and alcohol, teenage pregnancies, etc. We wondered if a catchy name for the evening might attract some interest, like...*What your kids learnt in health today?* Or *What your kids don't tell you they're learning in Health.*

Check out You Tube – *Love has no Label* and *Consent is a Cup of Tea.*

At present the Year 9s at Bream Bay College have two terms of *Health* which concentrates on emotional well-being, resilience, relationships, bullying, puberty and sexuality, drugs and alcohol, being able to understand nutritional labels, careers and pathways, value judgements, and about staying safe – looking out for each other. A lot of young people now look for information on line and many have misconceptions, not to mention the easy access to pornography is a concern.

Whilst in the past teachers had their hands tied with the information they could give to children, and had to refer them to their parents or the doctor - now they can discuss almost anything without consultation with their caregivers.

Whilst the Year 9s' Health unit seems quite comprehensive, the senior school appears to miss out a little. At present Years 10 – 13 have just one Jumbo Health Day a term. Is this enough?

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General Business:

Environmental Group – Marilyn's little group of helpers have recently been planting at Uretiti. As a result of discussions with a couple of the kids, a suggestion was made for the school to hold a cultural day.

School lighting – The change to the LED energy saving lights at the college has now been completed.

The Fun Run - Sunday 8th November.

Sponsorship of \$717.40 has already been received from *NorthPort, North Star and Bream Bay Merchants*.

The Entry Form has been finalised and is available to download from our school website. We will be printing posters and the entry forms next month. Before then, a discussion is to be made on whether we should have a *Team Entry Fee*. We discussed how we should promote team entries to firms by offering special prizes for best / worst dressed.

Marilyn to start putting training hints in the Bream Bay News, and in the school newsletter.

Road signage isn't going to be a problem with the NZTA, and Angela Amsterdam is allowing us to put signs on her land just south of the Waipu Golf Course. We will be approaching others for further sites.

Next PTA meeting 16 September.

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm.