

**Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at 7.00pm in the Staffroom**

**Present** Angela Hargreaves, Travis Worthington, Marilyn Cox, Wayne Buckland, Beverly Webb, Emma Butler, Marion Samson, Maree Wright, Rachelle McCollum, Pam Crawley, Mark Bayer, Alice Grant

**Apologies** Louise Wickham, Susan McRae, Linda Bryant

**Minutes from last Meeting**

Minutes taken as true and correct record

M : Emma S : Alice

**Matters Arising**

Angela pointed out that Tracey McClure was still on the email list for the PTA, needed to be removed as her children are no longer at BBC

**Correspondence In & Out**

None

**Treasurers Report**

Balance as at 27/2/2014	\$11,032.36
Credit \$60 for uniforms	60.00
Closing balance	\$11,092.36

M : Marilyn

A : Alice

**Election of officers**

Marilyn stood down as chair

Pam nominated Marilyn to take the Chairperson's role for another year

Seconded by Emma

Angela stood down as treasurer

Marilyn nominated Angela to take on the Treasurer's role for another year

Seconded by Pam

Travis stood down as secretary.

No one wanted to take on the role of secretary so Alice agreed to take the minutes for this meeting as a trial

Mark Bayer gave a brief report in Wayne's absence

Things going well at the school although staff and students ready for a break at this point in the term.

Mark has been meeting with the Yr 7 8 9&10 Student Council who are keen for there to be more seating in the corridors as currently students sit on the floors to have their lunches particularly when it is wet and this impedes on the space for other people using the corridors. The year 9 & 10s would also like some more tables outside.

The PTA would be happy to help fund new chairs in partnership with the student council funds particularly for the science, social studies and Yr 7 & 8 corridors.

## **Principals Report**

Wayne gave us an update on the gardening plans for the Art and Craft Block. He proposes that we purchase metre long tubs from the Warehouse as a cheaper option than concreting in permanent beds. The plan would be that the students would plant up the tubs with culinary plants in Horticulture and then transfer the tubs to the A&C area.

There are still plans to resurface the courtyard and plant a tree at the far end.

The graphics room will be ready by week 2 of next term and the toilets will be finished by the end of may. Both the girls and the boys toilets are going to be worked on at the same time during the holidays with the plan that the girls toilets will be finished first and the boys will use temporary ones until theirs are finished at the start of next term.

The food at the Reunion at the end of May is in the hands of the Fiji Fundraising Group which has yet to meet to discuss how they plan to feed the large numbers expected to attend. There was some concern expressed about the enormity of the task for this small group... Beverly said there will be a sausage sizzle/ steak sandwich option to support the lunch that is provided.

Wayne pointed out that the reunion provided an excellent opportunity for the PTA to fundraise through raffles.

Marilyn proposed raising money for a specific cause and it was felt that replacing the current house gazebos would be a suitable thing for the PTA to fund. As it is Wayne has already put through a funding application to replace the gazebos so according to whether or not this is successful the PTA will take on the funding or raise funds for a useful alternative such as outdoor tables.

Angela and Marion agreed to organize raffle items, suggestions included a BBC Hoodie, a gardening focused prize and a specialty food hamper which perhaps could include donations from parents.

- Working Bee

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9 – 1pm was identified as a good date to organize a working bee for parents and students to come and help tidy up the grounds at the college before the Reunion 30/31<sup>st</sup> May. A committee including Marilyn, Angela and Susan MaCrae have already met and identified what the priorities are and what materials will be needed on the day. The PTA wants to encourage as many parents and students to come as can make it, the opportunity to gain a service stripe was felt to be a good incentive for students.

- Digitization

Alice produced an article entitled Waves of Uncertainty from the Dominion Post 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 which highlights the fact that although research to date has not shown there to be damaging effects of radiation, scientists are proceeding with caution because they are aware that the long-term effects of radio waves are simply not known. The subject was brought into focus by the death of an 11 year old who developed a brain tumour at the same time as he had been sleeping with his ipad under his pillow. The developing brains and bones of young people are of particular concern and Alice feels that as parents we need to be able to discuss the potential dangers effects of too much exposure to wireless waves.

Wayne said that there had been some new research produced by the Ministry of Education that said that microwaves and TVs produced much more powerful radio waves than those produced by modems which if placed at a suitable height and distance from students were harmless.

There was some discussion about the request by some students to play E sports at lunchtime on some computers that the students themselves had reconstituted from old school computers. E sports involve constructive computer games requiring imagination and creativity. Marilyn felt that students should be encouraged into other non computer based activities during lunch, a view which was shared by some others.

- Fun Run Tickets

There was some discussion regarding the pricing of tickets at this years fun run following the drop in numbers participating last year when the tickets were sold at \$20 per person. It was felt that last year's tickets were too expensive and after much discussion it was decided that this year Entry tickets would be \$12 and Students at \$5.00

M : Marilyn S : Travis

- Fiji Trip

Travis gave the PTA a progress report re the Fiji Trip which 14 students, 3 teachers and 3 parents are joining.

Fundraising initiatives have been set up through Bruce Paton selling firewood and through Sileni Wine whereby parents can buy wine at a reduced price and Sileni Wines will donate 40% of the profit to the Trip.

- Drug Testing

Wayne informed us that the Rubicon program was becoming more active at BBC following the discovery that students were masking their drug use, marijuana in particular, by using Creatin a body building drug. Now that the school are aware of this they are engaging students with the Rubicon program more actively. Students who have been found to have used drugs are on Drug Contracts and receive counselling. They are regularly tested and if they cheat or exhibit any drug related behavior at school, eg paranoia, lack of concentration or memory loss they will be expelled from the school.

Alice Grant

Temporary Secretary 10/4/14