

Minutes of the Bream Bay College PTA

Meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018.

Present:

Maree Wright, Sharon Carroll, Yvonne Boakes, Sandra Lucas, Michelle Babe-Vercoe, Tanya McDonald , Bev Webb and Wayne Buckland.

Apologies:

M: Maree S: Shaz

Julie Winslow, Yette de Jong, Carol Tolley & John Kramer .

Minutes from last meeting:

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Approved.

Correspondence – In and Out:

Nil.

Bream Bay College PTA Treasurers Report:

Not available at this time. However, the closing balances for each account are as follows...

PTA Account \$1537.81

Fun Run Account \$6495.72

Principals Report:

Wayne Buckland

- **Great start to the year...**Both **swimming** events went well, although there were some issues with the clarity of the pool water, caused by sediment on the bottom being stirred up.
- **Athletics** was also a success. It was a stunning day, but with 3 or 4 kids suffering from heat exhaustion, we need to think about supplying more shade and ensuring the kids are drinking, wearing hats and applying sun block.
- **Whare.** The portals are set to arrive next Wednesday, so hopefully we will see quick progress from here...
- **Suspensions.** The board will now have less tolerance of students committing wrong doings in the school. If a student continues to offend, shows no effort in changing, and are preventing other students from participating in class, they will be suspended immediately.
- Sharon Carroll will be at the college during the lunch hour three times a week to encourage and motivate students to give a go and participate in sporting activities.
- The **School Roll** is now **537**. The existing science labs are going to be rearranged as open plan modern learning environments like the whare will be, some new classrooms are to be built and some of the old prefabs removed. Maree asked whether sharing a space with 2 or 3 classes might mean students and teachers might get distracted, but Wayne assured us that the teachers using the auditorium at the

moment love it, and the collaboration between teachers and students is exactly what the focus of the 6Cs is all about.

- Due to the **cake competition debacle** at the end of last year, all food now brought into the school requires an **Authenticity Statement**.

General Business:

- **Tides Out Fun Run and Walk.** Do we run it again this year? And do we make changes to the course so we don't have to involve the council? Maree to ask Megan to send out an email to past participants, to get a consensus on whether they would like the course to stay the same mix of road and beach, hill and flat, or alternatively to remain solely on the beach.
- **Guest Speaker Evening.** Maree suggested Marcus Akuhata-Brown might be an engaging and motivational speaker that the kids might connect with. Tanya suggested Eric Rush, who impressed everyone with his entertaining speeches at the recent Sports Award evening, might also be a good choice. Both options to be considered. Maree to confirm availability in Term 3, and costs. Shaz suggested a talk to the students during school day and another in the evening to encompass the local primary schools and parents as well. Shaz to approach the local Lions groups and see if they may be able to help with the costs...
- **Spider evening 9th May @ 7pm** before PTA meeting starts at 7.30pm. Bev and Maree to ask Megan Lea. Also perhaps in the Library at the next Parent/Student/Teacher Interview day on 13th June.
- **Working Bee.** Thanks to Gavin and Sharon for their work on the gardens last Sunday. Due to busy schedules, our next working bee is to be on Thursday 29 March at 10am. Matthew to be asked if he can get a couple of trailer loads of bark from Daltons' to spread on the gardens. The Horticulture class may take on looking after some of the gardens as part of their curriculum, so watch this space...
- **Fundraising groups in the school?** Shaz asked Wayne if anyone was in need of help, but it appears there are no big trips this year. However, the dance and Panimals group are always in need of funds for trips and equipment.
- **Afternoon tea for Tutorials and Homework workshops.** Students appreciated the food last year, so once again PTA will ask if anyone has extra fruit to donate, and Shaz and Maree to try and source cheap biscuits. HUGE Thanks to Shaz for supplying food to date...
- **Senior School Ball to be held on Thursday 19th July.** Jayden Rudolph doesn't believe it should affect those involved with the Art 'n Tartan, so all systems go!
- Mention made of **Jayden Rudolph's Art In Motion** business, which seems to be going well.
- **BBQ for Students.** Shaz to talk to Mark Bayer about a date for the PTA sausage sizzle, as the school contract with the Tuck shop limits the number of days that free food can be offered.
- **School Pool.** Shaz and Maree asked whether the school would be opposed to changing the pool to a community pool, which with funding could be put under cover and heated like the Kawakawa pool. The issue of the cost of upkeep and staffing of life guards could of course be prohibitive.
- **AIMS games.** Shaz asked whether the school would allow students to participate in this event. Wayne advised that a couple of Gymnasts were looking to compete this year.

- **Duke of Ed.** Bream Bay College does not participate in this award program, as many hours are required of both staff and students to obtain. Wayne believes that St John and Surf Club awards look just as good on a CV to an employer.
- **Board / PTA get together - April???**

Date of Next Meeting: 09 May.

Other PTA dates....

Wednesday 9th May

Wednesday 6th June

Wednesday 8th August

Wednesday 12th September

Wednesday 24th October

Meeting Closed 8.45pm