



**Wellesley College Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes
11 February 2019
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm**

Association members attending	Katy Lethbridge, Robert Pritchard, Louise Croxford, Cilla Bennett, Rosie Torbit, Amanda Gregan, Chloe Bridgeman, Bridget Hargreaves, Rochelle Parks, Annabel Acland, Kate Oppenhuis, Kati Schroderus, Frances Crombie and Brendan Pitman
Apologies	Janelle Harland, Annabel Acland, Rachael Wilson,

Opening/Apologies

Katy opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were conveyed.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12 November were confirmed as a true and accurate account. The record of the informal meeting on 26 November was also confirmed.

Principal's report

Brendan said the start of the year had gone well and it was good to have the boys back. The new student management system is great and the school is in the process of moving to the Microsoft suite.

There have been some issues with the buses this year. Last year NZ Bus lost the contract which includes the school's routes. They have sub-contracted to NZ Coach Services, which this year has not been up to standard. Brendan has spoken to the CEO of NZ Bus, who has agreed to terminate the agreement with Wellesley. Once this has happened, the intention is to replace NZ Coach Services with another provider. In the meantime, Brendan and Steve have been racing around the various bus stops trying to help.

Brendan ran through the various events that happen at the start of the year and noted particularly that the Year 7 and 8 camps will now take place in term 1.

Treasurer's Report

Robert presented the PA Income statement to 31 December 2018. He noted that he is still waiting for the final numbers from the school for the Spooky Disco.

Robert tabled a list of money raised from the various events last year. After accounting for costs, we raised \$12,129.

There was a discussion about what to spend this money on. Brendan said he would ask the staff and Rosie offered to ask Clint if he had any suggestions. Katy suggested the PA could help with the re-surfacing of the tennis courts. Rosie suggested that we could try to apply to Pelorus for a grant to help with these costs, particularly because the courts are also used by the local community.

It was also suggested that we do an audit of the games introduced last year, to see which are proving popular and if any more need to be bought.

PA events

Fat Freddy's Drop

This was a huge success, especially because of Katy's Parking Plan. 186 cars parked on the field and we raised about \$1,800. The Hutt City Council was happy with how the gig went and so there might be scope for another event soon.

School Picnic

This will be on Sunday 17 March from 4-6pm. More details below.

There will be another event later in the year instead of a gala (a quiz or casino night).

Class Reps

Cilla said that she and Louise have filled about half of the class rep roles. The gaps are mainly in the junior school where many of the parents are new to the school. They will continue to approach likely candidates and then organise a get-together once all the positions are filled.

Fundraising

Art Calendars/Diaries

- Katy said she thought Philippa Bosley had offered to coordinate the art calendar/diaries project this year and would confirm that.
- If not, she would be looking for someone to do this. This is not a taxing role and involves primarily coordinating with Glen on art selection. It could be most convenient to do this project around Art Week in term 3.
- The art must be either A4 or A3.

Constitution

The Constitution has been changed and just needs to be filed, which is a work in progress.

Additional Business

- **BBQ:** The BBQ has been purchased (\$246).
- **Marquee:** Katy said that they have decided to buy a Hercules Pro 37, which is 4.5 x 3 metres. There will be a crest on all four sides and the Wellesley name on the edges (with sublimated white behind). The walls will be navy. We will also purchase four sand bags and a carry bag. The cost, after a discount is \$1,955. The purchase of the marquee was approved and it was hoped it could be ready in time for the school picnic.
- **Working Bee:** Rosie suggested that it might be nice to have a school working bee, to help Clint to fix up the grounds. This could be done in April or May and some PA funds could perhaps be put towards projects on Clint's wish list.
- **AGM:** The AGM this year will be on 25 March. We will need a new Chair and Katy asked for people to give her an indication in advance about their interest in continuing or taking up new roles.
- **Entertainment Books:** Whilst this raised \$234 last year, it was agreed that it was time to give this a rest. It was agreed that we won't sell the books this year.
- **Cyclone:** Amanda suggested that the school approach Cyclone, our preferred Chrome Book provider, for a donation of equipment that we could use as a raffle prize for the quiz/casino night. Rosie said she will discuss this with Veronica.

School picnic

- Rosie said she will ask about a postponement day.
- Katy said that we won't do food trucks, but just low key BBQ (sausages and hamburgers) with ice creams and spiders.
- Hopefully we can get rocket burgers at cost through Catherine Watson.
- People will bring their own picnics.
- Cilla suggested contacting The Pavilion to give them advance warning, ask them for a deal (2 for 1 Margaritas, for example) and see if they can offer a pre-ordering service.
- In terms of activities, it was thought that we don't want to go overboard. Perhaps a bouncy castle for years 1-4 and a water slide down the bank for the older kids (using the tarp from the disco). Old boys could come back to help supervise this. There could also be soccer kicks and a tug of war.
- It was agreed that there will be no fund raisers for West Coast camp.
- Katy asked for volunteers to organise the food and the activities, as well as coordinating the set up and pack down.

- Kati, Cilla, Kate and Frances offered to organise activities and Katy, Rosie, Amanda and Rochelle will do food. The two groups will meet some time in February with a view to being ready to put out a notice about the picnic on 4 March.

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm.

The next meeting is on 25 March (the AGM).