



**Wellesley College Parents' Association (WCPA)
Meeting Minutes
13 May 2019
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm**

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

Opening/Apologies

Cilla opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were conveyed. Anna Sims was welcomed and introduced as the new Secretary. Anna will be sharing the Secretary role with Anna Vrede and they will take the minutes at alternate meetings.

Previous Minutes review

The minutes from 25 March were confirmed as a true and accurate account. Moved by Frances Crombie and seconded by Kate Oppenhuis

Principal's Report

Cilla read out Brendan's report which included the following points:

- Great to have Year 7 and 8 Camps done and the new term 1 date for the Year 7 West Coast camp was considered a huge success.
- Enrollment interest is high for 2020.
- New website has been launched and the PA has a section. This can be found under 'Community'.
- 13-17 May is Bully Free Week and everyone at school will be wearing Pink shirts on Friday in support.

- Choir Camp is this week on Thursday and Friday
- All winter sport fixtures start next week with Hereworth visiting on Thursday 24th May.
- Jeremy Field has asked the WCPA to help cover the cost of 50 travel bags for the top sports teams to use when touring. The benefit is that the bags will be cross generational however only some sporting groups will be using them. Each bag will cost \$59.95.

After much discussion about providing funds for sports and or cultural group gear the PA decided that it wasn't appropriate for the WCPA to provide funds that would only benefit a small number of boys. It was agreed they would offer to gift \$1000.00 to help with sports travel bags but that any contribution should be for multi-use school-owned bags (i.e. choir camp, Lit Quiz etc). Cilla asked for a committee member to put together some wording that could be used to communicate the WCPA criteria used to accept or decline funding opportunities when future financial assistance is requested by various school groups. Amanda Gregan has agreed to draft this wording.

Treasurer's Report

Cilla presented the draft WCPA Income statement for 1 January to 30 April 2019. This was reviewed by all attending members and clarification provided by Cilla. Cilla to check Item 1: should it read Term 1 2019 levies... not 2018 levies? Cilla to get clarification from Robert.

Areas of interest to note include:

- Income came from parking fundraising at the Fat Freddy's Drop Event.
- Recent expenditure includes the BBQ, Kapa Haka Rakau sticks and the Hercules Shelter.
- The PA continue to have a healthy bank balance. Please refer to the Treasures Report for more information.

PA Communication

The new school website is live. The PA section sits under Community.

- To update the website with PA information, please send this to Karen who will upload it.

- A full committee list needs to be included on the website. It was agreed we would have committee names and the Year Group of their oldest child. Cilla will give the updated list to Karen.

School/Foundation Events

Old Boys Alumini Day

- Rosie mentioned that the Old Boys Alumini visit is scheduled for Friday 31st May but will not go ahead this year due to calendar clash. Wellesley is hosting Waihi school for rugby, hockey and football and there is also a Choir exchange with Chilton St James that day. Unfortunately, there is no other date to move the Old Boys visit to.

Artist in Residence

- In term 3, we will have Natchez Hudson as our artist in residence for 3 weeks. All students will have the opportunity to work with Natchez and paint a piece for the exhibition.
- Art Week is from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September
- Art Exhibition will be held on Tuesday 24th September. Rosie has asked the PA to help provide 6-7 helpers on Monday 23rd September to set up and hang art etc and 10 parents to help with sales, bar and clean up etc at the event on Tuesday evening. Kate Oppenhuis offered to find parents to help on both Monday and Tuesday.

Grandparents Day

- Rosie asked for help with Grandparents day. Louise offered to liaise with Karen to determine what help the PA can provide. This can be done through Class reps as well.

School Picnic

- Due to the picnic being postponed in March, the PA are considering a new date. Sunday 17th and 24th Nov were floated as possible options. Rosie will discuss these dates with Veronica and SLT and confirm the most suitable date by the next meeting.
- The PA may decide to call it something other than a picnic. It was suggested that the PA could pay for the ice creams for all children.

Class Reps

- Cilla provided an update to the committee. Some classes have had a get together and some are still in planning mode.
- Class Reps have been reminded to check with teachers if any new students have arrived this term so the family can be included in emails and events.

Fundraising

Art Calendars/Diaries

- Phillipa Bossley is coordinating the Art Calendar and Diary fundraising for this year. Report back next meeting,

Fundraising opportunities

- WCPA has received an offer to set up an Ice-Skating Rink in the school hall to use as a fundraising initiative. It was agreed that this fundraising activity is not something the PA would support due to pressure on the use of the hall.

Constitution

- Katy Lethbridge as past president (honorary rather than official title) is authorized to request the key. This was agreed to by all.

Additional Business

Term 2 Parent Event

The purpose of the event is for our school community to have the opportunity to socialise. This is primarily not a fundraising event. Ideas and dates for a parent event towards the end of term 2 were discussed.

- Drinks event with celebrity and VIP meet and greet with a World Cup Rugby and Cricket and Film Industry themes. Using networks amongst the parent community we should be able to find suitable persons of interest.

- Possible dates include Wednesday 19th and 26th of June. Thursday the 20th is also an option. 7.30 – 10 or 10.30 on a week night is thought to be a better than a Saturday night event although Saturday 22nd and 29th could also be considered.
- Seashore Cabaret on the Petone Foreshore was suggested as a possible venue and it was agreed that if we could book the venue out for our sole use it could be a good option and work for those families who live in the City and the Hutt Valley.
- A sub-committee will be formed to progress once the date is in place.
- Rosie to check with Karen and Veronica re school calendar and possible date conflicts.

Art Policy

- Amanda to discuss with us next meeting and present draft policy.

Meeting closed: 8.57 pm.

Next meeting 10 June 2019