



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

Association members attending	Cilla Bennett, Louise Croxford, Kate Oppenhuis, Kati Schroderus, Chloe Bridgeman, Brendan Pitman, Rochelle Parks, Robert Pritchard, Rosie Torbit, Bridget Smithson
Apologies	Bridget Hargreaves, Rachael Wilson, Anna Vrede, Frances Crombie, Emma Worthington, Phillipa Bosley, Annabelle Acland, Janelle Harland, Amanda Gregan, Sylvie Gould, Helene Beliss, Matt Hayes

Opening/Apologies

Cilla opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were conveyed. We welcomed Bridget Smithson to the committee. Matt Hayes and Helene Beliss have also said they would like to join the PA but gave their apologies for this meeting. It is exciting having new parents coming on board.

Previous Minutes review

The minutes from 10 June were confirmed as a true and accurate account. Moved by Kate Oppenhuis and seconded by Louise Croxford.

Principal's Report

Brendan presented his report and is pleased with how well the term has started and everything feels good. Some highlights to mention:

- Life Education and successful sports fixtures held in Term 2.
- We have our Artist in Residence Natchez Hudson and all is going well. Glen Jorna also ran an Art workshop in week 2 for staff and that also went well.
- South Island Sports Tour is Week 2 Wednesday to Friday, all involved are looking forward to that.

- Looking forward to Year 5 & 6 being involved in Dance Splash and Grandparents Day at the end of Term 3.
- Term 4 has plenty going on and to pack into a short term.

Treasurer's Report

Robert presented the draft WCPA Income statement for 1st June 2019 to 31 July 2019.

Areas of interest to note include:

- Have made contact again with the IRD but no correspondence received.
- The PA continue to have a healthy bank balance. A \$20,000 balance has been retained as a float for any upcoming expenses. Cilla moved at the last meeting that we gift \$25,000 to the playground fund and this was agreed by all. This payment will be transferred to the school soon.

PA Communication

Following discussion at the May meeting, Amanda has drafted a policy around requests to the PA for funding. There was some discussion around the wording for one point, and still to be confirmed. To be discussed again and finalised at next PA meeting.

Art purchasing policy – there hasn't been any progress on this yet. Amanda to discuss with Glen Jorna. General commentary as to whether the PA and school need any new artwork as wall space is at capacity. However it is a tradition to purchase a piece from the artist in residence.

School/Foundation Events

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 Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September (3 half days, 9.15 – 12.30)
- Art Exhibition will be held on Tuesday 24th September.

- A roster of parent help has been completed by Kate Oppenhuis, there are a few gaps to fill for the evening and Kate is working on this.

Artbourne

- Rosie is looking for feedback about the current Artbourne format and whether this is sustainable going forward given a large number of key people who have organised it in the past have moved on. Rosie will talk initially to Francie and see if there is enough interest for someone to take on the Curator role. It was suggested maybe a smaller event – opening night and only 1 day.

Grandparents Day

- Rosie asked for help with Grandparents Day. Louise to liaise with Karen and parents to work on a roster in advance of the next meeting.
- Louise is talking to Rachel and Blue Carrot catering for options. It was agreed to spend \$800. Discussed we need more GF options this year and more savoury options.

House Day

- It has been agreed to hold a House Day in Term 4, Thursday 21st November. Year 8 leaders will help plan and run this event in conjunction with a parent group.
- A parent sub-committee will be formed at the next PA meeting to lead this.

Class Reps

- Cilla will continue to push comms via the class reps about the Grandparents Day and the Art Exhibition.
- Some classes are organising social events.

Fundraising

Art Calendars/Diaries

- Phillipa Bossley is coordinating the Art Calendar and Diary fundraising for this year. Planning is on track and artwork created in class will be used instead of a creating new artwork to ease workload. Phillipa to update the PA next meeting.

Junior School Disco

- Discussed the possibility of having a Year 1-4 disco and students pay \$10 for tickets which includes water and a sausage.
- Rosie suggested could save on DJ hire and just use a disco play list to keep costs to a minimum.
- Suggested that June 2020 would be a good time to have this and continue as an ongoing event.
- Cilla is going to check with junior teachers and class reps they are happy with this plan and timing. It makes sense for the junior school class reps and parents to run this event.

Additional Business

Discovery Day

- The PA have been asked to help with distributing flyers in their communities and this is underway. A mailbox drop in target suburbs is also taking place.

Sandpit

- An alternative option is currently being scoped out and it is possible the old Long Jump pit maybe used.
- Cilla suggested the WCPA could help to fund a new cover
- It was also noted that whatever development of the sandpit is done needs to be done as part of the master playgroup plan.

PA Social Event

- Cilla suggested a very informal event 'drinks and a 'catch up' held at a bar keeps things simple and allows people to come and go as they wish. The recent Year 7 group drinks was held at Dillengers and was a great night.
- Brendan and Frances will check when the School BOT are available as it is important they are part of this event. Cilla suggested the BOT members and teachers wear name tags so everyone knows who they are.
- Date is TBC but ideally it will be early in term 4 with a 6pm start. Dillengers was a good venue,

Back to School Day

- This special day for Old Boys will be in the calendar for the Friday 29th May 2020.

PA membership

- It was noted that the majority of those on the PA had boys in Y7 or 8 so would be looking to move off the committee in one to two years. Brendan and Gavin were going to discuss some strategies to encourage parents of younger children to join the PA. An invitation to our Christmas Drinks will be extended to those who are interested.

Meeting closed: 8.35pm

Next meeting Monday 9th September 2019