



Wellesley College Parents' Association
AGM - Meeting Minutes
12 April 2021
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm

Committee Members	Cilla Bennett, Anna Vrede, Chloe Bridgeman, Ding Wang, Rebecca Clancy, Robert Pritchard, Paul Fryer, Becs Fitzpatrick, Emma Worthington, Sarah-Jane Hays, Samantha Batchelar
School Representative	Chris Parker
Foundation Representative	Rosie Torbit
Apologies	Melanie Main, Melissa Curry, Greta Ardern, Nicola Noldus, Veronica Stevens, Nicola Maurd, Francis Crombie, Angelique Sparnaay-Martin, Melanie Taylor, Anna Sims.

Opening/Apologies

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

Previous Minutes

2020 AGM minutes reviewed and approved.

Chairperson's Annual Report

Cilla presented her 2020 Annual Report and read the report to the meeting.

Key points:

Events: The disruption from Covid-19 resulted in a reduced number of events for WPA. However, we were able to host a very successful House Day and Sunday Funday prior to the first lockdown. WPA was also able to support a number of other events throughout the year including Artbourne and Election Day, Athletics days, Cross Country and Parent/Staff/Board drinks.

We farewelled a number of long-standing WPA committee members with thanks for their contribution and support over the years. We welcomed many new parents to the committee and it was pleasing to see some many parents from Junior and Middles Schools.

Financial: The WPA account is in a very healthy position (\$30k) and Robert would like to work with the Chair and committee to determine any expected expenditure/revenues. Chris Parker and Rosie Torit to talk to the Senior Leadership team and investigate what equipment/initiatives they might like funded.

School initiatives: The PA supported the school through the purchase of ??, another donation to the playground fund, and a piece of art for the school collection from Artbourne.

Class representatives: Nicola Maurd replaced Janelle Harland (resigned from WPA) as the Class Rep co-ordinator role in late 2020. Nicola has had an excellent start in the role, with all classes having 1-2 each.

Fundraising: Once again, we undertook some smaller fundraising initiatives in 2020 including a Junior School Disco, the sale of Entertainment Books, art calendars and diaries. Thanks to Ding Wang and Angelique Sparnaay-Martin for successfully organising and coordinating these.

Policy and funding guidelines reminder: A reminder to all new committee members that an Art Policy and Funding guidelines were developed to help inform any future purchasing decisions. These make it clear for anyone submitting a funding request to the WPA. Any purchasing decision needs to include Robert Pritchard.

Thanks: Expressed to all the committee members, members who took a key role in events and fundraising and the Foundation and School representatives for their engagement with the Association.

A copy of the report is attached.

Treasurer's Report

Robert referred back to the Treasurer's Report presented at the March WPA meeting.

Key points:

Income of \$13,579. Income was primarily from the term levies and from small margins on the Junior Disco, Artbourne and Entertainment Books.

Expenditure was \$4,540.67.

A copy of the report is attached.

Election of new Committee

Current WPA members have agreed to stay on the committee:

- Rosie Torbit
- Bridgette Smithson
- Ding Wang
- Chloe Bridgeman
- Mel Main
- Robert Pritchard
- Jules Hyde
- Greta Ardern
- Nicola Maud
- Emma Worthington
- Rebecca Clancy
- Bec Fitzpatrick
- Samantha Batchelar
- Sarah-Jane Hayes
- Paul Fryer
- Nicola Noldus

The following committee members have requested to stand down off the WPA following the 2020 AGM:

- Cilla Bennett
- Anna Sims
- Anna Vrede
- Frances Crombie

The following people attending the meeting agreed to nomination for the Committee for 2020:

- Bec Fitzgerald was nominated and accepted as Chair of the committee.
- Rebecca Clancy was nominated and accepted as Deputy Chair of the committee.
- Samantha Batchelor was nominated and accepted as Secretary of the committee with support from Rosie Torbit when required.

A big thank you to all of you from the committee.

All were elected into the Committee unanimously.

Election of Officeholders

The following Committee members were elected to the following Officeholder roles

Role	2020
Chairperson	Bec Fitzpatrick
Deputy Chairperson	Rebecca Clancy
Treasurer	Robert Pritchard
Deputy Treasurer	Paul Fryer
Secretary	Samantha Batchelor

Other business

Chris Parker acknowledged the work of the WPA from the school and it's contribution towards fostering a great community atmosphere. Thanks were given to parents representatives and WPA for all their help with events like Cross Country, Grandparents Day and Sunday Funday.

Rosie Torbit and Chloe Bridgeman acknowledged the work of outgoing Chair, Cilla Bennett, on creating a PA team that has done an outstanding job of linking the school and parents together. The school would like to demonstrate their thanks by hosting Cilla and other outgoing WPA members to a morning tea.

Meeting closed: 8.00 pm.