



Wellesley College Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18 May 2021
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm

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| Committee Members | Chloe Bridgeman, Ding Wang, Nicola Noldus, Sarah-Jane Hays, Greta Arden, Melanie Main, Nicola Maud, Robert Pritchard, Becs Fitzpatrick, Samantha Batchelar |
| School Representative | Veronica Stevens |
| Foundation Representative | Rosie Torbit |
| Apologies | Rebecca Clancy, Paul Fryer, Caroline Drury, Emma Worthington, Melanie Taylor, Melissa Curry, Jules Hyde |

Opening/Apologies

Rebecca Fitzpatrick opened the meeting. Apologies were conveyed.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes reviewed and approved by Chloe, Greta second.

Principals Report

Veronica reported a great term 1, with Structured Literacy and Numicon being positively received by students and teachers.

Mike Bains welcome pōwhiri is to take place on 31 May. Chris Parker and Veronica have met with local iwi Te Ati Awa, who are supporting Wellesley to learn correct protocols and are gifting kaumātua to represent Wellesley during the pōwhiri. Mike will be farewelled by his current kapa haka group, Kaumātua and staff. Te Ati Awa is parihaka, a peaceful tribe that hongis first, the only iwi to do so. Veronica hopes that everyone can attend pōwhiri and/or the BoT, staff and parent drinks on June 10th.

Commencement of the playground will begin on May 24, with completion by June 14. A large amount of bark will be delivered with PA/parent working bee help to distribute June 12.

Discussion with PA on recommendations for placement of playground plaque

- On playground
- Stand alone plaque in playground
- On wall under Yr 3 classroom
- On a new seat for children/parents to sit near the playground

No decision was made.

In response to request from PA on how to use monies to benefit school, Veronica has recommended:

- New sound system for the school hall, Quotes needed.

- Staging for the hall, which is usually hired, so would have an eventual cost benefit for the school. Staging is used for the school production, prizegiving and parents day. Quotes needed.

Treasurer's Report

Robert has completed the charities report and will upload, and pay applicable fee's.

The treasury is still going through the process of transferring over the account access from old members to new members. This will take time.

Events

Mike Bain pōwhiri Monday 31 May.

Playground working bee June 12, lots of people signed up to help.

School has asked to delay events in Term 2 as it is so busy.

Term 3 drinks recommended 19th August, possibly Victoria Tavern, Petone. Veronica to confirm date with SLT.

Junior Disco possibly term 3., no date set.

House Day Afternoon was talked about last meeting as a way to build house spirit within the school. House day was originally started as a way to give the teachers time to participate in Parent Engagement Meetings. The PA is keen to support House Day Afternoons as a way to create camaraderie, team spirit and new relationships between year groups for the boys. Questions were raised on how this would be structured and the PA's involvement. Possibility for it to fit in the end of Art Week in September.

Ruth Chinn would like to do a Quiz as a fundraiser, possibility to do in Term 3. PA would need to look into venues. Liquor can no longer be supplied at school events unless provided by outsourced catering, incurring substantial costs.

Art week set up will be on 26th September. Volunteers will be needed to support the exhibition, as well as pack down on Wednesday 29th to prepare for Grandparents day on Thursday 30th September. Children are currently working on their art, hoping to be completed by the end of term 2. Sarah-Jane to follow up on details. Ideally a link for sales will be put on Wellesley website the week before Art Week.

Other business

Nicola has done a great job with class reps. Every class has at least one rep.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 29 June, 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 8.20 pm.