



Wellesley College Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday 6 July 2021
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm

Committee Members	Rebecca Fitzgerald, Robert Pritchard, Mel Taylor, Sarah-Jane Hays, Mel Curry, Ruth Chinn, Nicole Noldus, Rebecca Clancy, Emma Worthington, Ding Yu, Caroline Drury, Paul Fryer, Mike Bain.
School Representative	Mike Bain
Foundation Representative	Rosie Torbit
Apologies	Nicola Mackenzie, Melanie Main, Greta Ardern

Opening/Apologies

Rebecca opened the meeting.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes reviewed and approved by Approved by Chloe, seconded by Nicole.

Events

Ruth Chinn discussed plans for Quiz Night, which has been approved by the school and scheduled for Thursday September 9th, with catering by Simply Food, as well as purchasable alcohol available under their liquor licence. To be run as a school social event- held in school hall. Brent Dixon to provide advertising materials.

The PA agree on intent to be a social engagement rather than fundraising, for the Wellesley community. Class reps to champion tickets to encourage engagement and inclusion. Tickets limited to 100 people for now.

School to promote through comms. Covid backup plan discussed but school unlikely to have pre-set covid backup dates.

Possibly part funds to go to designated charity? Not confirmed.

Logistics to be discussed like online purchasing etc. PA to set up own online purchasing system. Idea to put space for food intolerances/needs on online purchasing.

PA agrees to pay the \$350 for the quizmasters fee. \$1 mark-ups on drinks to go towards prizes. No volunteers needed yet. Will need help on the night but can discuss at next WPA meeting.

Rebecca F sends thanks from BoT to all volunteers of the playground working bee and powhiri.

Parents drinks booked Victoria Tavern, Petone, Thursday 19 August at 5.30pm. Suggest Angus Inn for next one as owner on BoT.

Junior disco: Ding has booked the DJ. Will organise to have details sent to Karen to send out first week of term 3. Sam request for gf/df pizzas to be available and glow sticks available for purchase.

Rebecca thanks Emma for representing WPA at playground opening. Sam offered to build playground seat at cost, for plaque to sit on. Details to be discussed with Rebecca at a later date.

“Create for a cause” (Artbourne in alternate years) Artist in residence, student art week- no normal school classes, instead immersive art for the boys for 3 days, then exhibition on Tues 28 September. Rosie requests help to organise volunteers to assist on Mon 27th, a couple on Tues 28th, 3 or 4 for hosp and 3 or 4 for sales for the event and general help for the week. More comms to come out in August. Chloe keen to help.

Grandparents day recipe book. Emma’s idea to encourage community by asking grandparents to handwrite a recipe which Emma would collate into a cook-book. Supported by the school and the board. Mike bought an example of the

Te Mata recipe book. Emma happy to sort comms to Karen re. asking Grandparents to bring recipes on Grandparents Day. Rebecca C and Sam to support Emma.

House day/events. Emma re-iterated her desire for the PA to support the boys to create house flags, as a legacy for the PA. The PA request a written brief with intent and discuss how this would look for the school. Possibly the boys create flags or shields, and the PA gets them made into badges.

Principals Report

Key Points:

Enrolment enquiries are steady and positive trend in enrolments across the board. HIBS taking fewer boys, more boys staying at Wellesley for longer. Ideal position to have boys stay through Year 8.

Enormous term. Powhiri well attended and well received and positive feedback from Te Mata delegates about Wellesley hospitality.

Playground Working Bee was fantastic, 20 truckloads of bark moved by team of parent, child and staff volunteers.

Old Boys Back to School Day had appx. 100 Old boys, great day and already scheduled again for next year.

Parents drink had a great feel and well attended.

Wellesley has a great soul, amazing kids, possibilities, and opportunities. Mike has enjoyed his first month.

Treasurer's Report

IRD confirmation of de-registration arrived, but late filing fee of \$50 needs paying though. We have to re-register if our income goes over \$60,000.

The bank payment processing system is set up with Rosie able to authorise. Paul and Bex to be added soon.

Up to date with the exception of outstanding payments including flowers for Veronica and last meeting nibbles, and plus WPA Term 2 levies still to come in.

Healthy bank account, still awaiting requests from school for where to provide funding. A copy of the report is attached.

Other business

Caroline bought up the possibility of starting an after-school care. Mike open to the conversation.

Art calendar fundraising, Sarah-Jane coming to meet Friday to check with Glen to see where art is at for now. Need to confirm when art will be ready for sale/pickup around art week.

Entertainment book not actively supported but runs along in the background.

In the PA constitution we need to be in person with minimum of 5 people, but Rebecca looking into how we can change that for circumstances like Covid or the recent storm.

Chloe shared story of meeting young boy enrolled to come to Wellesley. Also went to army event and talked to a member of the "bomb squad" who has offered to bring the team to show Wellesley boys what its all about if a suitable event arises.

Council and promoters have asked if Wellesley would use grounds as parking space for Peachy Keen and Lorde concerts, netting the school appx \$4000. Logistics to be discussed with council but some WPA members have done similar before and willing to provide support again.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday August 3rd 7.30pm. **Meeting closed: 9pm.**