



**Wellesley College Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 3 August 2021
Wellesley College Staff Room, Days Bay at 7.30pm**

Committee Members	Nicola Maude Sarah-Jane Hayes Chloe Bridgeman Ding Wang Paul Fryer Ruth Chinn Rebecca Fitzgerald Caroline Drury Robert Pritchard
School Representative	Mike Bain
Foundation Representative	
Apologies	Nicola Mackenzie, Melanie Main, Rosie Torbit, Emma Worthington

Opening/Apologies

Rebecca opened the meeting and gave apologies.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes reviewed and approved by Chloe, seconded by Ding.

Events

Term 3 drinks - the Victoria Tavern all booked and organised. Rebecca to follow up with Rosie and Karen to advertise on facebook.

Junior Disco was in weekly email to parents this week. Ding will ask Karen to put it on the facebook page. The booking site is up and running. Budget has been approved. Some volunteers have already been found for the night. Michelle's son Max would like to sell glow sticks at the disco to raise money for Choir Camp in Auckland. Unanimous agreement to support Max's request.

Quiz night- Some confusion on dates, it is 9th of September and will be clarified in comms. Poster has been made, confirming last few details. Most aspects confirmed. Do we want to have a raffle to go to charity, and if yes, which one? Idea of raffle supported but charity to be decided. Ruth happy to organise raffle contents and sales. Ruth has suggested Mike does a round of questions based on Wellesley or of his choice. Robert to set up online ticket sales once he has some imagery, Ruth will supply. The school will provide tea and coffee.

Post Meeting Note: The local charity identified for support is Nourish. A general collection will be held on the evening (no raffle).

Artist in residence- Rosie needs volunteers for the days 20/21/27th and the night of the 28th September. Requests will come to the WPA first then to the wider school community. Robert happy to handle finances and be there for the sales night. Eftpos machine/s will be hired for art sales.

Grandparents day will also require volunteers. Sam to follow up with Rebecca and Emma about the cookbook so we can try to get comms out by beginning of September. WPA to provide catering for grandparents day. Simply food has been used in the past. Robert happy to take point, with Rosies assistance.

Houseday afternoon plans on hold for now

Principals Report

Key Points:

Busy term- Arts focus for Term 3. Billy- artist in residence for next 3-4 weeks. Famous for landscape images for icebreaker. Working towards "Create for a cause". Billy and students doing art for sale. The boys deciding who to send funds raised to, Mike believes its Mental health.

Dance splash and art splash coming up.

Pump dance working with classes. Choir camp coming up. Lots going on for the boys.

Mike is encouraging learning around our environment and turangiwaiwai. Staff focussed on stepping up numicon and structured literacy.

Lots of sporting events.

Large numbers of enrolment enquiries and interviews. Year 7 looks full for 2022. Interesting changes in demographics. The school is advertising on radio and in media.

Health and safety work undertaken in school holidays including removal of trees and repainting lines on drive to ensure boys safety on school grounds.

Treasurer's Report

No new business since last meeting. Payments have been updated including charities register and runathon and Veronicas gift updated.

A copy of the report is attached.

Other business

Quote for sound system presented by Mike of \$13,764.95. The school request WPA monies. Unanimously passed to support and transfer funds for the school to purchase. Quote attached.

Class Reps, Nicola happy to pass comms through class reps to get any required information out.

Fundraising calendars- Sarah-Jane has met with Glen. Most of the art is in, the last pieces will hopefully be in by the end of this week. Cut off for art to be included will be boys that were here last term. Sarah-Jane is close to being able to send everything off. Clarification on dates the calendars will be required- consensus that it would be better to be closer to

Christmas so they can be given as gifts. Sale prices to be discussed. Sarah-Jane has flyers to go up to advertise, each child gets a unique code for parents to buy merchandise online. Comms to wait until final art work is in.

Playground Seat options given for playground seat by Sam. Option two accepted and passed (double board top) for \$167.08 + gst. Mike will discuss with Clint for placement and timing. Rebecca to organise plaque.

Melanie Main is on the transportation strategy group. Mike briefed but it is complicated, large parameters to be discussed. Opportunities for new, smaller routes. The review is not to reduce routes but to make it more efficient and look after the greatest number of people.

Nicola has requested, from discussion with parents, to have the school calendar planned and released at the start of the year. Mike is supportive of this as well as more clarity with explanations of events.

Chloe has asked about an emergency plan should the school ever be cut off from Petone. When her son was here there was a backup plan to house all the kids locally. To Mikes knowledge there is no overnight plan. The school is a Civil Defence station but only has food stores, not accomodation provisions. The school has a plan to to request from parents an emergency contact specifically to uplift children in case of an emergency.

Greta Ardern has resigned from the WPA. Greta has been a valued member of committee supporting events and the committee through her time. Thank you for all your hard work with the WPA.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 14th September 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 8.45pm.