



Wellesley College Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 14 September 2021
Zoom meeting at 7.30pm

Committee Members	Nicola Maude Sarah-Jane Hays Chloe Bridgeman Ding Wang Rebecca Clancy Nicole Noldus Mel Curry Samantha Batchelar Rebecca Fizpatrick
School Representative	Mike Bain - apologies
Foundation Representative	Rosie Torbit
Apologies	Robert Pritchard Melanie Main Emma Worthington

Opening/Apologies

Rebecca opened the meeting and gave apologies.

Previous Minutes

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

(NON) Events

Parents drinks cancelled, probably not in term 4, can only be done in COVID Alert level 1.

Junior disco postponed, date to come if/when in COVID Alert level 1 announced.

Quiz night cancelled.

Grandparents day cancelled.

Playground seat and plaque on hold until COVID Alert level 1.

Artist in residence postponed, residency is being continued to work with boys and he is creating his own artwork. Exhibition will go ahead wk 1, term 4 IF in COVID Alert level 1.

Fundraising for scholarships and mental health foundation. Student art week delayed 1 week to week 9. Rosie hoping to put roster out for the exhibition last week of term 3 in preparation for term 4.

Athletics Day dates proposed for senior boys 28 Oct (all day), 2 Nov yrs 4-6 (all day), 19 Nov years 1,2,3 (11am-1pm). Last year Tania O'Connor had indicated that she would like to sponsor sausages for senior athletics day. Rosie to follow up.

Principals Report

No formal report from Mike. Rosie provided a quick update saying the boys are happy to be back at school and all very busy.

Treasurer's Report

Rosie to follow up with Mike re purchase of new sound system.

A copy of the treasurers report is attached.

Other business

Rosie to talk to Veronica to discuss with SLT to decide key dates for 2022. Rebecca has put forward proposed events shared with WPA.

Rebecca has said the board would like to see engagement with the Eastbourne community in some events such as ARTbourne, opening of the tennis court 2022, food truck night, that the WPA could assist. This will be considered in the development of the proposed events for 2022.

Request for proposed cookbook to be broader than just grandparents- the enviro-group is keen to put some recipes in, if this goes ahead.

Sarah-Jane has organised and coded majority of the artwork with each child's individual code, has just received the last few pieces this week. The printers are in Auckland, who have said not to send the art out until out of COVID Alert Level 4. This will no longer be able to be co-ordinated with art week. Hopeful to have ordering open by the beginning of term 4.

Nicola has researched emergency water systems after discussions around emergency supplies last meeting. Possible that WPA could contribute? Could be part of the community service awards for the boys to clean and maintain them. Nicola to provide proposal including cost estimate for WPA support.

The Committee all commented how impressed they were with Wellesley's delivery of COVID Level 4-3 online learning. They were very appreciative of how quickly the School sprung back into online delivery and how much this contrasted with other schools they know in the community where kids had very little learning structure and stimulus delivered. For future improvements, it would be good if teachers were able to provide a consistent approach across year levels and there are a number of features within Teams and Seesaw which could be leveraged. We would be open to providing funding if the school required teachers to have any further online teaching tool training as we realise how important this is. Rosie says Mark Meo is now a certified Microsoft in Schools expert so could be very useful.

Well done to the school and teachers for moving quickly and being ready to go – thank you!

Chloe praised the school for raising so much money for onsite day, especially during a lockdown.

Nothing from class reps.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th October 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm.