



Wellesley Parents' Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday 28 March 2022
Mixed in Person & Zoom meeting at 7.25pm

Committee Members	Rebecca Fitzpatrick Rebecca Clancy Robert Pritchard Paul Fryer Samantha Batchelar Nicola Mackenzie Maurd Chloe Bridgeman Caroline Drury Nicole Noldus Dan O'Brien Amy Anderson Anna Lane Mia Dong
School Representative	Mike Bain
Foundation Representative	Rosie Torbit
Apologies	Melissa Curry Melanie Main Sarah-Jane Hays Ding Wang

Opening/Apologies

Rebecca opened the meeting and gave apologies.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes reviewed and approved by Rebecca F and seconded by Rebecca C.

Treasurer's Report

As per last meeting. Ins and outs from January to December 2021 remain the same, the term levies short fall has now been received but will be reflected in this month's statement. Current balance of accounts \$19,806.

Please see treasurers report attached

Principals Report

The school roll is up to 280, Mikes first planned milestone. The next milestone will be 300 boys and there are already 8 new entrants booked to start this year.

Covid numbers at the school have increased with 23 boys testing positive and 73 off school this week. Several staff are sick or isolating as well. More students and staff are expected to be away due to covid in the coming weeks.

Parent teacher interview schedules will open when Veronica returns to school.

The traffic light system eases restrictions slightly, but no known changes to mask mandates at this time. The school is still unable to be all together at the same time for assemblies etc.

This week is the last week of summer sports, and the school field will be changing to reflect this.

Continued delays with the tennis court resurfacing work, working with the local residents and council regarding proposed plans. As of right now the lease has not been renewed so delays development of the courts and stream.

The drinking water tank has been ordered and hopefully will be installed next week.

After school care was considered at the last meeting, with the option of a “walking bus” to Muritai school & their Kelly Sport base if there were the numbers to support.

Events

BBQs and Ice-blocks for Senior School Cross Country 7th April & Junior & Middle School Cross Country 14 April

Rob taking lead, and will be assisted by the House Captains to serve. Two volunteers will still be needed from WPA parents.

Tatsat Mishra has donated funds to supply sausages and ice-blocks on his father’s behalf. The WPA would like to acknowledge the generosity of this donation to the boys.

Fundraising

Sarah-Jane has spoken with Glen Jorna re: student art fundraiser for 2022 They have prepared a plan and aim for artwork to be in for term 3 to give suitable time for turnaround of products.

Mike suggests a website call schoolfundraising.org which sells eco products where the school promotes and gets a share of the profits. Robert will follow up to check viability.

ARTBOURNE exhibition: Thursday October 27 - Saturday the 29th. Rosie will send out comms in June for WPA helpers. Though this is not a WPA fundraiser the assistance of the WPA is always greatly appreciated.

Please bring ideas for fundraising to the next meeting.

Spending requests

Discussion on acceptance of Mikes proposed Sound Fields at a cost of \$10,500 + GST. Rooms 2,3 & 4 already have a sound field. This funding would ensure that all classrooms would have one.

Mike to follow up if the units are APD compatible, for children that use technology to assist with audio processing difficulties, the re-present to WPA for decision.

Caroline requests picnic tables/suitable seating for the junior quad and is happy to donate 1 picnic table. WPA to discuss.

Caroline also suggests a sunshade for the playground. While warmly received by WPA the cost could be prohibitive. Rosie suggests a grant application to Pelorus Trust, who often donate funds to shade for playgrounds. Caroline to look into options.

Other business

Chloe has followed up re: bomb squad education session at Wellesley. WPA welcomes the idea as a fantastic learning opportunity. Chloe to discuss with Mike to find a suitable date.

Next meeting will be the Monday 9th May 2022.

Meeting closed: 8.05 pm.