



Minutes of PTA Meeting

Wednesday, 14 February 2018 at St Thomas's School

Meeting opened 7:35pm

Present: Yvonne, Keri, Julie, Sally, Luke, Gina, Naani, Mandy, Emma O, Donna, Lydia

Apologies: Andy, Michelle, Emma W, Kim

Noted: Kim is resigning from the PTA but is happy to be a FOPTA. Thank you for working with us over the past year Kim, especially on the Athon.

1. Previous meeting minutes were distributed by email and confirmed as read.

2. Matters arising

Ice-block Fridays: Keri reported that buying ice blocks directly from Tip Top is more expensive than sourcing from supermarkets.

Top Schools March 2011 Emma O will look into putting a team/s together. The PTA will fund the entry fee. Notice will go out to the usual channels to gauge interest.

3. Correspondence In / Out

There is a Genesis energy promotion that that could win the school \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 to spend on science or tech equipment. Yvonne will register the school, but success comes down to how many votes we can get!

4. Treasurer's report

Emma circulated the 2017 accounts. Subject to an amendment on ice block sales @ \$120 and some reconciliation on calendar art, the accounts as presented were approved.

5. Teacher's report (Sally)

School has started well with all teachers motivated and happy.

ESOL and support teachers are now into their normal programmes. Still some testing being done in some areas.

New Mandarin MLA teacher has arrived and will be at St Thomas's 3 days per week.

Te Reo teacher has started this week also.

M1 has been turned into a Technology room - Lego, mechanics, puzzles and it has been opened up to the library.

Camp organisation is underway.

Run club for Yrs 4-8 began today with a big group of about 40 students

Student Teachers are in school for a two week block - then every Tuesday for the year. These are graduates so are doing one year at Uni to qualify for a Teachers Certificate.

Swimming Lessons have started within the school pool or at Swim Magic.

Cyber Safety Talks begin tomorrow with Constable Gordon for Yr 6-8

Staff had PD at the beginning of the term - started 23rd January - Collaborative Teaching, First Aide, Learner Agency.

Promote the Christmas Fair in the hall.

Artificial Grass - gone missing at the entrance to the junior interactive playground. Chimes went missing in the first week of the playground being there. There has been some general vandalism - pot plant thrown through M7 window, scooter thrown through J7 - all after hours or on weekends.

Lunch time clubs are available - chess, tennis, football, library, etc.

Gina added that we are talking with Auckland Transport to address the Walking School Bus. Once established there will be a meeting between school and parents.

6. General Business

a. Meetings.

AGM: Wed 21 March 7pm. PTA meeting 7:30pm.

Meetings going forward will be the first Wednesday of the month. Dates are as follows, but these may change depending on events.

4 April; 2 May; 6 June; 4 July; 1 August; 5 Sept; (Oct hols); 7 Nov; 5 Dec.

b. Sausage sizzles.

Dave from St Johns Butchery advised Donna that the beef sausages actually contain a high percentage of chicken. If we want pure beef, he

can source sausages from another supplier. We will trial the alternative beef ones at the picnic.

c. Ice block Fridays.

These are doing well and average \$300 per Friday. Abbey, a parent at the school is happy to manage this for term 1. She has a roster of helpers.

d. NPMT. We need a member to take over running the new parents morning tea as Bronwyn can't do it anymore. It is once a month and the new parents seem to really enjoy the opportunity to hear about the school and the PTA. Michael attends and Keri or Yvonne usually go along. Kathy will arrange the invitations, but due to work commitments she can't attend on the day. Please can a PTA member consider picking up this responsibility? In the meantime, Keri will put a message out to class reps, FOPTA etc.

e. Class rep update. Sally is co-ordinating this and will let us know when she has all classes in.

f. 2018 fundraising and event planning. We need a separate meeting to discuss and lock down dates and events. The earliest time everyone can do is following the AGM on 21 March.

g. Picnic. Meeting to be held after the general PTA meeting to work out participants and logistics. It will be a fabulous night with lots of activities and food stalls. We hope that teachers will be encouraged to come along.

h. Laundering sports uniforms. There were observations in the annual accounts that the PTA is paying for sports uniforms to be laundered at over \$400! Although we raised the money to buy the uniforms, it is not the responsibility of the PTA to pay for them to be washed. This is something parents should be doing. Keri will get details from Emma W and notify the school that we are not going to pay this going forward.

i. Entertainment Book 2018/2019. Julie will have a meeting and coordinate for this year.

THANK YOU to Keri and Yvonne for providing refreshments at the meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 21 March after the AGM.

Refreshments to be provided by Naani and Emma W thank you!

Meeting closed 8:45pm.