



Minutes of PTA Meeting

7pm Wednesday 10 June 2020 at St Thomas's School

Meeting opened 7.15pm

Present: Emma O, Alexis, Nicolette, Angela, Sally, Keri, Nicki, Michael Morton (BOT Chair)

Apologies: Josie, Naani, Shakil, Justin

Confirmation of Previous Minutes: Angela & Emma

Teacher's Report (Sally)

- Lockdown: Worked through this – urgent learning of zoom and many staff did PD on distant learning.
- Lisa Horton educational architect has been working with us for a year and the year 3/4/5 staff are currently having zoom meetings with her in order to establish furniture and layout preferences for the collaborative spaces in the new building.
- Year 3 4 5 are observing the yr 5 6 7 8 – so when their classes go to music for a half hour session they work on their collaborative strategies/preferences/ideals.
- Staffing: New staff member - Mr D came to take Charlottes class however things changed and now he is teaching music and singing out of J11. Charlotte's 'fill in' person is operating and Charlotte is support until she has her baby. Claire away til end of term.
- New routines for school drop offs and pick up – noted in the most recent newsletter to parents – Health and Safety issues are a reason for these changes.
- Staff Meeting this week related to how staff use the progressions.
- STS News: As a PTA we viewed the news: Sally to ask management staff if the link can be put on the newsletter.
- SLC coming up Term 3 Week 4.

Co-Chair report (Emma O and Alexis)

Emma met with Mr Maher this week:

- Mr Maher confirmed his support for the fundraising events suggested for the rest of Term 2, 3 and 4.
 - Pizza lunches
 - 2nd hand uniform sale
 - Calendar Art
 - Quiz & Auction night social event
 - A-thon
 - Disco
 - Christmas Hams
- Confirmed next New parents' morning tea being organised by the school and requested attendance by PTA chairperson(s).

- Emma raised the idea of a night Camp out on the school field as a fundraiser in Term 4, Michael to discuss with Leadership team and advise go ahead or not.
- Discussed what the years' PTA Fundraising objective could be. To be discussed further by the PTA and a recommendation put forward to Michael and the Board for approval.

Correspondence In / Out

No correspondence in or out since the last meeting; due to the Covid 19 lockdown.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report. Keri to connect with Emma W re a handover for next meeting.

BOT Update – Michael Morton

Meetings continued during lockdown via Zoom.

Board received feedback that the St Thomas's At Home school learning programme was much better organised and communicated than some other schools in the area. Feedback included that communication was positive, empathetic and well received.

Building work happening 6 days a week to catch up on time lost due to lockdown. 17 July is the estimated finish date. An opening with Maori art & blessings is to be confirmed.

Challenges around pick up / drop off and lack of contact with teachers by parents expressed as a concern. Survey going out this Friday with newsletter to canvas feedback.

Traffic plan – front of school by office is a focus. Board liaising with the school and Council on this.

Junior Playground – canopy sail to go in around 4 weeks' time.

Hall – extended cover between hall & new build and no access through carpark anymore, making it safer & drier for children to move between the classrooms and the hall.

General Business

1. Discussed Fundraising opportunities for the remainder of the year, as well as tabling any new initiatives for consideration.

It was discussed and agreed that we need to be mindful of the impact to our community of the financial strain some families may be under as a result of changes in their financial situations from the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown.

A reduced number of fundraising events has been agreed, with a continuation of social events to bring our community together.

Events we will continue with:

- A-thon (Keri) – tabled for Week 3 in Term 3 with testing on Friday 7th August. A-thon theme to be confirmed.
- Pizza Lunches (Alexis & Ange) – one in Term 3 (Weds 17th June) and one in Term 4 (date TBC).

- House t-shirts (Emma) - put in newsletter for orders now, to be delivered in Term 3 – communicate more often about when they can wear them; sports days, mufti days, house points days etc.
- Second Hand Uniforms (Emma & Alexis) - check on current stock levels, communicate bringing items into the office – put in Newsletter
- Quiz & Auction night (All) - Saturday 5th September agreed as date due to Election and School holidays. Committee to be formed and meeting scheduled for 7pm Weds 17th June at Speights Ale House
- Iceblocks - to return in Term 4.
- Disco - Term 4.
- Movie Night - Term 4. Keri to explore movie options and scope Silky Otter at Orakei Bay Village.
- Christmas Hams - Term 4 for Christmas. Alexis to speak to Saint John's Butchery about adding Turkeys as an option.

New events to consider:

- Bake Sale - Emma to consult with Clare re AIMs fundraisers
 - Camp out on school field – Emma discussing with Mr Maher, as above.
 - Buy a brick with your name on it and the bricks paved somewhere in the school (2021)
2. Discussed PTA Fundraising objective ideas and the general consensus was that we should focus on something that isn't related to the new build, or resources for within the new build as this is Ministry and Government funded already.
 - Tabled focussing on an outdoor learning environment – wording & examples to be finalised.
 3. A PTA one pager to be developed for inclusion in New Parents' information packs. To be designed by designer. PTA to submit draft including information on:
 - General PTA info
 - 2nd hand uniform sales
 - Flexibuzz
 - House T-shirts
 - Sausage Sizzle / Pizza / Sushi / Eat My Lunch, Lunch options
 - PTA Calendar of events for the year
 - Join the PTA / Facebook page
 4. Keri to ask Tina to update the school website with PTA event dates and meetings.
 5. Entertainment Book – Emma to follow up on management of communications in co-ordination with Josie & Ange.

Next PTA Meeting: 7pm Weds 22nd July

Quiz Committee meeting: 7pm Weds 17th June at Speights Alehouse, Stonefields

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Wine & Cheese roster:

Who	Date
Emma O & Alexis	Weds 22 nd July
Josie & Naani	Weds 12 th August
Keri & Nic G	Weds 9 th September
Alexis & Ange	Weds 14 th October
Nicolette & Shakil	Weds 11 th November
Sally & Emma O	December TBC

Note: If you are unable to attend the meeting you are assigned, please make arrangements with your buddy or swap with someone.