



Hukanui School PTA
Monthly meeting minutes
Tuesday 14 May @ 7:30pm
School Staffroom

Present: Jen Tilley, Lisa Armstrong, Gretchen Hawkes, Jodi Gowers, Ruth Dray-Smith, Rose Roberts, Melissa Sheilds, Kate Stokes, Gail Thompson, Christine Lang

B.O.T Rep: none

Teachers: Nicky Main, Lisa Gwyn, Travis Browne, Mike Fitness, Alana Crammond

Apologies: Cara Giles, Justin Walker, Vanessa Walworth, Jacqui McDonald, Megan Thorne, Nicola Carter, Cara Giles, Kate Cooper, Christine Jones, Rochelle de Pledge, Benny Barnett, Carissa McCay

Welcome

Jen Tilley opened the meeting at 7.31pm. A round of introductions was made.

Acceptance of minutes from 9 April 2019 meeting

Minutes were taken as read. No matters arising. **Moved - Jen, seconded - Gretchen.**

Correspondence (presented by Lisa)

- Jack'n'Jill \$10 portraits: we receive \$10 per family plus 15% of sales - No action, as per decision at earlier meeting.
- Go Fund Me/The Collateral Company: range of products, eg coffee cups, tea towels, jute bags that can be printed with custom artwork/design
- Mags Magnets: Times tables fridge magnet. Buy for \$4, sell for \$7
- House of Fundraising - Whittakers - will follow up at a later date for term 3 fundraiser.
- Downlight candles - sell \$35 product, we get \$7.50, sell \$90 product, we get \$20.
- School Aid: Plastic Free July reusable shopping bags. Sell for \$5-7, we make \$1.50-\$3.50. Similar scheme to chocolates - 12 pack of bags sold for \$5-7 each returns \$18-42 per family. Similar scheme with plasters. Discussion had as a potential alternative fundraiser to chocolate - aligns well with our eco philosophy. Concerns raised that reusable bag market is saturated, and there are much cheaper bags available - meeting decided not to pursue.
- Envirotrend: Plastic Free July reusable shopping bags. \$2.60 plus GST per bag. 30 bags in box.
- "Kiwi-as toilets" book sales - buy \$15ea, sell \$30ea.
- Tupperware: birthday week is coming up - lots of specials

Meeting decided not to pursue any of the above at present - apart from Whitaker's choc for term 3 - reflecting approach to focus on bigger fundraisers this year.

Treasurer's Report

No financial report available. Jen shared that only change from March balance was a small amount of interest, so end of April balance approximately \$29,500. April accounts to be presented and passed at next meeting.

Teachers' Report

- Welcome to our teachers here tonight: Mike Fitness, Travis Browne and Alana Crammond
- Our student teachers from Salisbury University finish tomorrow. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time at Hukanui and have had many adventures while in New Zealand
- We welcome Cheyenne Hastings, she is a student teacher in Room 20 and is here for a total of 8 weeks.

- Tracey Hopkins and Judi Mossop took two teams to the Lit Quiz comp at Southwell on Wednesday 1st May and the teams did amazingly well, one team was 7th equal in a field comprising both intermediate and primary aged children.
- Clases have been visiting Chartwell library as part of our Book Character week, we have our dress up day on Friday 24th May (Week 4). Our school library is hosting an Olympics for Books, each class reads 8 books. The children vote on the books the teachers read.
- House sports have been launched, the first event was a staff vs students dodgeball game
- Year 5 students have been participating in the Kids on Bikes programme
- Jeong took 2 teams to Maeroa Intermediate on Friday for EPRO 8 Tech Challenge
- 38 Year 6 students attended the National Young Leaders Day at Claudelands today.
- ANZAC assembly was celebrated in week one. A lovely service and the children really valued the display in the cultural gardens. Some students also represented the school at the cenotaph in the Hamilton civic service.

BOT news

- No meeting since our last meeting

Fundraising - current and new ideas

- Grants update - Swimsafe - report from Megan - has been in touch with Trillion Trust - the window to spend and account for grant has been reduced to 30 days, so we can't apply for this until June (cut off date June 10). Megan has a 'plan B' - Southern Trust accept applications throughout month, 20 working day turnaround - will apply to them if unsuccessful with Trillion.

Resolution passed to apply to Southern Trust for \$10,000 towards the cost of swimming and water safety instruction for our children.

- Readathon
 - i. money counters - from Monday 20 May - Monday 27 May, 9am in staffroom. *ACTION: Cara to coordinate*, has a list of names to help.
 - ii. prizes - Nichola has prizes from Pennys to use as spot prizes, some may need to be bought at cost. Vouchers to be purchased for top earners in each team - \$50 each (unless can get donated). Pizza party for top earning class in each team - Jen to organise.
 - iii. ***Resolution passed to spend up to \$450 for readathon prizes - Jen, seconded Jodi***
- Entertainment books - Rose - sales are going well - 90 sold already (50 digital, 40 book), next big push before expiry of old book (1 June)
- Hot dog Day - Friday 28 June - *ACTION: Susan W to coordinate - to finalise details next meeting.*
- Second-hand sale - Friday May 31 "\$10 jumper sale", won't include this term's items, will have black and white pens available for labelling. *ACTION: Jodi to coordinate.*
- Re-usable bags - Sarah F happy to continue with this. Concerns that we still have 27 packs of bags, these are quite expensive compared to alternatives available. May need to drop price (currently \$22.50 per pack) to shift last of stock. To promote on FB and in newsletter. Rose offered to try to sell some at Chartwell - meeting agreed to sell these for \$20.
- Yummy stickers - *ACTION: Jen to coordinate.* Need to push this. Send home sticker sheet in email with newsletter next week for collection at home/work. Runs term 2 and 3.
- Calendar Art - *ACTION: Gretchen to coordinate.* They have been in touch confirming we will be doing again. Paper will be ready for start of term 3.
- Re-usable pegs - stainless steel. *ACTION: Kate S to look into and bring details back to meeting.*

PTA support - financial and/or practical - current and new

- Fundraising goals for 2019 - Feedback from David was that any major hall revamp was many years away, as funding classrooms will take priority. He/the BOT is happy for funds earmarked for the hall internal painting to be redirected to upgrading classroom furniture.

- Purchase of BBQ - Justin to purchase once back. Gail may have a contact at BBQ shop.
- Gully improvements - *ACTION: Ruth, Rochelle et al to meet with Michelle White on Thursday at 3pm*
 - iv. boardwalk extension, improvement of muddy patch - Ruth waiting to hear back from company that quoted to extend boardwalk to clarify some points.
 - v. non-slip surface, nails - will need to be sorted if kids are to use for cross country - mid August. Ruth experimented with bare feet on plastic mesh on another boardwalk, and was okay. Overhanging bushes will need to be cut back as well if to use for cross country.
 - vi. outdoor classroom - idea of a 'fale' style outdoor classroom was floated - raised platform, bench seating, roof - to increase use of gully by classes. Meeting enthusiastic, would make good focus for gala next year, good project for grants. Jen will present to BOT next week.
 - vii. Planting/working bee - 50th Anniversary Conservation week September 14th-22nd. Pencilled in working bee for Saturday 14 September - community event. May run a sausage sizzle etc alongside to thank workers.
- Classroom furniture - middle school - ***Jen moved that an initial \$15 000 go to classroom furniture, seconded Ruth.***
- Literacy support - (magnetic letter sets, phonics) ***Jen moved that \$2530 go to literacy support, seconded Jodi.***
- Lost property room revamp - Rochelle not present - discuss next month. Lost property display Week 5
- Cath O'Connor wondered if a second net could be strung across the turf to increase safety during hockey practices - same question was asked last year - unfortunately the distance to cover would require an intermediate pole to be put up in the middle of the turf, and was rejected by the board as a H&S issue.

Social/Community Events - current and new ideas

- Coffee mornings - going well, attended by 50+ parents and caregivers. Will continue on Wednesday mornings this year. Next one is Wed 4 June.
- Discussion of timing of gala - pros and cons, decided to stick with spring (early November), some interest to do one in 2020, especially if we have something specific and popular to fundraise for.
- Movie night - end of term 4, Christmas theme? Free to enter, sell sausages, popcorn. Need to decide on movie, then approach distributor for permission to show.
- Talent show - possibly on a non-production year, term 3?? But would be best to do outside, and weather may not be good. Also, if having gala, will be doubling up?
- Car boot sale/garage sale - ?term 4. Could have items delivered straight to hall on the Friday, to solve storage issue.

PTA rep for next BOT meeting on 22 May Wednesday 7pm: to be Jen and ??? any parents welcome!

Next PTA meeting: Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.10pm