

Waipu Primary PTA

CALLED TO ORDER:

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ATTENDEES: Dee Field, Julie Turner, Lisa Van Veen, Jordan McDonald, Rebecca Cook, Nikki Mrsich, Charlotte Andrews, Jo Nelley, Rita Knight, Paula Ewers, Claire Nicholls, Tori Nathan, Carey Syms, Mel Wong, Alice McLennan, Glenice Andrews

APOLOGIES: Sarah Budgen, Heather Beaton, Glen Waru (BOT)

AGM AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
 2. Chairperson's Report [Christian]
 3. Treasurer's Report [Lisa]
 4. Principal's Report [Julie Turner]
 5. Previous Action Items
 6. PTA and Matariki? [Dee]
 7. Safe Routes to School and fencing [Nikki and Claire]
 8. Male Role Models [Charlotte]
 9. Sports Uniforms [Paula]
 10. Curriculum Briefings for Parents [Jo]
 11. New BBQ [Dee]
 12. Julie's Monthly Money Request [Julie]
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MINUTES

1. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes [here](#). Not approved. Will park this for later, want to approve them when we have a clear idea about Prime Maths.

Action: CD to ensure Prime Maths minutes is correctly recorded as per Neil's comments.

2. Chairperson's Report [Christian]

Julie ella and Chjristian to meet at some point to discuss things. Have sent a note to BOT reaising a few a points on behalf of the PTA. What should we be sending for the school. Big thanks to those who could attend the working bee. I couldn't be there.

3. Treasurer's Report [Lisa]

Treasurer's Report can be found [here](#).

This month we have \$93k in total. Spending has been up quite a bit with leftover Carnival expenses, gifts and payment of sports uniforms. Lisa and Dee accidentally paid for some decking timber that the school purchased, Cindy sent it to Lisa accidentally as it was addressed to the PTA. She will rectify this.

Action: LVV to get money back from Cindy.

4. Principal's Report [Julie]

Quite a while since last meeting. Had a Teacher Only day to do with the refreshment of the curriculum - kahui ako based. New structure is still very broad in structure. Curriculum is not due to be implemented until 2027. There will be a bigger focus on being a bi-cultural school. Mandatory consultation with Maori, and local iwi. Their contribution is from a cultural perspective. Has beginnings in the systemic under achievement of Maori students. We have challenges compared to international rankings due to our multi-culturalism. There will be a lot more focus on Treaty of Waitangi.

19% of students are Maori at WPS. Northland has 38% Maori. Maori is under represented in PTA. Is this a problem?

Various small groups of children have been involved in things. Small group of trappers at Pukekari Dam, on Thursday, putting traps out for mice and stoats. They will then check them every two weeks. Working with Ari Carrington from Patuharakeke. Trappers were chosen based on those who would best cope with dead things.

Also had a group at Inventionators, this is a conference type setting and do problem solving challenges. Think of a solution over the two days, members of the community mentor then. Only two of these sessions this year.

Mathex has also happened and WPS students attended.

Winter sports has happened. Senior speeches is currently underway. Last Tuesday of term the term will be the final Waipu 150 Speech Finals evening.

Staff are doing their first aid refresh courses over the next couple of evenings.

Working bee was amazing. We had lots of help. Duane Challenger regraded the driveway. Dan Tonkin with his tractor was amazing. Gardens look amazing. Simon Couper moved all the sand for the sandpit with his tractor. Thanks to Tori and Dee for cooking the food and cutting onions.

5. Previous Action Items

1. **Action:** Dee to investigate the number of toy libraries in the area. **Outcome:** There are two. PTA have approved spend of \$100 per toy library.
2. **Action:** Neil, Christian, Dave and Rory are going to pull the road signs down. Also Neil and Christian are going to sort the stage out in the hall. Done
3. **Action:** CD will do a write up for the newsletter about Carnival etc. Done
4. **Action:** JT will go back and ask the teachers about Prime Maths and what their feedback was. **Outcome:** deferred until CD, JT and EB have met.
5. **Action:** CD and DF will attend the next cale meeting. Still need to complete. Dee unable to attend as meetings are early evening on Mondays.
6. **Action:** Neil and CD will sort the freezer out later this week. Not completed. **Action:** Marsden metals is an option for getting rid of freezer, dishwasher and BBQ. DF to ask.
7. **Action:** JL will get some costs for installing signs and road markings on the scooter tracks. See Item 13 - Julie's Monthly Money Requests.
8. **Action:** Linda Kramer will provide specifics on the additional kakahu so we know costs. **Outcome:** On hold.

Ella approached Christian to see if we could lend the stage. This was approved outside of the PTA as this is now a school asset. Perhaps there needs to be a bond and agreement signed. Also need tubs to keep the little bits together.

Let's have a session with Mike and Jordan and some senior kids. Need it up by this Friday for a kapa haka performance. Will liaise with Linda as to the best time. Each piece needs to be named with WPS. Hey Hi

Tori has suggested that we have a music bingo night at the Razza as a way of getting new parents to come along to PTA. Will discuss next meeting.

Action: DF to put Teacher/PTA Bonding and fundraising ideas to go on the agenda for next time.

6. PTA and Matariki? [Dee]

No expectation from the PTA. Ruakaka will do all the food. Kids will all be bussed to Ruakaka due to lack of parking.

7. Safe Routes to School and fencing [Nikki and Claire]

Nikki wants to know why we don't have a fence or a gate to keep the kids in. There are frequently little kids out in the trees or on the footpath. Is there a reason there isn't a fence? Cost is the main reason and we don't have any 'runners' that are at a level that the MoE will fund it. Not meant to be playing on the road side of the trees. Also seen kids using the front footpath as part of a scooter track

Had an issue with kids going out a couple of weeks ago.. JT positioned herself out there for a while to change some kids behaviour.

It's not just a problem of kids running away, there are too many loose units out there these days.

CD wouldn't want to see a fence but would prefer more education. Crossing the road is more of an issue.

Post meeting update from CD: General feeling that the security of students and staff is absolutely the responsibility of the school and therefore an issue for BOT to review.

I think (and happy to be challenged on this) that the opportunity for us, as PTA, is to raise it, discuss, make suggestions and to consider helping to fund anything required.

The scenario above is sad and scary to us as parents...and naturally we will want to do everything we can to protect our kids.

In that scenario it sounds like better supervision of the school patrol might have helped, in other cases a fence might have been a deterrent and in others I'd imagine cameras would have helped to avoid an incident or with investigations afterwards.

Perhaps our suggestion to the BOT should be that we ask them to consider getting urgent expert advice on the best strategy/best practice; costs involved and the availability of central funding. From there the PTA can decide what we are willing to fund and/or support in terms of other resources.

Action: CD to follow up security issue with BOT (as above)

Action: JT to mention to the duty teachers about kids playing out the front.

Action: Rita Knight to look into a walking school bus.

Can we get CCTV put in - The school has a quote for cameras at points of access. \$10k. Have weekend issues with vandalism etc. Can this be part funded by PTA?? Have applied to Alex Mclean Trust to cover this cost but were turned down. Cindy is trying to find out why they turned the school down as they haven't provided a definitive answer. The school doesn't want to get on the bad side of AMT though. The MoE won't fund this, and it would have to be taken out of the schools Ops budget.

There is a general positive feeling from the PTA that funding cameras would be a good thing.

Action: JT to bring quotes etc about how much it will cost us.

General feeling that the drop off area is unsafe and there is a risk of accidentally backing into a student. Could there be a turning bay or a parking or crossing patrol with senior kids. Good responsibility building exercise. What about a parent patrol?

The school has applied to have a formal pedestrian crossing put in, but was turned down due to lack of pedestrian numbers.

Why is the back exit not allowed for pick up? Is the current crossing location the best place to cross? Can the police be consulted? They have.

Action: Lisa Van Veen to look into Kea Crossings.

Do we need to promote the buses again to encourage their use over car drop off. The school has implemented closer bus stops just to encourage kids (closer than the 3km threshold). Stops are chosen on where a safe location is to stop. This isn't always a convenient location for parents.

Action: DF to Promote Easy bus again in the newsletter.

8. Male Role Models [Charlotte]

Stage at prize giving was dominated by girls. Why is this happening? What is driving girls to be better, what is not driving boys to be better. Charlotte wondered if it was a lack of male role models and has mentioned this to a number of parents.

What we have:

We now have Rob the new TA in Room 6/Koukou in the morning and Room 3/Torea in the afternoon. Mike the caretaker is also a great presence.

Trent Jones ex pupil and BMX rider is coming to the last assembly of term.

What can we add:

Can we get other ex pupils to come in and talk about what they do.

Whangarei schools are involved with I Have a Dream youth mentoring (possibly also called Dare to Dream??)

Hold Down gym - Brazilian ju jitsu 0- they have someone who is a trained youth worker that holds sessions at OTP. Might provide boys with an outlet and a way to channel some energy.

Action: Charlotte to provide contact details about the BJJ people and look into options.

Action: JT to ask Ella Buckle about what options there are for parenting programs. We can share this with parents.

In terms of WPS performance, boys are only under perform in writing compared to girls. A group of teachers recently attended a course on writing and how to address this imbalance. The Writers Tool Box - online programme, uses avatars, appeals to boys. How do we make writing engaging and purposeful for everyone. If we can do this then we can make writing more relevant to boys.

Can we have people come in and teach sports at lunchtime?

Related to this: Tori has spoken to the Men's shed at Carnival - they want a location for their new shed, needs to be within walking distance of Saorsa. Does anyone have issues with them using the back PTA shed. It would need a significant cleanout (not a bad thing...). Would be cool if some of the men's shed could hold a lunchtime class.

No one had issues and thought this could be positive. However, each member would need to have a police check done.

Action: Tori will offer Mens Shed our shed.

9. Sports Uniforms [Paula]

They came in at \$4820 + GST. Stacey covered embroidery and some printing. Kirstyn has bought storage bins for uniforms to have in the back of the library. Also will get a sturdy rack to hang the jackets. Big thanks to Paula for organising this from start to finish!

10. Curriculum Briefings for Parents? [Jo]

Interested to know if the PTA could support and curriculum stuff. Great to hear about the course that the teachers are doing with regard to writing [noted above].

AE and JT are in the process of formulating a writing competition and do an evening showcase (like a science competition), parents can come along and kids present writing to their parents. The evening presentation would include how the school teaches writing.

Jo would also like to know how WPS ranks compared to other schools. League tables are not applicable anymore and JT is unsure about other schools as they do not seem to publish their performance on their websites like WPS do. **WPS publishes a Student Achievement report on the school website (See Report [here](#)).**

11. New PTA BBQ [Dee]

The PTA BBQ is on its last legs. The frame has rusted out. Still works, but fragile and difficult to move. Dee would like to purchase a new one that is sturdy, made of good quality steel, but basic like the existing ones.

Action: Dee to get options and quotes for a new BBQ.

12. Julie's Monthly Money Request

Scooter Track signs - JL has found a sign supplier, these are good quality and cost approx \$290 per sign. She has a map and two options. PTA will consider and discuss next meeting.

Action: Dee to scan the two signage options and distribute via email for discussion.

14. Any Other Business

ACTION ITEMS

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NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve May 2023 meeting minutes
2. Next Carnival
3. What are we wanting to spend Carnival money on for this year.
4. Garden to Table
5. Fencing
6. PTA/Teacher event ideas

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on 17 July 2023

MEETING CLOSED: 9.07PM