

PILLANS POINT SCHOOL PTA MEETING
THE RAFT, CHAPEL ST, TAURANGA
Wednesday 14th May 2014 7:30pm

Present: Mikael Carter, Pip Prime, Matt Simeon, Teresa Rosborough, Craig Wilson, Kelly Reid, Renee Black, Tracy Biddle, Katy McCullough, Brenda Wotton, Kim Dunn, Louise Barnard, Dwane Stewart, Pamela Laurenson, Janet Foot.

Apologies: Natasha Stocks, Alice Woods

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by Kelly, seconded by Matt.

Correspondence: Adidas fun run - possibly 2015 as would clash with spellathon.

Reports:

Principal -

Financials reported and discussed. \$35,000 in account. Expecting approx \$6-7000 from quiz night. Spell-a-thon coming up next term.

Biggest development is Ministry of Education approval of funding \$1.25 million to build 7 new teaching spaces taking into account role growth projections. We could end up at approx 500 students by the end of 2014.

Planning needs to take place for building and considering the schools relatively small footprint and limited green space it is uncertain where these new buildings would go. Bearing this in mind it would be foolish to go ahead with intended adventure playground at this time.

Instead Matt raised the idea of carrying on with other much needed maintenance and improvements within the school, namely swimming pool repairs. The pool really needs re-painting but fibreglassing would be a smarter move in the long run as it should never need replacing and retains heat better. Cost for fibreglass approximately the same as painting at \$35000. More shade sails will go up at the end of the pool to make it a more pleasant experience for spectators and families who hire the pool. The pool needs to be solar heated because at the moment the children only get approx 5-6 weeks good teaching time in the pool and more would be ideal.

Discussion:

Trend in schools doing away with pools. Will the pool be valued for the long term?

The board has indicated that the pool is important and adds value to our school. Would be foolish to get rid of it given our proximity to water.

How do the teachers feel?

The idea has not specifically been discussed with the teachers although they are aware of the schools position with growing role and need to build more classrooms

There have been some issues in past with security, people not purchasing keys but still using the pool etc.

We would review the procedure around issuing pool keys, safety and security before the next swimming season.

Will we increase seating?

Possibly but not at this time.

Flippa ball coaches and players advocate for the pool improvements as it will increase their practice time.

Any money fundraised now should be used for things that current students and families can see and enjoy. Pool improvements would fit this description.

Matt submitted motion that PTA agrees to use \$30,000 of PTA funds to help fund swimming pool improvements including fibreglass, shade sails and solar heating with the understanding that the BOT will source and additional \$30,000 for the project.

Brenda seconded motion. All 15 present in favour, none opposed.

Board Chairman -

Sending Matt and another board member, Jason, to a conference in Adelaide to research new building ideas.

Brian Dillon resigned from the board due to too many other commitments. The board has not yet decided whether to replace Brian or carry on as is. Brian was the only returning board member from previous term and will be missed.

General Business:

Cookbook - other than investigating taking the book to The Seriously Good Food Show on 28/29 June we will give the cookbook selling a rest till later in the year.

Quiz Night -

18 tables sold, 2 tables left

Saturday 1pm at Bridge Club for preparation

More volunteers needed for clean up 10am on Sunday

Raffle board needed, Mikael to source

PTA Freezer - needed for sausages, bread, Juicies. Will put it next to milk fridges. Can get a good discount at Noel Leeming. Quotes needed.

Pip submitted motion that PTA agrees to spend up to \$1000 of funds on a freezer. Mikael seconded motion. All in favour, none opposed.

Next meeting - Wednesday 11th June 7:30pm in school staff room

Meeting closed 8:45pm