

Halcombe School PTA Minutes 22nd September 2014

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

Present: Anne Humphrey, Michela Fox, Sue Simpson, Paula Stace, Amy Walters & Matt Langtry

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the 30th July were passed as true and correct by Sue Simpson and Michela Fox.

Finance Report: Tabled by Amy Walters, a copy was placed in the finance section of the PTA minutes folder and read as:

For the month of July 2014 in the cheque account there was a donation by a parent of \$50 and expenses of \$171.16 for the PTA wine and cheese evening. Nil activity in Serious Saver account.

For the month of August due to the quiz night deposits in the cheque account were \$6000 from the Serious Saver and the \$700 float from the quiz and credit interest. Expenses were the \$20,953 to school from the PTA for technology and gym mats etc as agreed in July PTA meeting and the quiz float of \$700. Balance of Cheque Account and Serious Saver at 31 August was \$7441.32 plus monies approximately \$4500 from the quiz currently being held at school.

These financial records were moved by Amy Walters as a true and correct record and seconded by Matt Langtry.

Correspondence In: PTA News issue No 6 August 2014.

Principals Report:

The quiz night monies were discussed and if there is another event like this in the future we will discuss where the monies go beforehand, to avoid confusion.

Gala for 2015, Sue will step down as it takes too much time away from the class room and a committee to be set up. Michela, Paula, Amy and Matt have agreed to be on the committee. Sue will put this in this week's newsletter to gather more committee members. Tentative date is the 22nd March 2015 however Sue will check with what else is on in Feilding at that time and we may have to go back to the 15th of March.

Fitness circuit is still on the list to be looked at it next term.

Sports/events tops will be looked at in a further meeting once the audit has been completed.

We discussed the PTA constitution and there are a couple of areas we need to improve on, for example, number 7a arranging the meetings the term ahead. We also need to co-opt more members i.e. friends of the PTA. Sue suggested that there has been a better turn out in the past with information evening attached to PTA meetings so we thought once a term add an info evening, and throughout the year alternate these with straight after school and evening to capture a range of parents. Everyone please read the constitution and we need to discuss this at the next meeting and decide whether or not to call an Extra-ordinary General meeting to discuss the constitution or defer this until the next AGM in 2015.

There have been some communication glitches and everyone agreed to email each other more often as required and to acknowledge receipt of emails.

Shed/PE storage project was discussed and different options on how to support this were identified and the PTA is keen to help forward this renovation.

The PTA agreed to support the Room 6 camp \$1500, and junior and senior prize giving with lollies and cake and the leavers dinner approximately \$300, these monies will come out of the money from the quiz night currently being held at school.

A copy of the principal's report was placed in the PTA folder.

General Business:

Anne will send out the agenda for the next meeting prior and ask for other items from people.

Sue informed the group that the BOT are considering the issue of school uniforms next term.

Amy asked if anyone would like the financial report emailed to them Michela said yes so she can keep a hard copy with the PTA folder.

Matt agreed to contact Essence Restaurant to arrange the end of year leaver's school function.

On the 28th November is the school disco and the PTA will provide tea and coffee and a slice for the parents in the staff room while they are awaiting the disco to end.

Everyone agreed that in order for the PTA to gain more commitment and motivation for parents and care givers to support PTA the PTA needs to have more advertised projects to garner support. For example the building project for 2015 that could be the focus of the gala. This may encourage support from parents and care givers if they can see the PTA projects and aims for the year.

Trail Bike ride-short discussion date is set for the 8th March Matt look at this in the fourth term.

Junior prize giving on the 9th December will need helpers to assist the PTA.

PTA meeting for next term set for the Tuesday the 28th October at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Minutes written and by Michela Fox and forwarded to school on the 25th of September 2014.