

# MINUTES

## **Halcombe School PTA Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The meeting was opened by A Humphrey at 7.45pm straight after the conclusion of the AGM.

### **Present**

Anne Humphrey, Mel Henderson, Michela Fox, Di Simpson, Matt Langtry, Tamsin Darragh representing the BOT, Paula Stace, Kirsty Lynch, Toni Ferris, Amy Walters.

### **Apologies**

Ann Langtry, Sue Simpson

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 meeting and moved by Anne Humphrey and as a correct record and seconded by Paula Stace.

1. Matters arising: McKays still to be contacted re sand pit cover, Anne to follow up. An advertisement for McKees engineering needs to go into the school newsletter as a thank you for supporting the school, this still needs to be done. The BOT has been successful with a grant from the ANZ for netball gear. Sue Simpson still to discuss the PTA to consider funding an amount per class as a standard contribution towards trips/EOTC/visits for 2014.

### **Correspondence In**

PTA news from the NZ Parent Teacher association Inc-placed on file.

A notification from IRD re Charities payments information-same forwarded to the treasurer.

## **Financial Report**

As per the Financial report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 that was presented to the AGM tonight.

## **Principal's Report**

A verbal report was received from Di Simpson and Kirsty Lynch on behalf of Sue Simpson. A written report was also presented.

1. On behalf of the staff a big thank you to everyone for the Trail Bike ride. Tamsin Darragh also thanked the PTA for the work done for the trail bike ride.
2. A request to the PTA for a contribution of \$860 for iPads, discretionary fund for families in need, thermometers and outdoor blackboards. This was discussed and everybody present agreed to fund the full amount. There was discussion about whether the discretionary fund was sufficient as the PTA are supportive of this fund. Di Simpson will take this back to Sue Simpson and Kirsten Otter for further discussion.

## **New Business**

1. The Trail Bike ride was discussed as there were two people seriously injured. The ambulance service have sent Mel Henderson a report notifying of eight incidents ranging from minor to major. Matt reported

that the course was well marked and that was not a contributing factor to the incidents.

2. Anne has been asked by parents last year and this year about the possibility of more outdoor equipment for the senior children as they have limited access to the playground. Di agreed to look into catalogues and prices re outdoor trampoline, giant chess set, jenga, connect four. Di will also ask other staff for ideas.
  
3. There was a discussion of how to get more families involved in the PTA. The Friends of the PTA list needs updating, this can be sent out via the newsletter. Paula Stace when she meets new families will tell them about the PTA and friends of the PTA.
  
4. Di and Kirsty as part of the lead team for the school have requested that the PTA consider the idea of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to be spent on computers. This would mostly be laptops as some computers are aging. Matt suggested a working party would need to be set up to look into this as all the options need exploring. Consideration would need to be done regarding whether or not to lease, or own, value for money, the possibility of purchasing pre-loved laptops, and what is the ICT vision for the school? For example every child to have a laptop or one between two? The

working party would need to comprise of teachers, PTA and BOT members. Di reported that there are no grants available for ICT.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Minutes written by Michela Fox and forwarded to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2014.