

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Thursday 8th September 2016 7:00pm at HVS Staffroom.

Minutes

1. Apologies

Karen Parr, Andi Spencer, Monique McDougall, Raewyn Watson.

2. Present

Chris Taylor, Sarah Duncan, Aaron McKirdy, Stephanie Bosch, Kate Mitcalfe, Anya Satyanand, Caroline Holden.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted nominated Aaron McKirdy, seconded Chris Taylor.

4. Board Report

Presented by Anya Satyanand.

Anna Ririnui co-opted onto the board whilst she is working on the bike track project.

BoT looking at / working on:

- strategic thinking moving towards ERO,
- strengths and gaps in the BoT and looking at how to fill any gaps –
- may be future co-opting if needed,
- supporting whanau Maori to achieve their aims,
- looking to strengthen community ties.

Aaron asked to know BoT position regarding fire safety numbers in hall, what we can do to support the BoT and Raewyn to get the rest of the building renovations sorted / infrastructure, communications regarding these matters.

Anya replied the new board had had three BoT meetings so far and had to deal with some urgent matters. Board now moving onto health and safety which will include communications plans, property more complicated as MoE issues widespread and a plan for the way forward is being worked out at present.

Suggestion that a timeline, visual plan for the renovations be put into the newsletter / website communicated somehow with the school community.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Playground

Karen Parr organising a working bee on September 18th to finish the tidying around the new areas.

5.2 BBQ

Chris Taylor has handed over to Kate Mitcalfe, bike lock will be purchased, covers will be placed, all will be done. Chris to hand over purchased covers.

5.3 Recipe book

no further movement. Sarah will follow up with Rachel.

5.4 Health and Safety

Karen Parr, update next meeting as not present this meeting.

5.5 Bake sale for DCM / Wellington Free Ambulance

Donations made to both \$125, \$250.

5.6 Chicken feedback

Caroline Holden has spoken with Craig Bond, our resident chicken consultant, he will write a report to let us know our options. Jill Holmstead provided some information too. Maintenance costs to be considered.

5.7 Bike track

update from Anna circulated. Kate Mitcalfe will organise the opening party!

6. HVS H&S 2015 Events in Planning / Debrief

6.1 Term 03 Disco 2016

All go for the 22nd, more help needed, tropical beach theme.

6.2 Fair 2016 update

Karen not present for update.

7. Teachers report

Presented by Stephanie Bosch.

Preparing for ERO, year 6 camp going to YMCA camp in Kaitoke this year, as more staff so can do more activities, numbers increasing over next few years so exploring options.

Cost was raised as a possible block for some families - Looking at fundraising to bring cost per child down. Stephanie to raise possibility of some families who could pay a bit more to subsidise other families who cannot pay the full amount.

Kate Mitcalfe raised that the communication around staff attending the union meeting, making it clear that children should if at all possible be picked up or if children couldn't be picked up that arrangements made for the community to support the teachers to go e.g. having parents come into supervise. Would be useful to hear some communication from the teachers regarding the proposed changes.

Marae visit next week with year 5/6.

Ngati Toa school has visited and been visited by the junior school. Senior school keen to be involved next year.

Makara model school coming for the Olympics day in the last week of school.

8. Treasurer's report

No report.

9. Correspondence

Entertainment books, bank statements, Jill Holmstead email re: chickens.

10. Other Business

Michael Restieaux, suggested we add a line in the treasurer's report to show how much money is the 20% discretionary funding to be spent so we can begin to plan. Discussed asking the years 5/6 for ideas as to what spend the money on.

Meeting finished 8.25pm

11. Next meeting:

Thursday 13th October 7.00pm

Chris Taylor

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association