

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Thursday 10 September 2020 7:30pm at Houghton Valley School
Minutes

Present: Kate Mitcalfe, Michael Restieaux, Megan Taylor, Luana Carroll, Sarah Wylie, Anna Ririnui, Fenella Rich, Nicola, Fran, Amanda, Tracey Mackay, Jill Holmstead, Lauren Sims(Quorum 4+1)

Apologies: Dougal Wylie

1. Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by Kate and Michael

2. Board Report and Principal Update

The school is gearing up for production, while trying to manage expectations given alert level uncertainties. The kids have led the script and have been working really hard. It has been a good thing for them to focus on this year.

Lulu, the support dorg, has started on site. This is a trial which will be reviewed.

It is strategic planning time for the school.

The Board is looking for two new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested, encourage them to attend a meeting.

The Board is talking a lot about COVID-19 and what it means, and how to find ways to keep providing opportunities for the children.

3. Teacher Talk

Lauren and Jill talked about what the school had been doing through the Communities of Learning collective with other schools. One of the focus areas is supporting Maori learners. One of the take aways from this was how does the school take a child and whanau point of view.

Jill also talked about being the sustainability leader and how the school has the goal of getting to be a gold environment school. This was set back by events of this year but aiming to get it back on track.

Future ideas for teacher talks include: activities that happen at school, hot topics for the teachers.

4. HVS Events

Bake Sale: We will not try to run one of these this year in light of circumstances.

Quiz Night: It was a shame this had to be cancelled. Some great work had gone into organising it with some good ideas for next year. Thanks to those who put in the effort for this.

Disco: Scheduled for 16th October. Volunteers will be needed.

Survey: Following the survey findings, Kathryn Burkett, a child psychologist, is scheduled to give a talk next term. Home and School will provide the funding, with entry by koha. If this goes well, we'll look to build on it.

T-shirts: The last t-shirt run was a couple of years ago so Michael is looking into doing one in term 4, using the fair to show-case t-shirts. Home and School could buy some extras as there are always further requests for these.

Fair: The question was raised at what point do we decide to go ahead or not. A decision needs to be made before the end of term. The fair can't go ahead at Level 2.

A lot of volunteers have signed up already. More are still needed and discussion was had on how to get extra volunteers. People often like to be asked in person.

All the promotion artwork is finalised and the Council has approved signs to go up at 5 sites. It was noted that the Independent Herald in the northern suburbs could be a good promotional opportunity.

It is unclear when the pre-clothing sale could happen given the weekend before is the long weekend with a teacher only day.

The craft evening was very successful with 11 people coming along, including some new faces.

5. Finances

The idea of using some of the Home and School funds for instruments was raised.

6. AOB:

The idea was raised of having a whanau fun day next term that could happen at different levels.

7. Next meeting: 10 September 2020

Agenda ideas include: Hearing from class reps, what we do with the Home and School 20% left from last year's fundraising.

Kate Mitcalfe

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association