

New Plymouth Boys' High School PTA

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting held in the Staff Room at 7:30pm on
Tuesday, 12th Feb 2019

Present: Sharon Lee (Chairperson), Anne Bridges (Secretary), Bettina Smith (Treasurer), Glen Roebuck, Annemarie Roebuck, Sharon Ansley, Sheila Coldrey, Sharon McGrath, Carolyn Magon, Ann England, Kay Kendall, Denise Mills, Robert Mills, Brad Hinton, Ingrid Cope, Russy Graham, Mitch Graham, Sharyn Brunton, Judith Teague, Katja Eager

Apologies: Loryn Kazianis, Linda Ruohonen,

Staff: Paul Veric, Katherine Wilkin, Jordan Haylock, Janine Wright,

Sharon welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Paul to introduce the new teachers and head boys.

New Teachers:

Katherine Wilkin - Librarian (Information Hub)

Jordan Haylock - Yr 9 learning support core class

Janine Wright - Assistant Head of Maths Faculty

These 3 new teachers to NPBHS come with a range of experiences and skills and all of them showed huge passion for their topic and enthusiasm for being part of the NPBHS teaching team. We are so lucky to have such inspiring teachers being part of our boys education. Thank you for coming along and introducing yourselves.

Head Boys Introductory Speeches:

Lewis Park - Deputy head boy

Zac Drinkwater - Head boy

Both Lewis and Zac spoke with confidence and maturity and expressed excitement in being part of the leadership team at NPBHS. They both have key areas of focus and have a desire to make a difference. Was great to hear them talk.

Thank you Lewis and Zac for coming along to the meeting to share your aspirations for the year.

Headmasters Report: (Paul Veric)

Very high new enrolment numbers this year (303 Yr 9's which is well up on last year)

This brings our total roll to just under 1300.

Great Powhiri and Introduction day for the Yr 9's. Lots of parents attended also.

Academic results were down a tad compared to last year but still well above average.

NPBHS chose not to offer catch up classes for students but rather will spend the extra time supporting them through this year.

Paul strongly endorsed the announcement of Sam Moore as the new headmaster noting that there was a strong applications list. The internal appointment will mean that there is no gap from a timing perspective and increased continuity of many of the initiatives already underway (many of them Sam's idea's originally). The transition has already started.

The prefects camp went really well again this year.

Keep/Start/Stop survey results are in and analysed. Unlike last time this survey was done, there was nothing too dramatic to come out of the survey. A few little tweaks and improvements suggested. About 500 parents participated and about 600 students.

There is a big nationwide education review report due out soon. One of things proposed is to move some of the big tasks (like Property management & Headmaster appointments) away from the BOT's and into a central hub for managing (a regional central hub).

Lots of property projects on the go.

School is looking financially stable.

Changes in parent interviews - moving to real time information from the teachers, directly into the portal (rather than waiting for mid year reports) and encouraging the Huia teacher to be the main conduit. So a longer interview with the Huia teacher covering all subjects.

Minutes of previous meeting (Dec Mtg) were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.

Moved to be accepted as a true record: Sharon Lee Seconded: Sheila Coldrey Carried

Matters arising from the previous minutes: nil

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Apology emails
- Old Uniform Exchange - Sharyn Brunton

Sharyn raised the question of how the old school uniforms could be used wisely (and not end up as landfill). If anyone is wanting to sell their old uniform, then suggest using the Preloved Uniform sites and if happy to donate the uniforms, then there will be a collection box at the Uniform shop. Boys in Yrs 12/13 welcome to look through and reuse the uniforms. Any remaining will be kept by the school to use as necessary.

Action: Paul to ask Uniform Shop if they could put out a large box for old uniform collections.

Outwards:

- meeting minutes and reminder emails

Treasurer Report:

Bettina presented the treasurer's report.

We currently have \$2756 in the bank account plus \$35k on term deposit.

Bettina noted that we are still receiving paper statements (which are a small cost) and suggested moving to electronic copies only. Will need a letter signed by 2 signatories (need to action this at AGM).

Payments to be approved: nil

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted:

Moved: Bettina Seconded: Carolyn Carried

General Business

Bus route 52 is often late to school - Sharon looked into this. Route 52 is a public route so unlikely to make any changes to suit the school timing however if students are late from the bus, they need to report to student services to record this and this can then be tracked for further discussion with Tranzil.

Speakers for this year - suggestion from Carla: Jo Weise (Strength coaching)

Unfortunately we didn't receive the email list for the new Yr 9 parents so our reminder for the meeting didn't go to them. This will be rectified before the next meeting.

Potential speakers for next year were discussed.

Suggestions were:

Feb - new teacher and head boy introductions

Mar - AGM & Q&A for new parents

April - Health Nurse - relevant topics that parents should be aware of

May - Darryl Leath - NCEA

June - Introduction to the new BOT

July - mid year break for PTA (week before holidays)

Aug - Allan Elgar - update on Yr10 trial

Sep - Taranaki Futures/Darryl Leith - connecting boys from high school education to employment/tertiary studies

Oct - no meeting, school holidays

Nov - Jo Weise - strength coaching

Dec - social evening - no speaker

Future meeting dates 2019:

Mar 5th (AGM), Apr 2nd, May 7th, Jun 4th, Aug 6th, Sep 3rd, Nov 5th, Dec 3rd

Meeting Closed at: 8:34 pm

Signed as a true record by the Chairperson at a subsequent meeting held on the2018

..... Sharon Lee, Chairperson, NPBHS PTA