

# New Plymouth Boys' High School PTA

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

**Present:** Anne Bridges (Chairperson), Sharon Lee (Treasurer), Alex Thompson, Ed Thompson, Marvin Clough, Anne Clough, Yvonne Hurbuns, Ravin Hurbuns, Jo Hunger, Nadie Ord, Fareeka Faider, Marliya Ismail, Colleen Thorpe, Antony Thorpe, Helle Rung-Hansen, Rosemary Tatham, Brendon Jull, Ann England, Annemarie Roebuck, Glen Roebuck, Brent Dunnet, Janele Krogh, Crissie Reid, Garry Anderson, Carolyn Magon, Ross Cullen, Anne Cullen, Juliet Mckay, Marton Salisbury, Shirley Salisbury, David Spellman, Sean Donovan, Roseanne Donovan, Karina Mariott, Tim Irvine, Joanne Irvine, Mark Dunn, Natacha Dunn, Katrina Goldsack, Leone Benton, Yvonne Bond, Kim Pennington, Kay Kendall, Ingrid Cope, Sharyn Brunton, Andrew Marron,

**Staff:** Sam Moore, Darryl Leath

**Apologies:** Mel McNeil, Claire Jones, Katja Eager

Anne welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Darryl to take us through the quirks of NCEA.

## **Darryl Leath - NCEA**

Darryl presents the NCEA system in a very informative and fun manner via Kaboodle. Even those that have been through 2 or 3 of these sessions still couldn't get all the answers correct so we all learn something along the way.

If you missed the session, suggest watching the "How NCEA works video" on the NZQA website.  
<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/>

A couple of useful points that you may not get from the website:

- keep track of NCEA credits that your son has gained via the Parent Portal
- L2 is the important year from a University Entrance perspective
- L2 endorsed in excellent will guarantee your son entry into halls of residence and in addition will gain him \$3-\$6k in scholarship funds (depending on which uni he goes to)
- Out of interest - \$60 million from Otago Uni alone was given out in scholarships in 2019 (ie there are \$ to be gained from getting good grades!)
- GPA - Grade Point Average is used to decide entry level into some Uni courses.
- Scholarship Papers - Good motivator for top students but Uni's don't look at these results for entry criteria (scholarship results come out too late for Uni's to use a criteria)
- NCEA is recognised internationally
- Look at portal re vocational pathway information
- NCEA has had a big review over last 12 months - a report is due out in the next couple of weeks. Likely to show that little change in on the horizon and any change is not expected until 2022. Hoping they may work on ironing out some of the flaws of the current system rather than making wholesale changes.
- There is potential for NCEA grades to lack integrity (eg some schools may offer students to repeat internals many times in the same year until achievement at the desired level is

reached). NPBHS prefer to use a system that gives a good chance to everyone but retains a high level of integrity in the grade achieved.

If you have any questions about NCEA, email Darryl Leath [darryl.leath@npbhs.school.nz](mailto:darryl.leath@npbhs.school.nz)

Darryl - thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with us - we very much appreciate it.

### **Headmasters Report: (Sam Moore)**

Term 2 - internals underway for NCEA for senior classes, junior classes are well settled in to the routine of school.

Paul's farewell last term - boys gave Paul a great sent off with a wonderful haka. Very deserved.

ANZAC assembly - early this term. Boys gave appropriate respect to this assemble.

Sam attended headmasters conference with a variety of speakers:

- lawyer - talking about policies, procedures, rules
- monk - talking about well being (this reinforced the Huia topics)
- tomorrow's schools - not necessarily required by NPBHS but other schools will appreciate the support.

Whilst there are lots of potential changes afoot, Sam feels as if NPBHS is agile enough to cope with any changes.

House competitions underway - haka and singing competitions to come.

fire drill last week and lock down drill this week - using a 3rd party company to assist with this.

Sam is working through individual teacher discussions.

Hillary Challenge Team - another win albeit via a very tight margin. Great credit to Phil Hewlett who has won many challenges over the years with these teams.

Super 8 Cultural Competition in Palmerston North this year.

Winter Sports Underway along with SCP.

Sport exchanges underway - Francis Douglas 1st 1V Rugby game will be televised live by Sky Sport 1.

Buildings - 5 & 10 yr plan has been signed off so there will be quite a bit of building renovation work over the next 10 years.

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

Moved to be accepted as a true record: Anne Bridges Seconded: Carolyn Magon Carried

### **Matters arising** from the previous minutes:

#### 1. Teacher Interviews and Huia Teacher Interviews

Whilst there is varied opinion on this topic, Anne suggested that we respect the decision made by the school and give the new approach (ie just Huia teacher interviews) a fair go for this year and review and provide feedback for next year. If anyone needs to contact the subject teachers, then you are encouraged to make contact with the specific teachers - either by email or phone to make an appointment. Do not feel as if you can not do this - Sam encourages this approach.

#### 2. Teacher names on students timetables to make contact easier.

The full names of your son's teachers are on the portal and all the email addresses are on the NPBHS website.

**Correspondence**

Inwards:

- Apology emails

Outwards:

- meeting minutes and reminder emails

**Treasurer Report:**

Sharon presented the treasurer's report.

We currently have \$34,415.86 in the bank account plus \$35k on term deposit.

Total workday funds to date: \$31,500

Payments to be approved:

Moved to pay the annual payment to NPBHS for student council (\$15,000) which is used to subsidise the various trips away for inter school fixtures.

Moved: Sharon Lee                      Seconded: Colleen Thorpe      Carried

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and payments approved:

Moved: Sharon Lee      Seconded: Carolyn Magon      Carried

**General Business**

There is still one bus that is regularly late to school. Unfortunately it is a public transit bus rather than a school bus so we have little control over this. If your son is late due to a late bus, then make sure they report in at student services to let them know.

Sam is meeting with Transit soon so will raise this with them also.

**Future meeting dates 2019:**

Jun 4th, Aug 6th, Sep 3rd, Nov 5th, Dec 3rd

Note that there is a change to the speaker schedule.

The BOT Trustees will not be elected in time for the next meeting so Allan Elgar will talk at the June meeting about the new Yr 10 curriculum and the newly elected BOT Trustees will introduce themselves to us at the August meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 9pm

Signed as a true record by the Chairperson:

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..... Anne Bridges, Chairperson, NPBHS PTA