

# 1 December 2017 Redcliffs School PTA Meeting Minutes

**Present** Rose, Darren, Adrienne, Rebecca, Kate, Rachael, Dawn, Elanza, Penny, Tyreena

**Apologies** Nicola Holdaway, Riaan

**Previous minutes** true and correct

## **Principal Report**

Our school fair was a phenomenal success. The atmosphere and chance to reminisce was just superb. The amount of work put in by so many parents and helpers was just incredible and our school is very lucky to have people who care so much. Thank you drinks are being held on Monday night at the Christchurch Yacht Club at 7.30pm.

The architects for the new Redcliffs School have now been appointed. Tennent Brown from Wellington have been appointed after a thorough evaluation process involving the MOE and some of the BOT. This is really exciting and we expect to have a first meeting before Christmas.

The designation process

The staff have all been heads down bums up finishing final assessments and reports. We are in the midst of finalising class placements. We are working hard on keeping settled behaviour and maintaining our school values right until the end of the year. This can be challenging as it's a social time of year and children start to have late nights.

Two classrooms are having building work done so that we can have all teachers collaborating together. Class numbers are very low again next year and this is a wonderful position for teaching and learning.

The school and Canterbury Triathlon have just been and these were very successful events for the children. We had Benita come first for Canterbury for her age group and Charlie come 2nd for his age group. Just outstanding achievement. We couldn't have done it without the help of parents.

Passion week gave opportunities for trying something really special for the week. We have gathered thoughts from staff, children and parents for this moving forward to next year so that we can make decisions for incorporating some project and passion based learning into our curriculum. We want this to really include some service work - giving back to others.

We are looking forward to our end of year celebrations after another massive year for Redcliffs. Thank you for all of your support.

**Teacher Report** in addition to what was covered in Principal's report Kate added it is a busy time at school, teachers are in the midst of writing reports

**Treasurer Report** see attached separately

## **Business, including review of Matters arising from minutes**

***Raffle*** Interim result \$9222.50, very successful, great team work and thanks to all who have helped. Class prizes were a definite motivator for the children (and some parents)!

***Banking signatories*** Rebecca and Nicola to add theirs, in the new year may require more to be added. Will also need to remove Adrienne Scott and Katherine Bennetts at the same time.

**Christmas Fun night** Elanza and Darren have everything arranged

**Bingo Babes** Booked for 9 March 2018

**Discussion on school caps – a parents perspective** feedback and discussion provided to Rose and Kate for consideration for future rule change allowing caps to be worn as senior students not good at wearing hats.

**Welcome Back Picnic** Will try a midweek event, with perhaps scavenger hunt and running races. There may be a food truck present – perhaps an easy option for parents who are short of time. Have had sausage sizzle in the past, only because there have been sausages to use. Thursday 15 February 2018. Sub committee of Tyreena, Kate, Dawn and Rebecca to work on this and come up with ideas they would like.

**Disco for Children** A possibility for term 2 2018

**Offices for PTA** after discussion it was decided to keep chair and secretary rotating – with chair creating agenda for the meeting. Once agenda determined you can ask Leanne to print off some copies of agenda, treasurers report and previous minutes for the meeting.

**Merchandise with Photos Fundraiser** still plenty of product available, Rachael will work on an office display. Penny will liaise with Leanne in the office regarding order forms, and perhaps display at events where there are lots of family in attendance. This is not a PTA fundraiser as such, but PTA members are kindly helping to coordinate it, funds are going to the new build, not into PTA account.

**Year 8 Formal Request** received in writing for \$500 from the Year 8 Formal Committee towards cost. Moved that we support this request approving \$500 of PTA funds by Rebecca, seconded by Tyreena, all in favour.

**Resignation from Adrienne Scott** who will no longer have children at Redcliffs School from 2018. She is pleased to see the PTA in good heart now with lots of people attending PTA meetings and volunteering to support Redcliffs School. Appreciation formally expressed from Darren and Rose on behalf of the PTA.

**Further Discussion/Feedback from parents to the school Lunch times** - some junior children not having enough time in the 15 minute break to eat there lunch.

**Webfair** – an online charity auction site with no fees, a bit like trademe. Something to consider for the future. Currently stick with Trademe as it has wider exposure and also no fees for Redcliffs School.

**Next meeting Friday 9 February 2018, 9am School Staffroom.** Tyreena Secretary and Dawn Chair

There was discussion about evening meetings – 2 people have requested this. There are far more people who attend the daytime meeting than the evening meetings we have had, and it is much easier for school staff to attend, so decided to continue with 9am meeting time. Those people who have asked about evening meetings could be copied into the minutes if they wished, and could be asked to help out with different PTA activities.