

Elmwood Normal School Community Association (ENSCA)

Minutes of meeting held 9:00am, Thursday 18 May 2017

1. Present:

Bridget Eastgate, Nicola Brownlee, Kelly Snoep, Rebecca Taylor, Caroline Eyre-Walker, Steph Burdon, Maree Harris, Jonelle Quane, Tara Lemon, Jo Wynn-Harris, Pip Singleton, Natasha Lamont, Mandy Hinton

2. Apologies:

Rachel Teen, Louise Parnham, Paul Armitage

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 April 2017 were previously distributed.

Motion: "That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 April 2017 be accepted".

Moved: Bridget Eastgate

Seconded: Nicola Brownlee

4. Correspondence in and out

- NZPTA Newsletter
- Request for Burnside High School fund raiser for Beauty and the Beast.

5. Treasurers Report:

Nicola Brownlee advised:

Opening Balance: \$41,764

Usual money was paid out this month for uniforms and sushi. Pool key deposits paid out of \$1,100.00 since the school pool closed with twenty-two outstanding pool keys still to be returned.

Motion: "That the financial statements for the months of 14th April to 18th May 2017 are ratified and all accounts approved for payment."

Moved: Nicola Brownlee

Seconded: Steph Burdon

6. Principal's Update

Maree Harris advised the Linc-Ed information session that was available for parents to attend was cancelled due to lack of interest. Maree's thoughts were that perhaps the information already released regarding Linc-Ed was enough for parents to understand the system. Questions may arise from parents once it is in use more.

Maree advised there are some useful parent information sessions being run this term on various subjects. Bridget asked if the school could organise for Nathan Wallace to come back for a talk that covers the challenges of older children i.e. pre-teen. Maree will look into this and advised that if we have any other speakers/sessions of interest to us to let her know as the cluster of schools we belong to can work in with each other.

A healthy food/nutrition session for the children was suggested, although there was some conversation around previous learnings on how such events are communicated to the community..

7. ENSCA Breakfast

Natasha said the feedback coming in was positive and that everybody had a wonderful time. One mum commented it was nice to see so many Dads' out with their children. Natasha will email a questionnaire survey out to those that attended the breakfast asking for feedback and how/if any improvements can be made for future breakfasts.

8. Quiz Night

Bridget advised that Daneen has been in contact with the Casino and they have very few dates available for a quiz night this winter. The dates that are available do not leave enough time to organise the event. It was decided to remove the quiz night from this year's events but to keep it on the calendar for next year. **AP** Bridget to phone the Casino to book in a date for next year in June.

9. Art Auction

Mandy and Rebecca advised organisation of the classroom art is underway. Mandy has information to pass on to the teachers and the volunteers involved for each class. ENSCA will fund some of the costs of materials i.e. canvases, but ideally the classrooms should muddle around and use what materials are available to keep costs to a minimum.

AP Mandy to organise canvases.

Janine is working on updating last year's posters for the advertising of this year's art auction being held on 22nd September.

Paul Armitage is happy to clear the school schedule for the whole day to help organise the art auction set up and viewing of artworks by the children.

Liquor licence needs to be organised soon.

AP Rebecca to talk to Pip Singleton on the logistics of liquor licence.

AP Pip Singleton to organise auctioneer for the night.

10. Calendar / Card Fundraising

Sarah Redmayne has this fundraiser under control.

11. School Disco

Maree asked at last month's meeting if ENSCA wanted to organise something social for the parents to attend while the school disco was being run. General thoughts from everyone was that it was too much of a logistical challenge for families to get to a parent social gathering given the different disco times across the year levels and if other siblings had sport on etc after school.

Maree suggested we keep thinking about how we can best bring the community together.

12. Upcoming Events

Sausage Sizzle end of Term 2.

Jo Wynn-Harris advised that ENSCA is buying gluten-free sausages from the Mad Butcher currently but asked if anyone knew of other options. Pip Singleton suggested talking to Traiteur.

AP Jo Wynn-Harris to speak with Martin at Traiteur.

13. Any other business

Entertainment Books

Pip Singleton advised that forty-six Entertainment Books had been sold so far. Sales are slower than last year and the year before but still ahead of Heaton Intermediate. Thoughts are there may be too many people/clubs out there selling them now.

New i-Pads will be purchased with the proceeds from sold books.

The Entertainment Book online app vouchers can be shared across two devices.

Student Council

Student members of the Student Council advised that the classrooms are short of board games for wet lunchtimes. Student Council would like ENSCA to donate some money to purchase new board games. Bridget suggested they go back to the other members of the School Council and get them to put a plea out across all classrooms asking if anyone has any old board games at home they can donate to school. ENSCA will be happy to help if there is still a shortfall.

Student Council have asked if a new flavor of Sushi can be added to the current lunch ordering menu – Chicken Teriyaki Rice Tray.

AP Nicola to investigate.

Bridget has discussed with Paul the fact that someone in our community is very unwell and how they both would like to help out by buying the two children in that family school lunches once a week.

Motion: "ENSCA to buy either sushi or subway lunches each week for the children and to be actioned when the family is in need of it".

Moved: Bridget Eastgate

Seconded: Steph Burdon

Meeting closed at 9.39 am.

Next meeting is to be held 22nd June 2017 at 9:00 am in the staffroom.