

**MINUTES OF THE MACKENZIE COLLEGE PTA MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 23 August 2017
Meeting opened 6.05pm**

PRESENT:

Jason Reid, Sue Mitchell, Lorraine Herlund (Chair), Jackie Phillips, Susan Fox, Belinda Clements, Sam Nelson (left 6:30pm), Lesley Roy (left at 7:00pm), Julie Dobbs, Megan Holmwood

APOLOGIES :

Herb Ross, Jo O'Neill, Kate Prosser, Louise Holmes

LORRAINE/LESLEY

MINUTES READ AND CONFIRMED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the meeting of 17th May were read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

BELINDA/SUSAN

Sam Nelson introduced himself.

Principal's Report:

Japanese students here for 3 weeks. A moving farewell on Saturday. Great for Mackenzie College as a school for diversity and culture and a small amount of profit made.

Mass planting – Anne Thomson from Heartlands would like to support as a community. Call in Accessible for plants to be donated. Spoke to Garth Nixon too – Lesley suggested Kate Nixon would be knowledgeable and willing to help too. Headford Propagators at Morven or nursery at Orari would be worthwhile looking into for bulk deals. Working bee Saturday 23rd September, 9.00am-12.30pm. Will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Korrin Barrett is coming on 7th September to speak to current students. She is a multi-amputee, ex-student (1995) and now a motivational speaker. Will be advertised as parents/members of the community are welcome to attend.

Property: library refurbishment has been a great success. A letter has been drafted to Community Services at Mackenzie District Council for further funding to finish the refurbishment, including painting/carpeting the foyer, thermal roller blinds and modern furniture. The English department is still in the process of being refurbished – this will take at least another two weeks.

Mackenzie College is now fully staffed, with some funding still available for extra support for year 7-8s.

College is in the middle of a curriculum review that Sue Mitchell is overseeing. Will be asking for school community input into current structure, subject options, extended periods and integrated learning, etc. Very conscious that any changes that may be made will be in the best interests of the students. Looking at a longer term review of the year 7-8s, especially where longer periods are concerned. It is in the early stages of a draft at the moment and a workshop will be run for the students before consulting with parents later this term. Would like to offer more options next year. Hoping that outcomes will improve student engagement in the senior school, offer multi-pathways for students, encourage students to aim for personal excellence, encourage individuality and to well equip students for their future by personalising their education.

ERO is here at the beginning of Term 4.

At cottage meetings the majority of parents would like to see BYOD implemented. An IT committee has been set up to make sure that staff are supported and ready for BYOD to happen. There will be another parent survey coming out soon.

MATTERS ARISING:

Playground

Aoraki Foundation has funded \$10,000 (hasn't been paid out yet), \$10,000 from BOT and \$20,000 from PTA. Work to be done is to: finalise a location (looking at where the monkey bars are at the moment), source quotes for preparing the site and purchasing soft fall (bark, small pebbles most cost effective). \$40,000 would cover the cost of the equipment and installation. Mackenzie District Council may fund the consents and the soft fall. Lesley is happy to approach Council. Jason has sent the information through to MOE – they have approved the project on the proviso that the proposal is fully funded. Action: LESLEY/LORRAINE to work on obtaining required quotes and approaching Council.

Uniform

Jason will be making contact with the uniform committee to arrange a time for a second meeting. Feedback from the Cottage Meetings was that parents were happy with a merino jersey and a black waterproof monogrammed jacket. Julie suggested putting in place a hire fee for away sports' uniform (\$5? to cover wear and tear). Sue has seen samples and has pamphlets from a uniform company for merino jerseys and jackets. Action: SUE MITCHELL to get pamphlets to Lorraine and Belinda.

Cottage Meetings

Were successful with lots of feedback to be worked through.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In: Thank you card from seniors to PTA for catering for the ball.
WAVE – “Alcohol & Your Teenager” passed on to Sam.

Out: Nil

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Presented for August 2017.

Balances:	00 Fundraising ac	\$27,256.44
	03 New Uniform ac	\$8,963.94

Jo O'Neill will query the 4 Square amount (\$460.53) for the ball catering as it seems on the low side. Jackie to check that the 4 Square invoice has been authorised for payment. There was a 3DLE amount put onto the PTA's 4 Square account – Sue Mitchell will check to see who this was from.

Jason to check with Chris for ball ticket amount to be paid to PTA.

JACKIE/LORRAINE

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Food Tech Kitchen

Lorraine suggested calling for parents to help the new Soft Tech teacher to stocktake equipment in the food tech kitchen. Each station should have a labelled set allocated, with a laminated sheet in the cupboard to make sure there is enough equipment at each station. A group could have a look at this whilst the garden working bee is on (Saturday 23rd September). PTA could approve funding for new items.

Fundraising

Either Wednesday 20th or Friday 22nd September – there is the possibility of getting Willie Apiata through Westpac as a motivational speaker. Action: JACKIE to follow up with Westpac.

Meeting closed 7.20 pm Next meeting 1st November, 6pm. Julie's turn to be chair.