

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Monday 26th February 2024, 7:30pm in Staff Room.

Agenda

(Quorum 4+1)

Present: Luana Carroll, Flic Morris, Ian Vanstone, Ronja levers, Jo Young, Luke Cartmell-Gollan, Nicola Du Toit, Carlie Uivel

1. Introductions

Icebreaker - introduce yourself and share a story about your best moments over holidays - with or without kids.

2. Apologies

Anna Barlow, members of The Board of Trustees.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

October 2023 minutes approved by Flic Morris and seconded by Nicola Du Toit.

4. Board Report

No update.

5. Teacher's Report (Luana Carrol)

Lovely to have everyone back. Term has begun with really good things, like the picnic, the beach trip, and working with Jenny & Grant from the Progressive Association.

A designer is coming next week to look at options for the playground in the park down the valley. Children will be involved in designs. It should be an intergenerational play space. An aim is to connect our (HVS) space to that (playground) space - and help work towards a future path that avoids the need to use the road.

The HVS Playground is out of action due to damage. It is non-compliant with the latest (2015) safety regulations. An inspector will visit to assess whether modifications can be made to meet regulations.

The sandpit also needs to be fixed (e.g. a new roof).

Swimming has started and is going well.

The staff are enrolled in Te Puna Reo - to learn Te Reo Maori. The school is looking at how the programme can be opened up to parents in the future. In the meantime, there could be opportunities to add te Reo Maori phrases to the newsletter.

Moving March starts on Friday.

6. Events

Term 1

- Picnic
 - Friday 9th February
- 2 x Bake sales
 - Friday 23rd February - Rimu and Ngaio
 - Friday 22nd March - Karaka and Ti Kouka
- Move-A-Thon
 - Sunday, April 7th 10-12 - including music, sausage sizzle, corp sponsorships (bike shops, etc).
 - We need to raise funds for much-needed outdoor space fixes. The moveathon will be focused on the sandpit, which could cost \$10-15k.
 - Carlie and Ian to co-lead.
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Term 2

- 2 x Bake sales
 - Friday 17th May
 - Friday 14th June
- Matariki
 - Organised by the school, supported by H&S (kai).
 - 26th June
- INSIDE OUT HUI
 - Flic and Jo to lead (with Miriam)
 - Date TBD

Term 3

- 2 x Bake sales
- Quiz
 - Date TBD (e.g. in Sept)
 - Need more of a committee this year to help organise.
 - More of a community event than a fundraiser.
 - Sponsorship and auction donations could cover quiz and fair this year. Or just

fair (wider audience). Fair is probably a bigger draw for businesses.

Term 4

- 1 x Bake sale
 - Date TBD
- Disco
 - Date TBD
- Fair
 - Date TBD
- Leavers
 - Date TBD

7. Treasurer's Report (Luke)

- \$655 raised for the last bake sale
- \$24k profit for 2023 fair
- Approx \$30k profit made in total for the 2023/24 year

Also noted that snapfish books and year 6 bus expenses were higher than allocated. We noted that we need to adjust allocations for snapfish books for 2024 as costs have increased significantly in recent years.

- We made the decision to make the payments as invoiced by the school to date and reduce the available fund for t-shirts to \$240 total (another \$80) to keep within our limits. This way the school was reimbursed for costs to date, rather than receiving a part-payment.
- The bus error was an error on our side, we did not realise it was \$480 per bus and instead only logged \$480 total.

8. Other Business

Funding Approvals - none required in Term 1.

Luana shared that camp costs have increased and asked H&S to consider contributing to costs.

9. Communications from Meeting

Minutes to be shared in the H&S newsletter.

10. Meeting closed

11. Next meeting

AGM Term 2 - 7:30pm Tuesday 7th May.