



MINUTES OF THE HOKOWHITU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Held at Hokowhitu School on Wednesday 17th August 2011 at 7.00pm.

Present Brett Calkin (Chair), Erin Wheeler, Carletta Macdonald,
Wendy McTaggart, Juls Honore, Allan Alach, Gaylene Thompson

Apologies: Catriona Jenkinson (late – 8pm), Geedha Reid, Darlene Woodhead, Christina Cooper.

CRE

Welcome to Kevin Vincent and Rachel Locke-Shepherd from Christian Religious Education. Rachel thanked the Board for all the support with the delivery of CRE at Hokowhitu School and outlined the programme.

The aim of the CRE team is to serve Hokowhitu School with excellence. There are currently 8 voluntary teachers in the school each Tuesday morning.

The teachers have 2 days training each year.

The Churches Education Commission (the parent body) encompasses 16 churches. Presently it is based in Wellington but will be moving to Auckland. (Web address is www.cec.org.nz.)

Teachers all have a code of ethics which they must adhere to. They are vetted by police and also have to be approved by the local church.

Each lesson is based on a biblical story with a workbook and sometimes use of the internet.

The curriculum has a 2 year rotation and was written jointly by NZ and Australia.

The curriculum also enhances literacy through reading language etc.

This year workbooks for Hokowhitu School cost \$1810. Some of this cost is recovered by donation envelopes through the children but there is not an expectation that children will pay.

CEC is a registered charity.

As yet there is no replacement for Carl Hooker (the school chaplain who left in June to go to Taranaki).

The Board thanked Rachel and Kevin for their input.

Holiday Fun

Kevin Hill from Holiday Fun outlined the proposed Interschool sports day to be run in 2012 through the Holiday Fun Sports Academy.

The proposed venues are Hokowhitu and Cloverlea School. It is expected that 3,000 – 4,000 children will take part and it will be held in the 2nd to last week of term 1. (A great opportunity for parents club to do some fundraising selling food etc.)

Some of the sports include: duathlon – running and cycling; bowls, petanque, footsal, Korfbal (about 12 sports in total).

The sports academy is going well and the children are very enthusiastic.

Indoor bowls is starting next week and in about 2-3 weeks time there will be an interschool footsal competition.

The Board are very supportive and Carletta will be the BOT rep on the Holiday Fun Committee to help organise it.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15th June

Resolved That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Allan Alach/Erin Wheeler

Matters Arising

Shane from Proarch met with the Ministry. The carpark refurbishment can go ahead and tenders will be called soon. It will be done during a school break.

Action List

Asset register – Allan is in the process of taking photos of the assets and new purchases have serial numbers and bar codes recorded.

The formal agreement with Holiday Fun will be sent to the Board.

Carletta purchase a gift on behalf of the Board for Philippa Youngs which was very much appreciated.

Brett to look at the pool roof.

Correspondence

N/A

Principal's Report *Attached*

Taken as read.

Agnes Hill has started this week in room 5 – at this stage working mornings.

Finance Report

Moved That accounts as presented be passed for payment

Allan Alach/Brett Calkin

The budget for 2012 will be done in the next 6-7 weeks.

Chairperson's Report

Nil

Property

Heat Pumps are very much appreciated.

Personnel

Nil

Staff Representative – *report attached*

Allan re-iterated the wonderful work that is going on in the school.

Community/PTA

Currently the PTA are on a break.

Carletta will organise a fish and chip lunch in the next couple of weeks. The money raised will go towards a Koha for the Kapa Haka leaders.

General Business

Carletta and Cat recently went on a visit to Russell Street School to visit the digital classrooms and talk to the Principal. The digital classrooms are similar to ours.

Amongst the many items discussed:

- community consultation is on a relaxed informal basis.
- fees have been increased with a good response.
- children in digital classes pay \$300 a year (was \$600 initially but now have sponsorship)

They also talked to Mark Brown from Victory School about raising Maori Achievement. Education families was the underlying message.

Community Survey:

The next hour was spent on amending/adding questions on the community survey.

The survey is in 7 parts.

The survey will go out with the newsletter on Friday 19th August. Surveys to be returned by Monday 29th August.

Each Board member will then take a part and analyse the results and present it back to the Board.

Closure: 9.40pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 14th September** 2011 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Signed..... Chairperson Date.....
