



MINUTES OF THE HOKOWHITU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Held at Hokowhitu School on Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.00pm.

Present Catriona Jenkinson (Chair), Erin Wheeler, Carletta Macdonald, Brett Calkin, Darlene Woodhead, Gaylene Thompson, Wendy McTaggart, Juls Honore, Geedha Reid, Allan Alach

Apologies Christina Cooper

Minutes of Previous Meeting – 2nd March

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

C Jenkinson/B Calkin

Action List

Allan still to meet with Shane Lewer from Proarch

Allan has talked to Kevin Hill from Holiday Fun regarding the Learning Academy – the next step is to formalize the agreement on paper.

Carletta organised and delivered the gift pack to the Christchurch family. This was well received.

Brett will look at the pool roof over the holidays.

Correspondence

- NZSTA networking evening – 12th May
- A letter was received from the Minister of Education
- Neighbourhood support would like submissions to the council regarding funding
- Geedha's house will be moved over the holidays

Principal's Report *Attached*

New Entrants. Due to the high numbers in Room 2 a new New Entrant class will need to be set up. We are unable to employ another teacher so most of Room 1 will be moving into Room 14. Room 1 will become a New Entrant class with approx 22 children by the end of term 2. Letters have gone out to those parents affected. The children from Room 1 will transition to Room 14 on Friday.

There was general discussion on staffing. It is important to let the community know that the Ministry staffing formula has changed.

RTL

Allan has a meeting with the Principals of other clusters tomorrow. At this stage the new restructuring is a fait accompli. The RTL's based at this school have set a very thorough framework of base which will be severely comprised by the new restructure.

National Standards

There will be a meeting for staff next term regarding National Standards.

Charter

The Board started to look at the Charter at the end of last year. Need to relook at this again and also have a staff meeting about the Charter.

International Students

Gwenna Finikin's report on international Students was tabled. At present we have 3 International Students with 2 leaving at the end of this term and one next month.

Finance Report

There was general discussion on Programmed Maintenance.

The Board would like the financial reports to show the budget expenditure more clearly. Juls to action.

Moved That accounts as presented be passed for payment

B Calkin/C Jenkinson

The reading budget was discussed. It was suggested that next year we tag the money that would have been used on the MOE loan (the loan will be repaid at the end of this year) and use the money to boost the reading budget.

Need to have a budget meeting as soon as possible to look at the funding for maths and reading.

May also have to look at the future of school camps – the Kakapo one in particular is becoming very expensive.

Chairperson's Report

Catriona thanked Judith Goldsack and the parents Club for the wonderful Twilight Gala.

Carletta commented that the Parent Club would like to make this an Annual event.

The Board will send a card to Judith to thank her for all her hard work.

Property

Air Conditioning: The air conditioning project has started and it is hoped this will be completed by the end of the holidays. A 50% deposit is to be paid – approx \$25242.50 inc GST + \$1800.

A quote has been received for approximately \$12,000 to drain the field – too expensive. The staff carpark pot holes are still a problem. Catriona will talk to John Stewart about repairing these.

Personnel

The Board passed on their thanks to all staff for their help with the Twilight gala.

They also wished Wendy all the best for her trip to the UK and Canada.

Staff Representative

Kiwi team – going to the zoo next term
- Rooms 1 and 14 will have College teachers next term.
- RTLB have supplied the team with some resources for perceptual motor skills

Tui Team - Guest speakers for the sustainability unit: MAF - also Ian Sutherland brought his boat to school and talked to the children.
- Players from the Jets basketball team were in and worked with the children.
- Carl Hooker (our school Chaplain) has set up an Icons group for boys
- All Tui team participate in Get Fit after lunch each day
- Japanese/Maori/French lessons

Kakapo team – Had visiting experts in to talk to the children.
- The team will be going to the Vector Orchestra at the Regent next term
- The Literacy Quiz and Young Leaders Day will be held next term.

Moved That we make an application to the Lion Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of the buses for the Kakapo team camp.

A/Alach/C Jenkinson
Carried

Community/PTA

As discussed previously.

General Business

Allan presented the STAR test data.

- overall the children are doing well but there are still some areas to look at.

Erin presented a snapshot on the Wonder Way of Learning and where we are currently.

Wendy presented an outline of SOLO taxonomy.

Closure: 9.10pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7pm in the staffroom.

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