



WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

OPENING DOORS TO LIFE'S JOURNEY

Minutes of the Waimauku School Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday 19 May 2021

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Welcome

The meeting opened at 6pm.

Present

Gary Pasfield, Justine Hall, Nicole Holmes, Craig Harrison, Simon Whitie, Thomas Nehemia, Tony Eastland, Angela Searle

Apologies

Hayley Plowman

Approval of Previous BOT Minutes

Motion: *"That the previous minutes be approved as a true and correct record."*

Nicole,/Justine

Passed

General Business

The Board discussed the possibility of having an optional school hoodie and jacket available for purchase by students. The consensus was that this was leaning too much towards a uniform and may cause rifts and disparities in the school.

PTA

The PTA are organising the disco for 11 June and preparing the groundwork for Ag Day. The group has approved funding for the basketball hoops in the new arena and for a replacement seesaw. Waimauku Netball have offered to fund the new netball hoops.

Principal's Report

The Principal's Report as issued earlier was presented and taken as read.

The Board reviewed the Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) results, noting that the school year group medians are above national levels but there are some slight dips if the drill downs are examined.

The Kahui Ako have invited all Kaipara school board members to a meeting on 2 June at 6:30pm. Nicole, Justine and Thomas agreed to attend and represent the school.

The Board discussed the use of SmartWatches at school and agreed they were disruptive.

Motion: *"That the school cellphone policy be revised as follows: "Waimauku School does not allow students to have cellphones or data enabled smart watches at school."*

Gary/Justine

Passed

The Board reviewed and approved the SchoolDocs Policies for: Protected Disclosure, Reporting to Parents and Visitors.

Staff Report

The parent/teacher/students interviews were held last week and staff felt it was a good reconnect with the parents. Report writing will start soon. School is busy with Literacy Week last week, Science Roadshow and Science In a Van coming in week 6, LIFE education caravan arriving in week 6, and plenty of trips booked. The carwash fundraiser for AIMS was a great success, raising \$2400 - thank you all the parents and community who supported this.

Whānau Report

Thomas spoke about the recent Hui, noting its positive tone. Whānau at the hui discussed the possibility of a whare ako at school, and agreed that a space dedicated solely to Te Reo/Tikānga Maori was preferable. The Board sees this as a priority and will review available space once the new build is complete.

A hāngī fundraiser is planned for 6 July, in the week of Matariki, to raise funds for resources and kapa haka. Thomas attended kapa haka last week and noted the new chant and poi are coming along really well.

Finance

The Finance and Audit Committee did not meet this month.

Simon noted the following:

- The financial performance and position reports show we are tracking well to the 2021 budget. Cash position remains healthy as does working capital ratio.
- One of our terms deposits has been moved to the current account to cover approved undercover sports arena construction payments.
- Parent donations received are at 72% of budget (which is behind past years for the same points in the year).

Monthly Reports

The financial summary reports as issued earlier were presented and taken as read.

Motion: *"That the monthly management accounts for March and April be accepted"*

Gary/Justine

Passed

Cyclical Maintenance

Simon noted that the current provision for Cyclical Maintenance is \$180,530 as the ten year cycle is now complete. The building exteriors were last painted in 2010 but will be in reasonable condition if the painting is delayed until the new classrooms are built.

Motion: *"That the painting of the exterior of school buildings be delayed until the completion of the new classroom build"*

Gary/Justine

Passed

Capital Projects

Simon briefed the Board on the arena works, noting that there are delays due to groundwater issues. The additional works to remedy the issues are estimated to cost \$34,000 plus GST, which will come out of the contingency allocation.

In Committee

7:18pm

Motion: *"That the Board move to In Committee"*.

Simon/Justine

Passed

7:54pm

Motion: *"That the Board move to the normal meeting"*.

Simon/Justine

Passed

Meeting Closed: 7:57pm

Dates of Future Meetings:

Full Board Meeting: Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 6pm

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Date: _____