



WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

OPENING DOORS TO LIFE'S JOURNEY

Minutes of the Waimauku School Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday 20 October 2021

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Welcome

The meeting opened online at 5pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Thomas Nehemia, Hayley Plowman

Approval of Previous BOT Minutes

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

Nicole/Simon

Passed

Principal's Report

Gary briefed the Board noting the following points:

- The current roll is 783 and will close in on 800 by year-end
- Staff were reporting online learning fatigue from students and parents at the end of Term 3 but engagement levels have lifted in the first week of Term 4
- Teachers in the junior classes report students struggling with online learning and that parents are needing to give a lot of assistance
- End of year report writing has begun. Gary has advised teachers to give honest narratives and if there is slippage or lack of engagement that it needs to be noted
- Gary met with ERO today. ERO predict that the national Year 8 cohort may have a difficult transition to Year 9 and they have received reports of stagnation in junior classes in Auckland
- Some school families have reported internet connectivity hindering homeschooling, Gary has notified the Ministry of Education

- The school has lent out more than 60 chromebooks to students this lockdown
- Across the school teachers have found it difficult to keep students engaged
- The daily bubble school roll is ranging from 50-70 students, which is very high compared to other schools. The large roll can be problematic for staffing, due to the limit of 10 students per bubble. Year 11-13 students will return to high school next week which may increase the bubble school roll as older siblings are unable to continue as caregivers
- In light of the Government's recent Level 3 announcements and taking into consideration the health and safety of the community, it has been decided to cancel Ag Day
- The external speaker at the top court was recently stolen, the replacement has been installed with a theft-resistant enclosure. New quotes for CCTV cameras will be added to the top court, senior area and arena
- There was a leaking pipe behind Room 5 in the holidays, it is now repaired
- It is now mandatory for teachers to have their first COVID-19 vaccination by 15 November and the second by January 1, 2022. 94% of Waimauku School staff are fully vaccinated at this point and those staff working onsite who are not fully vaccinated are undergoing weekly COVID tests.

Finance

The Finance and Audit Subcommittee met this week to review in detail all the financial statements and operational reports. Simon predicted that donations would be down \$10-12,000 based on current figures. Simon noted that the PTA should be commended for raising \$21,400 this year, despite numerous canceled events.

Monthly Reports

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

Motion: *"That the monthly management accounts for September be accepted"*

Gary/Tony

Passed

Staff Report

Nicole reported that the staff are grateful for the recent payment for costs incurred from home learning and are thankful to the Board for their consideration.

Teachers have indicated concerns around report writing, with only 3 weeks of face-to-face teaching since the last report was issued. Some students have submitted little or no work making assessment difficult.

Capital Projects

Gary reported that the pavilion is looking good, with surface sand due to arrive tomorrow. The first lunchtime soccer game was held in it this week, with the students (and Principal) enjoying the coolness in the shade and the comfortable surface underfoot.

Simon noted that there is likely to be a project overrun of approximately \$68,000.

Motion: *"That an additional \$80,000 be approved for the sports arena"*

Tony/Craig

Passed

In Committee

5:50pm

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

Simon/Justine

Passed

5:55pm

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

Simon/Justine

Passed

Meeting Closed: 6pm

Dates of Future Meetings:

Full Board Meeting: Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 5pm

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Date: _____