



Minutes for Tahatai Coast School Board of Trustees Meeting

27th July 2021 – 5.30pm

In Attendance: Matt Skilton, Eliot Hall, Donna Te Wheoro, Tim Acker, Ali Teo, Tony Burnette, Dan Elliott

Apologies: Ngākohu Pāpuni

Welcome to: Darren Scott, Natasha Ballantyne, Hayden McCormack, Hayley Hikairo, Rowan Barton

Actions from 29th June 2021: Tim to contact C3 to thank them for Astroturf-Contact made and was well received.

Ali thanked the PTA for the money raised in the Readathon

Minutes from 29th June 2021, Moved Tony, Seconded Dan

1. ALL (Accelerated Literacy Learning) Report (Hayden & Natasha)

Report taken as read

Hayden & Natasha are motivated to get this up and running this year after the Covid interruption from last year. Hayden shared their report and how the programme works. It is run in the classroom which works better than taking the student out of class time. They went over the strategies and how they work to get to the goals they want to achieve and to meet the criteria. The goals have been set for the teachers. Current results were shared and the level of progress that has been made by the students across the year levels. The focus on language is showing a big improvement in the oral language skills. They shared the "Next steps" for the programme and what they would like to see achieved. All agreed it was a great report with positive results coming from the programme.

2. Connected Curriculum Report (Hayley)

Report taken as read

Hayley shared the report of what Connected Curriculum is and how it is being integrated across the school. She shared a snapshot of the curriculum areas and how we are meeting the needs of the students. The 4 year plan for our Connected Curriculum programme was shared and what the core subject learning plan is, this is then broken down into term by term learnings. The inquiry learning

model was shared and how that is being used with our Excite, Explore, Empower values. The Play, Make, Create model was shared and how that works with our plan. Each term there is PLD with the staff around this. We are connected more with our local community, Hayley gave an overview of the outside people/resources we have had come into the school to help with this. She shared the "where to from here" plan for the connected curriculum, and the resources we are hoping to purchase to help with this for future learning. Further PLD that the curriculum group is wanting for the future was also shared. All agreed it was a great report, with a discussion around purchasing the EPRO8 kits & the Play, Make, Create books.

3. Me & My School Survey (Darren)

Taken as read

Darren shared the results from the survey. The last one was term 2 2017, 339 students completed the survey this year compared to 228 in 2017. The survey is anonymous. The data results are very in depth so Darren outlined the data in general to give a summary of things that he thinks we need to work on, he has highlighted this in his report. The survey was taken over 2 weeks, and we plan to do the survey every 2 years. Focus areas are year 6 students, year 6 boys and Maori students. There is not a big difference between this year's survey and the 2017 survey. There was a brief discussion around the results and what we can gage from them.

4. International Report (Rowan)

Rowan outlined the current situation around the international student industry in New Zealand. We normally have around 25 students a year, we started with 12 students this year and are now sitting at 10 students. We budgeted for 11.5 students, so we are only 1 student down profit wise. We are looking at having 6 students re enrolling for 2022, this is not guaranteed, only a prediction. The High Value Education draft policy was received today and Rowan explained what this is, we can submit feedback to this until 3rd September. We will be putting in a submission, Rowan asked the BOT to put through their thoughts on this as it would help.

The possible implications for 2022 were outlined and discussed depending on what the government decided to do with opening the borders or letting in international students into primary schools. The recommendations were also talked through, the main recommendation would be to keep the international business running in 2022 but with a reduced staffing model, this keeps our presence there for when international students are back in NZ, keeping contact with Agents is key.

Action: Rowan & Matt will draft a submission for Minister Hipkins for the draft policy from the Board.

Action: Board to read the High Value Education draft policy

5. Principals Report (Matt)

Taken as read

Main points:

- SLT participated in a strengths based workshop which was great to reconnect as a team
- TOD - the PD around the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme was a great success

- Property - There are ongoing concerns about student safety at the weekends around the school
- Hall & library now back up and running, thanks to Debra & Greg for the work they did
- Zoning review, discussion around this. All Board members are happy to support Arataki in keeping the Mangatawa community within their zone. **Tim will share this with Arataki Primary.**
- Great successful Term 2 even though there was lots going on
- 2022 term dates were shared and discussed
- Policy report taken as read

Finances:

Main points:

- A couple of codes that were high against budget were discussed and explained why they were high
- The hall project paperwork has been submitted, plans being finalised
- Hero - looking at changing our SMS, Matt explained the reasoning for the shift and the costings

6. Wrap Up

A letter was shared by Tim that he has received from Maria Adam inviting the Board members to the Tamariki day on Friday 27th August from 10.45am-12.00pm

Matt to email out to the board before the next meeting, asking for ideas for 2022 brainstorming of focus areas.

Meeting closed: 7.36pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 5.30pm

Board Chair:  **TIM ACKER**

Date: **30/7/21**

Actions before next meeting:

- Rowan & Matt will draft a submission for Minister Hipkins for the draft policy from the Board
- Board to read the High Value Education draft policy
- Tim will share the Mangatawa zoning decision with Arataki Primary
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