



Minutes for Tahatai Coast School Board of Trustees Meeting

28th May 2024 – 5.30 pm

In Attendance: Matt Skilton, Tim Acker, Gemma Tebble, Claire Wills, Cory Sweeney (by zoom), Ngākohu Papuni, Donna Te Wheoro

Apologies: Dan Elliott, Tracey

Welcome to: Darren Scott, Charlotte James, Kirsten Bell, Miriam Collins, Trudi Farrelly, Jemima Steel, Alayne Sharp, Jaimee Donaldson, Yvette Brown, Hayden McCormack

Actions from 26th March 2024:

- No actions

Minutes from 26th March 2024, Moved Gemma, Seconded Claire

1. Annual Plan update

Matt shared a report showing progress against Strategic Goal one under the annual plan goals. The board took this report as read with no further questions.

2. Leadership Feedback from Melbourne

Great to see everyone had a great trip and benefited from the connection with the team.

The team were very grateful for the trip and came together as a team and experienced other leadership models across Melbourne. The workshop with Andy went well.

The feedback from the leaders was great as reflection for themselves and great as feedback to the board.

Darren shared his main points:

- The heavy investment in education and access to services for the kura and community available.
- A Lot of long term thinking and low class numbers. Low learning needs as they have a separate school for higher needs.

Charlotte shared about the different schools for autism and they only saw one child we'd consider tier one which makes a big difference in the ability for teachers to teach. Lower class numbers and support staff in most classes helping.

Alayne pointed out the big focus on teacher wellbeing rather than student achievement. Are we making an impact as a teacher and as a leader? Are we doing enough?

Yvette wanted to point out the way they use warm and cold data. (Govt results vs other achievements) which look at a child's engagement across other areas not just as academic achievement but celebrating warm data.

Trudi noted a solution based approach, being dynamic and how to look at solutions.

Charlotte found the first school to be the best and it was obvious they celebrated a lot of children's work. They asked for excellence from the kids. They were open and transparent about who they were and what they were doing. They provided for the whānau and the community and had a passion for their work. They knew where each child sat and planned together for the best interest of each child.

Matt reflected that the good schools were there for the kids and looked at the why. The why is for the kids.

Looking forward to enriching the curriculum with specialist teachers to support the CRT days like in the arts class we do now, and growing this.

Kirsten shared about the visit to the confronting school. Parents are only allowed in for 1 day a year. It

Alayna found the trip has sparked a new interest in different styles of leadership.

Charlotte is hoping to start a new support stream for speech and language.

Overall the trip was felt to be a great success for all who attended.

Cory asked about strengths and Charlotte explained that coming together they are uncovering the strengths of each other. Matt added that already more people are feeling more comfortable to contribute in meetings etc.

Matt discussed the idea of how to continue and repeat the benefits of this excursion for the whānau leaders in the future and what options there are. Matt is working with other principals on ideas.

Action: Matt to set a day to meet with Andy and the Leadership team to review what they had learnt and put steps in place to

3. Junior School Report - Kirsten

Tui Whānau:

Jemima is doing an incredible job as team leader. Main focus is around structured literacy going very well. Team meetings are helping a lot with this roll out. The Numeracy curriculum is rolling out.

Piwakawaka:

Has a great team under Trudi Farrelly. Laura will be fully registered by the end of this term.

Trudi is trying to balance timetabling and they are working on improving this with the junior team. A complexity continues with new teachers arriving but it's going well. There is a very high level of need across all classes.

Korora:

One class is leaving Te Aihe this week and will be in year one and are incorporated into the year one activities. Constant work and conversations around sense of self and belonging and learning focus.

We need some clarity about the transitions around the ideal pathway.

Cory asked how the transition to Ideal was going. We might need to continue to bring back into the SLT hui.

Transition Update:

Kirsten is proud of what the kids are coming through transition with and the great results they are having with this program. This year alone 28 different ECE centres feed into the school.

The new changes have been beneficial this year with the ECE cards etc.

Three scenarios are presented to give clarity to how structured literacy is rolled out:

Option A:

Continue what they are doing now. Using Ideal plus ready for learning but it's too much for the kids at their first days of school. Too much for the kids to get onboard initially. Matt is going into class to see how this is working.

Option B:

Continue the Ready 4 Learning and wait for the kids to start ideal once out of Te Aihe.

Option C:

Start the Ideal in its entirety from when the students start school.

The board discussed the options and can see that the options have been very considered and they are very supportive of Option B. The ready for learning program has been a great success and we are keen for it to continue.

4. Literacy Update

Taken as read

5. Annual Report

Action: Matt to add as a goal to have an update under Strategic Goal 2.

6. Finance Update

Tracey is away sick so we'll go through this at the next meeting.

7. Principal's Report

Taken as read.

Main Points:

- The colour run had great energy and was a great experience for the school. The kids made \$50k and Tahatai gets 40% of that.
- The Whakamana Maori programme is very well delivered and professional. How do we make this wider across the school?

- Banking staffing to be discussed next month.
- Thanks to Greg for helping with landscaping management.
- Website update is going well.

Action: A quick email from Tim to thank the PTA for all their efforts over the last term.

Meeting closed: 7.07pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th June 2024

Board Chair: 
TIM ACKER

Date: 12/6/24

Actions before next meeting:

- Matt to set a day to meet with Andy and the Leadership team to review what they had learnt and put steps in place to
- Matt to add as a goal to have an update on the Annual Report
- A quick email from Tim to thank the PTA for all their efforts over the last term