

Whangaroa College Board Meeting – August 12, 2019

1. Administration: Start 5:30 pm

- Karakia – L Donaldson
- (1.1) Present – A Ferris (Acting Principal), C Sherwin (Chair), Ben O'Donnell, R Morris, M Pivac-Kool, Wendy Sutherland, Nancy Lane, Leanne Donaldson (until 6 pm)
- (1.2) Apologies – I Lenden, L Fleming, G Mills

M Pivac-Kool / A Ferris CARRIED

2. Strategic Decisions:

✓ (2.1)

✓ **Triennial Plan**

- ✓ BAS Health and Safety being worked on by L Donaldson / R Cairns-Cowan with C Sherwin – a work in progress – BAS ERO sheet given to C Sherwin
- ✓ BAS Curriculum sheets given to B O'Donnell to work on.
- ✓ BAS Board N Lane will look at to see what needs to be done.
- ✓ Student Trustee Election coming up in September – nomination forms to go out at end August.
- ✓ Re heads of learning and Directors coming to Board meetings – what does the Board want to know from them – guidance needed.
- ✓ Board suggestions included knowing what goes on and when, Board knowing what is going on at school (newsletters helpful), knowing what various people do, and meeting the leadership team members in person.
- ✓ HOL's and Directors need to come to meetings once or twice a year only – B O'Donnell can update Board if anything comes up between visits
- ✓ Next meeting – all HOL's and Directors come to the meeting for a korero – run in a "speed dating" fashion, then break altogether for some kai.

✓ **Whanau Focus Group**

- ✓ Meeting next week – first meeting in a while
- ✓ Debrief on Trash to Flash
- ✓ Stencilling on windows – awaiting quote for recoating windows where decals will go
- ✓ Breakfast Club going well
- ✓ Thanks to Hone Heta for help with foyer redecoration
- ✓ Will report more at next meeting after regroup
- ✓ Fixing up under office window where everyone leans against wall – suggestions enamel paint, seratone sheet, stainless steel panel
- ✓ Working on funding applications for curtains for Hall and couches for foyer.
- ✓ Moved that next Board of Trustee meeting be moved to September 9 to precede ERO visit week of September 12.

M Pivac-Kool / W Sutherland CARRIED

- ✓ Moved that the College Jubilee Celebration be the first Saturday of the first term holidays in 2020 – Easter Saturday.

M Pivac-Kool / W Sutherland

CARRIED

3. Strategic Discussions:

✓ (3.1) **Principal's Report**

- ✓ A Ferris settled in to Acting Principal role and enjoying it
- ✓ Is being very well supported.
- ✓ Baptism by fire – injury on Friday and a stand down today.
- ✓ Put on website re curriculum evening.

A Ferris / M Pivac-Kool CARRIED

✓ (4) Monitoring

✓ **Data Analysis–**

- ✓ Overview of cohorts.
- ✓ Well-below have gone up in Term 2 – could be with new students.
- ✓ Big focus on reading and writing.
- ✓ Junior cohort not in space for retesting.
- ✓ Lots of goal setting – progress being made.
- ✓ Goal posts shift – for instance beginning of Term One, level expected is 3A, end of Term 2, 4B – if they haven't progressed, they drop.
- ✓ There is always room for improvement.
- ✓ There have been quite a few changes in staffing this year.
- ✓ Senior Data – looking at “at risk” students and at how they can get more credits – if sending them on courses, they need to be relevant ones – do students a disservice by just getting credits to make good stats – need to do what is best for students
- ✓ L1 Numeracy standards – 2 more moderated on the weekend.
- ✓ If students do not pass achievement standards, unit standards are an option.
- ✓ Attendance is an issue – especially with Level One students.
- ✓ Student has to be absent for 20 days in a row before they can be taken off roll.
- ✓ At PST's talked about attendance data – sometimes parent-condoned absences.
- ✓ 2 students at level 3 on way to university – applying for scholarships now – realising Te Reo is important.
- ✓ 5 teachers assigned for Careers teaching – happening on a Friday.
- ✓ **Finance** on track as per attached reports.

✓ (5) Identify Agenda items for next meeting:

- ✓ HOL's and Directors coming to meeting.
- ✓ ERO visit.

✓ (6) Administration:

- ✓ Moved that minutes of last meeting be accepted as read.

B O'Donnell/ M Pivac-Kool

CARRIED

Moved that this Committee move into committee under the terms of Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 to discuss student matters and staffing matters

C Sherwin

CARRIED

Moved that this committee move out of committee

C Sherwin

CARRIED

Karakia - Miss Ferris

Meeting closed 7:45 PM.

Presentation by Leanne Donaldson Director of Well-being

- ✓ Welcome to Leanne
- ✓ Up to 70 % of our students have problems of one sort or another – reports of concern
- ✓ There are two challenges with this – one is funding and the other is support
- ✓ It is very hard to get a look in in either of these areas - students must have high and complex needs or have trauma related problems
- ✓ There are so many hurdles to overcome before you can get any support for students
- ✓ Schools have a duty of care but not adequate support
- ✓ RTLB funding is \$80,000 for the whole year and 75 schools are competing for this funding
- ✓ Transitional housing students come with trust issues and by the time these are being sorted, they move on
- ✓ What can the Board do to support the teachers?
- ✓ More teacher aides ideally fulltime would be a help – as TA's often funded with external funds, job security an issue – look at when planning next year's budget
- ✓ Workload for DSW massive – lots of meetings (eg Interagency meeting first Monday of every month) and co-ordination with outside agencies – would be helpful to have more time allocated to this role
- ✓ Kaeo a black hole for services – on the border between Kaikohe and Kaitaia
- ✓ Ngati Kahu provide good support.
- ✓ Health Care good here – outsourcing where necessary – mental, sexual, physical
- ✓ Clara from Runanga does throat checks 3 times a week
- ✓ Timetable for DSW – need big chunks of time at once rather than small chunks of time.
- ✓ Meeting with new students takes quite a bit of time.

- ✓ Trying to build capacity with Runanga – social workers come and go – was building a relationship with J Welford but he now has a new role
- ✓ May be able to connect with Runanga through Ruth Heta
- ✓ Dominique back with Runanga – hopefully can reconnect with her
- ✓ Student academic results – there is a lot behind these results
- ✓ These problems do not relate just to our school – they are Northland wide
- ✓ In class support from MOE – no more until mid year 2020 – and is important to find the right person
- ✓ Some of our relief teachers are very good with the students.
- ✓ LD debriefs with CC – she also has a big workload
- ✓ LD acknowledged as doing great job in her position

Leanne left meeting 6 pm. Thanks to Leanne for coming.