

Whangaroa College Board Meeting – April 10, 2017

1. **Administration:** Start 5:30 pm
 - Karakia – Mr Anderson
 - (1.1) Present – Colleen Sherwin, Pat Millar, Jack Anderson, Amanda Ferris, Allie Avery (late), Mereana Tua, Nancy Lane
 - (1.2) Apologies – Richard Avery (chair), Barbara Walburn
 - A Avery / P Millar CARRIED
 - Moved that Allie Avery be Chairperson for the meeting.
 - J Anderson / A Ferris CARRIED
2. **Strategic Decisions:**
 - (2.1) **Whanau Focus Group**
 - ✓ Sent brochure and letter to parent interested in Whanau Focus group – she is forwarding to group from community meeting last year
 - ✓ 2 members of the community have expressed interest in being part of Whanau Focus Group
 - ✓ L Donaldson from school staff has expressed interest in being involved
 - ✓ A Avery and C Sherwin from Board willing to participate
 - ✓ A Avery to contact parents that are interested
 - ✓ Set up meeting at beginning of next term with interested parties – first or second week of second term to get started
 - ✓ A Ferris reiterated meaning around the word “whanau”
 - **Finance Committee Meeting**
 - ✓ Before next Board meeting
3. **Strategic Discussions:**
 - (3.1) **Principal’s Report**
 - ✓ From suspension meetings – concerns re literacy and what is in place to help students catch up
 - ✓ Students are tested and then there is RTLB support – limited funds to support these students
 - ✓ PD in place for staff around literacy
 - ✓ PLD plan to also support this
 - ✓ Difficult to take students out of class to address issues as students view it as a stigma – teachers try to address in class – sometimes difficult
 - ✓ Something of chicken and egg discussion – students don’t come to class because they think they don’t understand, and then get further behind
 - ✓ Seniors are keen to support juniors more if they can
 - ✓ Teachers work very hard to address student learning needs – students have to be prepared to work alongside the teachers
 - ✓ Rolls need to be handed in on time – on line ones should be done in real time – both paper rolls and on line rolls need to be kept up to date
 - ✓ Moved that Principal’s report be accepted.
 - J Anderson / A Ferris CARRIED
 - ✓ (3.2) **ERO follow up**
 - ✓ Moved to in committee

- ✓ (4) Monitoring
 - ✓ **Chairperson Review** – to be at next meeting as B Walburn absent from this meeting
 - ✓ **Exit Interview Report** tabled
 - ✓ **Attendance** in senior school is not good – some students have jobs, some babysitting duties – difficult when parents support students not coming to school – sometimes issues in home why students not coming to school
 - ✓ School uses truancy processes to address issues
 - ✓ School is seen as social hub by some students rather than as a place of learning
 - ✓ 5 students working on a programme to get to university
 - ✓ **Policies** – Student Achievement and Rubicon
 - ✓ Student Achievement Policy to be discussed with staff
 - ✓ To be put in Procedures Manual re Rubicon – students to be collected and placed in a room all together while drug testing is being undertaken so students cannot make themselves unavailable.
- (5) Identify Agenda items for next meeting:
 - ✓ Chairperson's review – B Walburn
 - ✓ Exit Interviews – B Walburn
 - ✓ Whanau Focus Group

• (6) Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- ✓ Moved that the March meeting minutes be accepted as read.

P Millar / A Ferris

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- ✓ Update Charter in Policy Framework
- ✓ Breakfast Club is going to be run by seniors
- ✓ Some items will be made available that students can purchase at lunchtime – pre-packaged food
- ✓ Try to convince shops not to serve students during school time
- ✓ Is desirable that curriculum reports go out with Board information pack prior to meeting.

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

A Avery

CARRIED

Moved that this committee move out of committee

A Avery

CARRIED

Karakia - Mr Anderson

Meeting closed 7:18 pm