

Board of Trustees Meeting October 29th 2008

Venue: Leamington School Meeting Room

Present: Peter Fraser, Mike Malcolm, Carol-Lynn Hill, Moana Roa Gate, Adrienne Windsor, Jo Kellick, Angela Jenkins, Lillian Karaka, members of the Whanau Group - Rehari + 4

Item 1: Karakia: Whakatimatanga – Beginning Prayer

Meeting opened at 6.10pm

Item 2: Apologies:

Tania Morrison - accepted

Item 3: Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Item 4: Maori Enrichment for 2009

Appointments committee made a recommendation of the BOT on the appointment of teachers of the Maori Enrichment Classes.

Discussion about where we are at from this and where to next in moving forward.

Class sizes were also mentioned and that the extra class planned for 2009 can also be addressed at this stage.

Members of the Whanau group invited to speak. One option is that we could tap into the School of Waikato University to see who is available to fill the junior area for bilingual/maori enrichment class. Most of the teachers coming out of the University will get jobs quickly by the full immersion schools/classes.

Key issues asked to be outlined by the whanau group - the meeting was open to comments and discussion from all present. Ideas requested:

Motion: Leamington School move to Level 2 Maori Language Instruction from 2009. We would like to see a Level 2 Bilingual class for Years 1 - 3 and we will continue to endeavour to employ a teacher for this class. Moved: Mike Seconded: Moana-Roa. - Carried.

The deadline will be the 6th November for the Junior Class enrichment applicant to be interviewed and if after that, the position cannot be filled, then the position for the Junior Enrichment class would be put on hold until 2010.

Moved: Mike Seconded: Peter - Carried.

Item 5: Appointment of Teachers 2009 - update:

Mike updated the position with recent interviews for the Enrichment Class Yrs 4 - 6.

Item 6: New Classroom Space

Mike and Peter outlined the ideas re where the building could be done to best utilise the school as it exists.

Motion: A building committee be set up to appoint a building consultant and to make recommendations to the BOT about the building of a new classroom space, and changes to the school library. The Subcommittee will be made up of the Principal, Adrienne and Peter.

Moved: Mike Seconded: Carol-Lynn - Carried.

Item 7: Enviroschools and Bible in Schools

Discussion re options proposed.

Motion: Bible in Schools be placed on hold in 2009 during classroom teaching time to allow the school to trial having all children involved in Enviroschools and to minimise the amount of instruction time lost.

Moved: Janine Seconded: Carol-Lynn - Carried.

Motion: That Bible in Schools be offered to cater for those students during a lunchtime once a week from 2009 subject to availability of teachers. This will be reviewed once a term.

Moved: Janine Seconded: Carol-Lynn - Carried.

Item 8: School Virtues:

The BOT discussed the virtues chosen to represent STRIVE. It offers a good variety and that less virtues is more to incorporate these into daily teaching and learning.

Motion: The BOT is happy that the students and the staff will drive these virtues as a school and these will be put into the 2008 Charter.

Moved: Mike Seconded: Carol-Lynn

Item 9: Operations Grant 2009:

Mike outlined the initial calculation table and what each component entitled.

Item 10: ICT Plan for 2008 and 2009

Discussion re the costs of leased computers as opposed to buying new computers.

Proposal that the school invest in either purchasing or leasing computers particularly for the use in the senior school.

Proposed to apply initially for data projectors form Trust funds to gradually place these projectors into classrooms as the school does not have the funds to do this by itself.

Motion: \$8000 be spent on replacing computers around the school. The BOT will use funds raised through school donations to do this.

Moved: Peter Seconded: Mike - Carried.

Item 11: Writing Data - Term 3 Results 2008

Results accepted.

Item 12: STAR Data Term 3 Results:

Results accepted.

Item 13: Principal Report

Motion: That the principal report for September be accepted.

Moved: Mike

Seconded: Janine

Carried:

Item 14: Unit Allocations Proposal

Discussion held about how units might be distributed.

Moved: Mike, Seconded: Carol- Lynn - Carried.

Item 15: After School Care:

Noticeable improvement seems to be happening which is good. Thanks to Tania for her effort here.

Item 16: Identifying Agenda Items for next meeting:

Moana-Roa wants to bring something to show BOT of how we reported on Cultural Awareness.

Carol-Lynn apologised for not getting newspaper article written.

Next meeting: Scheduled for 3 December 2008. Needs to be changed. Peter to work out a date via email that suits members.

Item 17: Identifying planning Day for BOT re:charter and strategic planning

Deferred to 2009 - possibly a Saturday in April

Item 18: STA Training:

Deferred to 2009 - possibly a Saturday in April. Perhaps combining the planning day and the training together. Peter to come back with date via email.

Item 19: Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the September meeting are a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mike

Seconded: Carol-Lynn

Carried - Yes!

Item 20: Matters Arising

None

Item 21: Correspondence

Tabled

Item 22 – In Committee

BOT went into committee at 8:59

BOT came out of committee at 9:07.

Leave requests approved. Principal to find suitable relief during these times.

Moved: Peter Carried

Item 23 – Meeting closed in prayer 9:08pm

Next meeting at Wednesday, 29th October 6pm in the Meeting Room.

Final meeting for the year will be held on 3rd December at 6.30pm.

Needs to be changed. Peter to work out a date via email that suits members.