

MATAKANA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Natascha Hurt, Darrel Goosen, Wendy Chittenden, Melita Campbell, Grant Clifton, John Taylor, Joy Leigh, Neil Hatfull, Jenny Blythen.

APOLOGIES: Cate Ashwell

DECLARATIONS: Nil

INTEGRATED STUDIES REVIEW:

Joy presented this and explained the current reality and the short and long term actions that need to be taken. The management team have been investigating the IB PYP Programme by visiting other schools with this programme in place. The benefits and the costs involved were discussed and a recommendation to the Board to start the process of becoming an IB World School is to be considered and a decision made in Term 4. Natascha thanked Joy for her report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION SURVEY:

Neil presented this and the results and relevant comments were discussed in detail. It is important that the school provides students with a safe environment and teachers build strong, trustful relationships with their students so they feel supported. Natascha thanked Neil for his report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Charter Self Review

The school is continually working on raising levels of achievement of Maori and Pasifika students in literacy and numeracy using various strategies. The school's Maori Consultation will take place in a joint format hosted by the Ministry of Education at Wellsford School. An invitation to this went home to every child who is identified as Maori on the roll.

School Councillor Meeting Report

The items on this were discussed.

Finance

Reports presented:

- Financial Report from Edtech up to 30/06/2018.
- Monthly Financial Report for July.

Grants

- The grant of \$2000 Cate applied to Harcourts Foundation for Move'n Rock stools has been received.

Property

- Darrel thanked Natascha for organising the planting of the cherry trees in front of the Community Carpark.
- Bark chip / repairs to Junior / Senior playgrounds has been done.

Proposal for Digital Technologies

A proposal from the ICT Team was discussed.

The next step in order to meet Ministry of Education curriculum requirements, the implementation of upskilling teachers and purchase of resources are requested.

- 10 Mindstorm ev3 kits @ \$600 each - \$6000
 - The possibility of a grant towards these was discussed. (Natascha is to ask Cate to look into this).
- Employing a release teacher one afternoon per term for 3 terms.
 - This is to be considered.

Health & Safety

- No serious student issues.
- No emergency evacuation drill has been held.

Industrial Action

Darrel reported that a new offer has just been announced – details to be advised.

New Bus Service

A new service between Matakana/Point Wells/Omaha/Warkworth/Auckland will start on 30 September. A bus stop at the Matakana Wharf is being considered by Auckland Transport.

Bus Requests

Requests from parents for their children to catch the Leigh School bus through our transport zone to Leigh were discussed

- The Board approved these requests with the stipulation that the children are picked up and dropped off at the Matakana Community Hall.

Moved: Natascha / Seconded: John
All in favour

Moved that the Principal's, Property and Finance Reports are approved
Moved: Darrel / Seconded: Natascha
All in favour

COOKBOOK UPDATE:

Melita reported:

- Printing completed – books due Tuesday 18 September.
- Promotion at assembly Friday 21 September.
- Morning tea for staff Tuesday 25 September.
- Promotion at Matakana Botanicals Wednesday 26 September.
- Sponsors evening at Sawmill Brewery Wednesday 26 September.
- Book sales at school Thursday 27 / Friday 28 September.
- Book sales at Farmers Market Saturday 29 September / Saturday 6 October.
- Local retailers willing to sell on behalf.

KAHUI AKO (COMMUNITY OF LEARNING)

Darrel reported that communications between schools are confusing. There is to be a meeting on Thursday morning to clarify some issues around PLD funding. More clarity is needed to make this work for everybody.

MONTESSORI UNIT UPDATE:

- MMPT trustees and management continue to meet regularly to work through classroom issues.
- The Board has been requested to provide a statement to the press regarding the closure of the Montessori classroom. Natascha will prepare a draft statement and circulate it to board members this week for their comment and feedback.
- Darrel reported that student numbers are down to 26 in the Montessori classroom with about 4 students leaving since the last board meeting.
- The Board understands that MMPT are engaging with other schools in the area in the hope of maintaining a Montessori form of primary education in the area. The Board is doing what it can to assist MMPT find a partner school for them to work with in the future.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by e-mail on 14 August 2018.

Moved: Natascha / Seconded: Melita
All in favour

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NZSTA Newsletters

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next Meeting: Monday 29 October 2018 at 7.00 pm

The Board then went in-committee from 9.15 – 9.30 pm

Actions required	Responsible
Grant for Digital Technology resources	Natascha / Cate
Montessori statement for the press	Natascha