

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

HELD ON Monday 1 November 2021

As per the local Government Official Meeting Information Act 1987, the Chairperson passed a motion to exclude the public to protect the personal privacy of an individual(s) and to discuss sensitive issues. Minutes are kept of this section but are kept separate from the minutes that are freely available to the public.

Present:

Phil Muir (Principal) (PM)
Sally Clendon (SC)
Katrina King (KK)
Kim Jones (KJ)
Joel King (Deputy Principal) (JK)
Kate Punturiero (Chairperson) (KP)
Spencer Willis (SW)
Simon Archer (SA)
Zane Cooper (ZC)
Angela Teague (Assistant Principal) (AT)
Rangi Clarkson (Board Secretary)

Visitor:

Elliot Thomas (ET)

Apologies:

Meeting commenced: 6:10pm

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Board 6 September 2021

That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 6 September 2021 be approved.

Moved SA, Seconded SC

ET joined the meeting at 6.10pm

2. Student Leadership and NZ History at NIS – Presented by Elliot Thomas

Student leadership

Goal was to make it more impactful and meaningful. Last year it was a bit lost in the shuffle by Covid. Looked at the selection process for student leadership and changed from moving away from sports & cultural leaders to just a student leadership group. This was a good change.

The selection process helped create a committed, diverse group of students.
Student Leaders now run assemblies
Fundraising events have gone really well. Was a credit to student leaders as they drove the events.
Challenges have been around impact of covid and lockdowns.
Will look to build upon what was started last year with leadership trials.
23 student leaders in the group this year.

NZ History

Getting ahead of the game when History becomes part of the curriculum next year.
Created a series of lessons based on RNZ podcasts. Build a vocabulary base to help students.
Teachers have jumped into the learning and students are producing good work. Staff commitment and effort has been impressive.
Next steps for 2022 will be to develop local history curriculum
Begin integrating national level resources and develop planning on how we teach NZ History as part of our wider curriculum

ET left the meeting at 6.30pm

3. Declarations of Interest / Conflict Register

None

4. Between Meeting Resolutions

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Principal's Report

The report was taken as read. General discussion ensued:

Lots has been happening. Few peaks of anxiety over the last 11 weeks. Staff have been fantastic, and students have been good.

Have had one parent approach for extension. Nothing but praise from parents.

Enrolment interviews have been done. Transition talks have started with feeder school and Northcote college as well.

Enrolment numbers for next year is looking pretty much the same level as this year.

Lots of discussion at SLT around reporting. We have reduced the End of Year reports. Will still be testing taking place, but don't want to create greater anxiety with lots of assessments. Will not make online assessment compulsory. Teachers will make OTJ, but won't make an academic comment.

The team are working through the Health & Safety plan with return to school – we are in a lucky position to only have 2 year groups attending school if we need to stagger attendance.

Strategic plan – love the inclusion of “grow together” and expansion of the mission

Guidance counsellor inclusion is great.

Would be good to understand property project updates. PM to reshare the 10 year property plan

Moved KK , Seconded SA

7. Finance Report

The finance report was taken as read. General discussion ensued:

Learning resource spend. Much higher than budget and previous. Mathematics resources has been neglected previous years. Made a conscious decision to buy more. Will investigate the budget overspend of 70k. PM to raise with Edtech

PD relief line – what is that referring to. Probably a coding issue.

PM to speak to Edtech re actual numbers as opposed to graphs.

Moved KP

8. Request for Board funding for Waharoa

Our schooling hasn't reflected Moari & Pasifika culture previously and the inclusion of the Waharoa would help with the engagement of Maori Pasifika students.

Robust discussion from the Board ensued around what our priorities are going forward, taking into account the lockdown.

Questions arose round the timing of it, considering the building projects happening at the moment. Would it be wise to park this spend to use on learning resources. Could the 60k be allocated differently to cultural inclusion

Action point: PM: summary of SPIDS money against the original budget to be circulated to the board.

Motion: The motion for additional board funding for the Waharoa was passed with 4 votes in favour and 1 against and 2 abstentions.

In favour: KP, SA, SW, ZC

Against: KK

Abstained: SC, KJ

9. Learning support update

We have every laptop (60) out with students now. Hardpacks have been distributed to students who can't access the internet or can no longer

Teacher aides continue to do 1:1 support via zoom

JK and ZC working on transitioning with Colleges.

Caught up with RTLB's – working closely with Northcote College to get students up to the school for transitioning.

10. Student pastoral care 2021/2022

ZC shared his research around the world based on Covid lockdowns and education.

Spending spare time reading research around the world. Research has shown overall learning loss from students from low economic households.

May need to put additional funds into supporting teachers – by putting in additional teacher or teacher aide to help support students next year.

Our school has the balance right in terms of weighting of academic / social aspects. May need to look at overall approach to sports, academics next year.

11. Professional Development Request

Discussion around JK own development as a leader. Refer to PD request tabled.
The discussion was moved to In Committee

12. Cultural Responsiveness and Maori and Pasifika update

Ministry funded PLD (40 hours) has been approved and sourced out to Dr Ann Milne. Ann is an ex Principal from Te Aroha College in Mangere.

Partnership with CoL – been in touch with Kelly Kawhia who is sharing resources around local history.

Will keep building relationship with Kelly and families going forward.

13. Change to 2022 School Board Elections

Board elections have been changed. Term has been extended to September 2022

14. Term 4 Board Comms

Kate to include Summary of the year in comms

15. Action point update

Action points reviewed and updated.

Meeting closed: 8:25pm

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Kate Punturiero
Chairperson