



Trustee News

August 2016

Tēnā koutou katoa

Mike McGimpsey's resignation

As you will have heard by now, Mike McGimpsey will be finishing up at the school at the end of this year, so your Board of Trustees has been busy starting the process of recruiting a new Principal.

Thanks to everyone who has completed the survey on Principal Attributes so far. The survey is open until 5:00pm tomorrow (Wednesday 24 August) so there is still time to have your say. Some people who completed it early on Friday had difficulty with ranking a long list, so the survey design has now been changed to a rating scheme. If you gave up on Friday, please have another go! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTZSC6P>

The advertisement will be placed this Friday and applications will close before the end of term. We hope to make an appointment early next term.

Other items that were discussed at the August board meeting are as follows:

PROPOSED KEA CROSSING

The WCC has come back with a revised proposal that includes speed bumps before and after the kea crossing, and creates one more car park on the West side of Hamilton Road, to make up for the one on the East side that will be removed if this proposal goes ahead. The council is currently consulting with neighbours and we will be informed of the outcome when a decision is made.

PROPERTY

We began the August meeting with a visit to Rooms 9 and 10 to see the work that was completed over the holidays. We also looked at the plans for future building enhancements that could be done at a later date when funds allow. Tony Austin and Peter Dobson spoke about the work that is going into changes to teaching practice in these rooms as well. The 'hub' model seems to be working well, with increased opportunities for shared teaching and the need for shared planning too.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the working bee in the weekend. As the piles of branches in the staff carpark indicates, it was a very productive spring clean.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THIS YEAR

The property discussion at the beginning of the meeting was a good introduction to the update we were given on professional development work at the school this year. Tony spoke about the innovative teaching and learning work, as well as progress on the mathematics teaching and achievement goals.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

This was reviewed and amended to be a little more future-focused, following feedback from the Ministry. There was discussion about changes in the way that leases are to be treated, and a sub-group was formed to review the asset register and develop an asset replacement and cyclical maintenance plan, which will feed into a future discussion on property policies.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

An independent consultant inspected the adventure playground over the holidays and said that while old, it was in generally good condition. A few maintenance recommendations have been done by Brian.

After questions were raised about hall capacity at Matariki, we have gone back to documentation done when the hall and admin building was built, which set the maximum numbers as higher than our current occupancy certificate, and this is being altered.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

We're here to represent you, so please contact one of the Trustees if you would like to discuss anything.

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