

Board of Trustees Update February Meeting

- Parent responses to the questions pertaining to the School Charter were discussed. The board were delighted with the number and depth of comments that they received – so thank you to all who took the time to give this valuable feedback. Aligned with this was a fuller discussion around the Charter and the Annual Plan goals and targets before the final documents were sent to the Ministry of Education. This was an ideal discussion for our new Trustees to see how the two documents align and are integral to each other. The Charter along with the Annual Plan is now at the Ministry of Education awaiting their approval.
- George Brooks gave an enlightening recount of the Music trip to California that took place at the end of 2014. It was obviously a success and enjoyed immensely by the small group of students and parents that went.
- Cath Parr [DP Curriculum and Assessment] gave us an in-depth status report on Year 9 and 10 subject tracking that ERO requested. This is proving to be a challenging, and ongoing process but in the long term worthwhile and when ERO returns in 2016 that information and process will be available for them to review.
- We received an in-depth written report from Michelle Boyde HOD 'Centre of Excellence' around the 'SuccessMaker' programme she and her department run for a selection of students. Her report outlined composition of the groups, processes used in the teaching and then evaluation/results of the students' progress. There continues to be gains made for these students and the Board sees real benefit in its ongoing use so will continue to fund the programme.
- A year planner was presented to the Board by Chairperson Sue Bethell outlining the items that need to be addressed at various times of the year. This will hopefully enable trustees to have an idea of what /when important decisions/discussions may occur.
- Next meeting will be held 25th March in the Te Awamutu College staffroom.