

BOT Update August Meeting

- 1) Neil Bauernfeind [DP Pastoral] presented his 6 monthly report for the Alternative Education Programme that a small number of our students attend. This programme is provided by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and allows students from TAC and Cambridge High School an alternative learning environment when mainstream education does not meet their needs or is no longer a viable option. The current teacher is helping provide and deliver the pastoral and educational needs for these students and the current success is very much dependent on his skills.
- 2) We had a very full and forthright discussion on the Annual Plan and just how the school was tracking towards meeting our goals and targets that are aligned with our Charter document. There is a concerted effort school wide in all areas of the curriculum to deliver what we have stated in the Annual Plan and the Board continues to support the many initiatives that are happening- both financial and/or time/staff wise [e.g. Booster Week] that make this happen. Overall, positive progress continues to be made in achieving many of those targets [e.g. truancy numbers, NCEA achievement rates] although achieving this does become harder as we close the gaps.
- 3) The final stage of the Tech Block upgrade will occur over summer as money from the new 5 Year Property Plan pot becomes available. From there the refit of the Student/Health Centre will commence to provide a more appropriate environment for the students/staff.
- 4) The Board is heartened by the fact that our latest figures indicate an increase in the numbers of students participating in regular sporting activity. The range of sports/codes is numerous and varied. Once again we have to thank the countless parents/staff/public that help organise/manage/coach these sports – without them it wouldn't happen.
- 5) The PB4L programme continues to be built on school-wide after the initial implementation. Data gathering is being used to track down the areas/situations within the school that create the most referrals although there is some fine tuning needed here. Teaching can then occur around those behaviours/expectations to the students.
- 6) Our current Student Representative on the Board, Kyle Ingham will attend his last meeting this month after spending a year in the role. This position only occurs on College Boards and the student can give valuable input/perspective to discussion around the table. We have enjoyed Kyle's input and look forward to our new member joining us after the elections.

Next meeting will be held 23 September in TAC staffroom at 6.30pm

Sue Bethell
BOT Chairperson