

BOT Update: February Meeting

This was our first meeting for the new school year and we covered several important items as well as having several reports presented by staff.

- 1) The Charter, Annual Plan and Analysis of Variance were all tabled by Mr Mambery and signed off by the Board. This is not only an MOE requirement, but was the final step in an important and lengthy process determining the ethos and direction the school will be taking over the next 3 years [as in the case of the Charter] and the year in regards to the Annual Plan; both documents can be viewed on this website.
- 2) With the upcoming Board Triennial Elections in June a Returning officer is required. Liz Parsons, the Principal's PA was nominated, and has accepted this position. Further discussion was had in regards to the election. Ruth Foulkes, Sara Refoy and I have finished our 3 year term and our positions will be up for re-election. Ruth indicated she will stand again but both Sara and I will be stepping down. The Board as a whole needs to be pro-active in seeking people to fill these places and we need to consider both the parent body and community members for potential Trustees. I am very aware that with 30% Māori students on our roll we do need input at this level from the Māori community. We will use several avenues to promote this important process.
- 3) Reports were presented & tabled as follows:
 - Alternative Education to MOE from Neil Bauernfiend.
 - World Challenge Expedition by Brett Leong and students William Piercy and Jessie Sutton after their trip to Thailand and Cambodia.
 - 2015 Guidance Counsellors' Report by Coral Stuart and Helen Morris.
 - Māori and Pasifika Achievement and Success Report 2015 by Kathy Anso.
- 4) The Board is looking to renovate and improve the Caretakers house. This is a long overdue project and will be funded by the board. Approximately \$120,000 may be required.
- 5) Principal's Appraisal – the final stage of this process is in hand. The relevant documentation in regards to his professional standards will be presented to John Cubitt [ex Principal of Pekerau School] who is an external appraiser, and he will then follow-up with relevant staff, students and Board members.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 30 March 2016 at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

If you are considering becoming a Trustee at the Triennial elections being held in June, do come along and see and hear what we do; you are most welcome.

Sue Bethell
Chairperson