

## Summary of the Board of Trustees Meeting 21/03/2017

The BOT's March meeting started with a presentation of 2016 NCEA Results Analysis and the 2016 Junior Analysis Report from Deputy Principal Cath Parr.

The NCEA Report showed sustained achievement for Levels 1 and 2. Level 1 Numeracy and Literacy results have sharply increased to be our best result ever and Merit Endorsements were also significantly increased.

Level 3 results were below last year's record high which can in part be attributed to the larger number of students choosing to stay at College to complete Levels 1 and 2 (92% do) while taking on some Level 3 subjects. This also affects our University Entrance results which also dipped.

Māori Achievement similarly dipped from record highs of last year across the levels. Our roll-based statistics compare more favourably to National averages.

Cath presented a number of initiatives from Departmental discussions to target and accelerate student achievement as well as teacher analysis, reflection and mentoring. Development of Achievement Action Plans for focus groups are being implemented to ensure successful outcomes for those students. The initiative of Booster Weeks has proved to be a significant benefit for students close to gaining Level 1, 2 or 3 and will be continually reviewed to ensure it supplements class assessments.

As always attendance is one of the strongest indicators of achievement success and the College will remain diligent in its communication with student's families and will provide earlier and more frequent contact should a student's achievement stall.

Our Junior school also has achievement data collected. Gathering meaningful data for all courses offered can be difficult and maintaining consistency for reporting. Cath has done a huge amount of work with Staff and Departments to establish a consistent measure of data to be collected for 2017 reporting.

The Board has over the past months discussed Co-opting a member so it reflects the diversity and character of our community and is in the process of speaking to possible candidates.

The Auditors Report for 2015 was tabled and discussed. Foremost we would like to thank Katrina Alquist (Finance Officer) and Peter Granville (School Accountant) for their efficient and effective assistance to the auditors. The report showed no evidence of 'material misstatement' and offered few recommendations, primarily in the area of classification.

The Property Report showed F Block extraction systems have been completed and drainage / resurfacing work between A & B Block has been done. The pool will be resurfaced at the end of Term 1.

Health and Safety Committee reports no issues and continues to work on documents / templates and best practice following the new legislation - Thank you Wayne Carter.

Finally the Principal's Report shows our attendance figures are phenomenal (keep it up) and our students are out on the sports fields representing our school at the top levels and 300 attendees for the Academic Excellence dinner (so proud). BYOD is progressing well and the College will be centre spread in the Courier look out for it!

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Chairperson - Te Awamutu College Board of Trustees