

## **BOT Update: Headlines from the September 2018 Meeting**

*A full copy of the minutes of this meeting are available from the Main office.*

This was our 6th meeting for the school year. It is the time of the year, being the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term where not only do we review what is past but some of what we do is look towards next year. It is also when thought is given to the Chairperson's address at the prizegiving.

September is a bit of a breather month before the mad rush towards Christmas. It is a time when we receive our SuccessMaker report (for Terms 1 and 2). It is also the month where, if required, we have a change of Student Rep (Trustee). So, this, along with a report from Trustee Tracy Findlay on her attendance at the NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) conference and our usual items, made up part of this meeting along with some updated policies, and a discussion regarding the Rogers Trust AGM and review. The summary is:

- We started the evening with Michelle Boyd providing a report on our SuccessMaker programme:
  - For those not aware, we have a programme where we are able to provide students who require extra learning support with literacy and maths an opportunity to receive help through Years 9 and 10 so that they are able to obtain additional skills to assist them in this area.
  - The report shows that this programme is aiding those going through it.
  - If you have read previous summaries, you will note that the we were presented a report which covered Terms 3 and 4 of 2017 earlier this year. It has been suggested that Michelle combine her reports to cover a full year and present it in September so that we have the space to have Michelle present the report and engage with the BOT.
  
- Tony gave us a brief summary of the NCEA review that was presented to the school community the previous night. While only 12 attended those that did were very engaged in the discussion. If you get a chance to go online to <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/> you will receive an opportunity to have a say in the review that is occurring. On this page you will find some survey alternatives (from quick to submission).
  
- We received a report from Trustee Tracy Findlay giving us brief insights to the workshops that she attended during the conference. In our role as Trustees there is always more to learn (as most of us are not from the educational field) so we are appreciative that Tracy was able to take the time out an report back to us.
  
- Having had the Rogers Trust AGM since the last meeting, we reported back to the trustees that were not involved. We also reported on the discussion that was held regarding the review that its currently occurring. The Rogers Trust trustees have determined to have a strategic planning session focusing on the review so that the review process can proceed through to an outcome.

- Alongside our usual review of the monthly Financial accounts we are further refining the report we receive to better highlight the important information so that the trustees (trustees have a collective responsibility) can make sense of the financial information regardless of their skillsets.
- The usual Principal's Report, Health and Safety Report, Property Report, correspondence and last meeting's minutes were tabled and discussed where necessary. Within the Property Report it was discussed where an all-purpose turf could fit on the school property. We have decided that before talking with the hockey community that we would have a chat with the council to see if there is anything we need to be aware of.
- With our current Student Rep standing down (Te Kapamanawakii Crown) the student body had an election and through this process we welcomed MJ Neethling to the role. While we thanked Te Kapa during the meeting for his involvement over the last 12 months (It is rather daunting to take on this role amongst adults, some of us being over the hill in comparison to them!) it is only fitting that I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank him for his efforts.
- In this electronic age we have also setup a direct email address so if you need to contact the BOT Chairperson electronically then there is an address that will survive chair people. Please be aware that the BOT Chairperson is generally the last person in the chain of command to be contacted, which means that when all other processes (as documented in our school policies and procedures) do not meet your needs then the Chairperson is available. The email address is shown below and also available on the school website.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 6.00pm in the Staff Room. As is usual the meetings are open to all so if you are interested in what we get up to, do come along and see and hear what we do; you are most welcome.

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