

BOT Update: Headlines from the March 2019 Meeting

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

This was our 2nd meeting for the new school year. While it was a shorter Agenda than the first meeting, we had on top of the usual items some meaty reports to get through. The summary is:

- Our Principal tabled a verbal report this month highlighting the activities that have occurred during the opening weeks of Term 1. Having attended the Academic Excellence dinner the previous week to celebrate those students who had achieved the required excellence credits in 2018, we commended Tony for being able to smile and congratulate the 111th student as if it was the first. Well done students and Tony.
- Not only were the usual reports (Principal, Property, Health and Safety) received but we also had tabled:
 - 2018 NCEA Provisional Results Analysis (Senior Management Team)
 - 2018 Junior Achievement Report (excluding Maths and English – to be presented next meeting) (Rebecca Legg)

Under Schedule 6, clause 5 of the Education Act 1989 says that the Board's *primary objective* in governing the school is to ensure that every student at the school is able to attain his or her highest possible standard in educational achievement.

This is the meaty part of this meeting. We spent a fair amount of our time discussing the reports and while appreciating that the numbers for 2018 were in some areas the best the school has ever achieved, identifying areas we can continue to improve on. Thanks to the Senior Management Team, including Rebecca and Bob who are standing in for Cath Parr while she is on sick leave, for all the hard work analysing the data and then presenting it in a format we could understand.

- 2018 SuccessMaker Report. This time we received the report covering the whole year as in the past it had been broken into 2 part - year segments. It was good to see the picture of this investment in our children's education in its entirety rather than being split. It was mentioned in the report that SuccessMaker now operates "in the cloud" while we currently use a server-based version. We gave Michelle the permission to see if upgrading to the cloud service would provide further benefits to the students. Thank you, Michelle and Susan, for all of your efforts in this area.
- 2019 1 March Roll Return tabled and sent to MOE.
- Back to just the one Financial Report this month. While it is early in the school year and difficult to see exactly how the year will pan out, the report did show that YTD we are tracking as we anticipated. We were also updated with some capital spending that Tony has instigated due to some repairs and maintenance starting to get large.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 22nd May 2019 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.

Craig Yarnley

(Chairperson)