

BOT Update: Headlines from the October 2019 Meeting

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

This was our 7th meeting for the school year. In my term as Chairperson this is the first meeting we have had in October. This is a month that we usually miss due to the timing of the School Holidays.

Because we, as a school, had a deadline prior to our November meeting to make a big decision regarding whether to opt into the new Donations Scheme for 2020 a decision was made to have an October meeting. This also allowed us to have a lighter Agenda.

Because of the change in Student Rep, following the election on the last day of Term 3, we welcomed Atareipounamu Crown to her first meeting as the new Student Representative. This month we had a Charter Review update, new Donations Scheme review, Assistant Principal appointment process, along with our usual items, formed the basis of this meeting. The summary is:

- The decision to appoint Rebecca Legg as our new Deputy Principal was confirmed and the subcommittee was thanked for the time they had invested. It was acknowledged that the calibre of the candidates was high, and the decision wasn't an easy one.
- After having had a month to consider the new Donations Scheme, which was outlined at our last meeting, a healthy discussion was had before a unanimous decision was made for the school to opt into the new scheme for 2020. Because we are aware that this could cost us more than we receive, we acknowledge that our budget for 2020 (which will be set at our November Meeting) needs to allow for our estimated costings.
- Tony advised that we had had 179 responses to date to the Charter Review questionnaire. While this was a welcome increase from the last review performed, we will give it another push prior to the deadline.
- Because we have decided to appoint an Assistant Principal to assist with the workload of the Senior Management Team, now that the Deputy Principal position has been filled, a new subcommittee was formed to work through this appointment process.
- The usual Principal's Report, Health and Safety Report, Property Report, correspondence and last meeting's minutes were tabled (verbally) and discussed where necessary.
- The Financial Report was discussed and it was highlighted that because we are tracking well against budget, we would be open to any additional spending that would enhance the school or it's learning environment over the rest of the year on the basis that we don't exceed the net budget result that was planned.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled to be held Wednesday 27th November 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

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