

BOT Update: Headlines from the March 2022 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. Again, it's amazing what can happen in a 12-month period. In 2020 we missed this meeting due to going into lockdown, but last year we were sort of back to normal. This year though we needed to postpone this meeting by a week due to COVID and even on the meeting night not all were in attendance because one of the Board members was in isolation. Roll on getting back into a pre-COVID routine! While it was a shorter Agenda than the first meeting we had, on top of the usual items, some meaty reports to get through. Not only were the usual reports received but we also had tabled, the following:

- 2021 NCEA Analysis (Rebecca Legg)

Section 127 clause 1(a) of the Education and Training Act 2020 says that the Board's *primary objective* in governing the school is to ensure that every student at the school is able to attain their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

This makes this the meaty part of this meeting because we spent a fair amount of our time discussing primarily the NCEA analysis. While appreciating that some of the numbers for 2021 were above the New Zealand school's averages AND it was another year of COVID, we know we cannot afford to rest on our laurels so we continue to identify areas we can focus on for improvement. Thanks to Rebecca for all her hard work analysing the data and then presenting it in a format we could understand.

- 2021 Junior Achievement Report (asTTle Maths and Reading – to be presented next meeting) (Rebecca Legg)

The Junior Achievement report, unfortunately, wasn't as detailed as we would normally expect. 2021 was a year that a change to this reporting was implemented so that we could have a better gauge of how the Junior Target Groups are tracking towards the start of their NCEA years. Sadly with the way COVID affected the numbers of students at the school over the September/October/November periods the end of year testing did not happen, otherwise the students would have arrived back at the school after a lengthy absence (albeit they were distance learning) facing a multitude of tests. While some might think that would have been good for them, the management team decided some hands-on teaching and socialisation was a better fit.

- Our Health and Safety report discussed the impact the COVID isolation rules has been having on the students and staff. We have done well to remain open and not rostering days off (touch wood), which is a testament to the relievers we have access to and the support of the staff who have used "spare" time to cover any colleagues who are absence.

- Multi-Purpose Turf. We have had confirmed a project manager and that the project will be placed on GETS (Government Electronic Tender Service), so that final pricing can go through the appropriate channels to enable us to get the project done this year.
- Back to just the one Financial report this month, we received and reviewed our February Financial Accounts and were advised that we had not been able to progress our year end (2021) accounts through to the auditor, within the MOE timelines, again a COVID related timing issue. 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 signed off on our grant requests (nearly \$8k) to Grassroots Trust, for our sporting codes/clubs.
- 2022 1st March Roll Return was tabled and sent to MOE.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 25th May 2022 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