

## School Board Update: Headlines from the September 2022 Meeting

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

This is our 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for the school year, but with the School Board Triennial elections having just been held it was a little earlier than usual so that it could be held within 7 days of the result. With 4 people standing for the 3 positions, we were always going to have one person miss out. While the voting was reasonably close, unfortunately Nick Hewlett, a sitting member was the one to come 4<sup>th</sup>. We therefore welcomed Jo Sheridan and Wade Bell to the board for the start of their 3-year term, as well as myself now starting my 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-year term. September is usually a bit of a breather month before the mad rush towards Christmas which has allowed us to walk through a bit of an orientation, for the new board members, as we progressed through the agenda.

While September is also the month where we would potentially receive a new Student Rep onto the board, having had this meeting brought forward to cater for the parent representatives' election, the new Student Rep is being picked within a week of the meeting. We did however farewell and thank Jacob Chetwin for his 2 years on the board, recognising that he was not standing again.

With this being the first meeting after an election, we went through and elected our Chairperson and Deputy as well as appointing current board members to the various subcommittees as well as our usual items, alongside some policy reviews and updates, Multi Sports Turf update, and the September Roll return. The summary is:

- We had a surprise start to this meeting with me (6), Jock Ellis (8) and David Peehikuru (5) (in his absence) presented with some certificates for their current terms on the board. This is an initiative of NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) to recognise people who have contributed more than one term on a school board.
- We received a resignation from Sarah Matthews who has found that a workplace change has made it difficult to make the board meetings. A discussion was held over our options, having been provided guidance from NZSTA, and it was decided to treat this as a casual vacancy, which allows us to appoint a person if less than 10% of the school voting role requests a by-election.
- In addition to the usual sub-committees that the board has filled, we appointed David Peehikuru as a non-board member of the Multi Sports Turf committee to maintain the momentum that committee has towards completing the project before Term 1 2023. It was also time to renew the Board's Trustees to the Rogers Charitable Trust.
- As you will note by my name at the bottom of this report, I was re-elected Chairperson with Jock Ellis as my Deputy.
- Wayne Carter then took us through his lengthy Property report, with focus on our Draft Cyclical Maintenance Plan, which is something the auditors look at each year. It is our best estimate of our annual maintenance plan covering the next 10 years.
- We reviewed, and updated the following policies:

- Health & Safety in the Workplace
  - Health & Safety: Others/Visitors in the Workplace
  - Health & Safety: Hazard/Risk Management
  - Health & Safety: Personal Protective Equipment
- The usual Principal's report, correspondence and last meeting's minutes were tabled and discussed where necessary. We are approaching the time of year when teachers consider moving around. While there is still a supply issue, we are still hopeful that there may be some quality "Auckland" teachers who "see the light" and are ready to move.
  - We officially confirmed, by way of a motion, the final version of the school enrolment zone (from the MOE) which starts on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023. We will have on the school website all relevant information so that anyone can see if they are affected by this change and its effect on them.

It is also a good time to remind everyone that we have a direct email address so if you need to contact the Board Chairperson electronically then there is an address that will survive changes in the chairperson. Please be aware that the Board Chairperson should be 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) fail to meet your need then the Chairperson is available.

That being said, this is the email address that we will be asking you to reply to regarding our notice of there being a casual vacancy.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled to be held Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.00pm in the library due to there being a NZSTA training course booked into the Staffroom on that date. 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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