

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board Meeting

Monday 16 October 2023 from 5.30pm

The Board is legally responsible for the school. Our role is to watch the far horizon, to support its direction as a Steiner school, and to ensure it arrives safely within the law. The Board provides guidelines within which the staff manage the school.

Present : Natalie Bartonova (NB)- late, Anna Noble (AN), Esther Gilbert (EG), Jerry Hsu (JH), Angela Clark (AC), Kesava Sampath (KS), Emily Czibere (EC)

Apologies : Michelle McGrath (MM), Clare Ridout

Props were invited for the first session but none were able to attend.

Meeting opened with a karakia.

1. Conflicts of interest, minutes, matters arising	Who
<p>Conflict of interest: none for this meeting</p> <p>Reading skipped for this meeting.</p> <p>Point 7: policies: Jerry would like to step down from the ‘presiding member’ role, put out interest to ascertain anyone taking on his role. Thinking about succession planning. Will be staying on the committee. To continue next meeting.</p> <p>Approval of last minutes: approved by Angela and seconded by Natalie</p> <p>Monday to be reconsidered as the day for meeting. Tuesday as a potential day? 2nd Tuesday of the month? Starting 14th November 2023. Proposed by EG, seconded by Angela</p> <p>Authorisation of 6 year olds - nothing for this meeting.</p>	All

2. Principals Report	Who
<p>Principal’s verbal report: Scout Camp. Student cost – Hoping the cost would stay at 113\$/student? Permission for swimming was discussed and if no parent’s permission, then the kids will not be allowed to swim.</p> <p>Anna → Transport of bicycles → on cars. Kids can choose between easy and difficult tracks.</p> <p>Angela raised a point about satellite phones, emergency beacons. Possibility that it could be hired from Otago university (Angela to check)</p> <p>Approved by Natalia and Seconded by Jerry.</p> <p>Anna updated the members: MOU with Puketeraki → signing off in Term-1 2024. Anna is working through whether this is an annual MOU that needs to be signed every year or possibility of 3 year cycle.</p> <p>Marae visit: James, Anna and Angela will be going to wanaka. Possibility for a 4th member to join. All schools are invited for the workshop.</p>	

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<p>Natalia: whether this workshop may lead to future development of relationship. Anna: that is a possibility but the workshop is offered to all schools and is independent from the relationship. Jerry: is this to meet the needs of Maori students? Or is it on educating Non-Maori students about the Maori culture? Anna: that is a question that Anna had and will explore that further. Angela: they may provide support and may facilitate the understanding of Maori culture and Matauranga.</p>	
<p>School profile ERO report: Anna: the report came from meeting with teachers. This is a public document and will go public. Anna to discuss the evaluation with teachers and to put out strategy. Next two years will be used for actioning the goals. Approved by Emily, Seconded by Esther Angela: why focussing on language specifically Anna: language progress is easier to follow-up and its part of curriculum as part of the school.</p>	
<p>Strategic plan consultation: Anna: This is a great document. We need to review the values and mission. Will need a lot of time to do that. So have to adapt. Questions have to be simple and succinct. Need to send the survey very quickly. Do a thematic analysis and give the results back to the community. To send the survey (to staff/parents/community). The idea is to be transparent and opportunity to provide feedback on the strategic plan. Approved by Jerry; Seconded by Natalie.</p>	
<p>Be heard: Anna: they are the counselling service that goes around the school. Anna met with Kelly and explored opportunity for their service. Be heard provides counselling service to school students and provides a confidential service. May help the school to offer another service that is professional. They run through donation and grants, so not cost associated with it. Needs to make it a positive thing by meeting the counsellor early and forming relationships, etc. Jerry: need to check with consent with Kelly, is that a blanket consent or the child provides the consent? With children, if they don't provide consent, then parents need to provide informed consent. Anna: to clarify the process and the legality of informed consent. Jerry: cultural stigma regarding mental health? Fostering an appropriate environment and consultation with the community. Anna: will invited feedback by sending the 'be heard' link to the community and asking for feedback. Natalie: do they also work with group or classes? Anna: will check with Kelly if they work with class groups instead of individual. Anna: thinking of starting term-1 next year. Jerry: can they provide an intro evening? Anna: to check</p>	<p>AN</p> <p>AN</p>
<p>Professional development: Anna: there is a PD course in Sydney that Anna would like to go and planning to utilize the</p>	<p>AN</p>

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<p>wellness fund.</p> <p>Class one teacher recruitment: Anna: all CVs have been looked into by a group. Shortlisted four from nine, one pulled out. Three people to be interviewed (Tues and Thu this week). If not comfortable, then needs to re-advertised. No applicants have Steiner experience, so need to assess.</p>	

Next meeting date – Tuesday 14 November

Closing verse

Key to Initials : Clare Ridout (CR), Management Team (MT), Proprietors Trust (Props), Emily Czibere (EC), Michelle McGrath (MM), Natalie Bartonova (NB), Jerry Hsu (JH), Anna Noble (AN), Esther Gilbert (EG), Angela Clark (AC).