

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 17 February 2021 6pm

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 : Pene Johnstone, Helen Thomlinson, Danny Fridberg (Chair), Zahra Muhammed Shah, Trisha Geraets. Clare Ridout (Board Secretary), Cassino Doyle.

Apologies : Stefan Roesch and Steve Broni

Approved absence: none

1. Minutes and matters arising, reminder re conflict of interest	Who
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved SR absence for March meeting. • No conflicts of interest declared. • Welcome to Cassino as the representative from the Props Trust. Board members introduced their portfolios. • CR will restart sending Props meeting minutes to BoT and vice versa. 	CR
<p>Minutes of previous meeting of 9 December were approved as accurate, Proposed by TG, seconded by PJ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need still to repaint lines and look at resurfacing. Should add to the project list. PJ to arrange for children to ask Fulton Hogan if they would consider doing it as a community gift.. • Well being of staff survey. HT has sent results and a message to CR to circulate to all staff. PJ will arrange a CoT meeting time to talk about it with all staff, including those who do not normally attend CoT. • Principal Appraisal – PJ has been meeting with Alex MacNeiile as special character advisor. Alex will write up a short report. PJ will write up a self appraisal report. Were planning on doing a 360 survey for 2020, but HT proposes we put it to 2021. Approved. • 3 kindergarten children authorised as being educated in kindergarten. DF signed papers. • Need to send out newsletter article to share end of year student achievement results with community – as per MoE requirements • Board manual – may need to be updated for the new legislation around school boards. DF will be in touch with NZSTA about legislative changes and CR will email DF the last version of the manual so he can update it as required. 	<p>PJ</p> <p>CR/PJ</p> <p>PJ and Alex</p> <p>PJ</p> <p>DF</p>

2. Projects that may attract funding	Who
<p>The wish list of projects to be funded has been circulated. To add:- Playground equipment – in response to the student survey Environmental projects, including gardening Picnic table Entrance way</p>	

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<p>Container for bottom section for environmental work? Or tunnel house for propagation.</p> <p>Noted that we should ask for macrocarpa for the Bunnings buddy bench. We do not want one with treated timber. Trisha to ask?</p> <p>HT will pass on the Playcentre grants kit to office</p> <p>ZMS brought up the idea that Otago Ice Hockey could come and do some training. Do we want this? ZMS to follow it up with PJ. First response was that it may not be a good idea to have training in an activity that then cannot be continued at school</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>HT</p> <p>ZMS</p>

3. Principals report	Who
<p>Good start to the year, very positive teacher only days. Good input from North Dunedin Kahui Ako's Learning support teacher. Helped staff in choosing children that will be the focus for accelerated learning. Teachers only days included a presentation from Trisha on environment and from Julie on literacy.</p> <p>Behaviour Management was reviewed in Teacher only days. Change in pay times so that one day a week there is a managed play – one for older children and one for younger. Different activities to move away from football culture.</p> <p>Ferguson family left at the start of the year. Welcomed back Jana van Gerwen and welcomed Leo Bradke. Mao Judd left for the Coromandel in the holidays.</p> <p>Trisha and James went to a 3 day summer intensive for Steiner teachers in Auckland – about 40 teachers attending. A lot of sharing of experience etc. Impressed with forward thinking.</p> <p>Michael Park have a specialist Maori teacher and room. James will take up the Te Reo curriculum here.</p> <p>Kindergarten teachers will do a te Reo course with John Birnie, then CR will work with the College on Te Reo. Kahui Ako will work on developing Kapahaka across the schools.</p> <p>Ministry document on re writing the Aotearoa/ NZ histories is being reviewed by teachers.</p> <p>School is celebrating the roll cap raise. Many on the expression of interest list have moved to other schools. PJ has done a press release that is being reviewed by a media company. Need something in Rothesay news. Will put on Facebook.</p> <p>Helen provided an update on the expression of interest and waiting list. Confirmed that we are using the current enrolment scheme. The kindergarten is trying to establish 12 in each year level.</p> <p>When is the enrolment scheme up for review again – CR will ask the Ministry. New scheme has been approved internally.</p> <p>Policies and procedures Use of photos is out for consultation – will come back to next BoT</p>	<p>CR</p>

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3. Principals report	Who
CR check the privacy legislation and how we may have to alter any practices/ Policy etc	CR
Strategic plan and annual plan – will be looked at over email. It was clarified that the Primary School’s strategic plan does not include the items re land and buildings or kindergarten that fall under the responsibility of Props. CR will circulate the joint strategic plan around props and BoT and staff.	All BoT
Will have a community consultation on the reflection of our bicultural aspects on the land and buildings. This is planned for 27 March – yet to be confirmed. An outside facilitator is being invited by PJ.	CR

4. Proprietors	Who
Subdivision currently underway – probably complete by the end of March and dependent on the electrical people / telecoms doing their work. Need the funding from the land sales for the building work.	
Bottom classroom extension – plans should be in to council by the end of February and start to build in May. Will include visual references to the Pa Harakeke may be used in interpretation on the external lower walls. (Or similar- depending on consultation)	

5. Communication to the community	Who
Academic achievement report in newsletter – as above	
Agreed that advertising for BoT positions when Helen and Danny leave at end of year should wait. Need to possibly go through by election process. Proprietors still have spaces to fill – they are looking for 2 trustees.	
10 th April is the Fair date	
Joint meeting date to be fixed. Could attach to the planned community consultation on the land on the 27 th March	

6. Any other business	Who
Trisha will be doing shelter hut building, and proposes at overnight sleep on the land at school. RAMs forms to be given to Stefan in advance.	TG

7. Other matters, communication to the community etc	Who
Next meeting 6pm 17 th March 2021.	

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Key to Initials : Pene Johnstone (PJ), Clare Ridout (CR), Cassino Doyle (CD), Management Team (MT), Proprietors Trust (Props), Board of Trustees (BoT), Danny Fridberg (DF), Steve Broni (SB), Helen Thomlinson (HT), Stefan Roesch (SR), Zahra Muhammed (ZM), Trisha Geraets (TG).