



THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD

on Monday 31 July 2023 in the Boardroom Te Koropiko West Spreydon School

Present: – Miriam Marshall – Chair, Abbey Parsons, Marina Shehata – Deputy Principal, Shailesh Singh, Julia Mallet, Jodi Apiata, Andy Dumbleton

Apologies: Marriene Langton – Principal – on sick leave

In attendance for minute taking: Linda Parsons

1. **The meeting opened with a Waiata / Karakia**
2. **Whakawhanaungatanga:** Members shared their reflections of family time in the holidays, family occasions and glimpses of the future.
3. **Feedback from Mindmap** pop up Chats at Disco Night about the new Health Education and related topics changes to curriculum.
 - It proved to be a relaxed and open way to have chats with parents about these changes. It was a safe place with groups of friends chatting
 - More chats about the gender issues than about sex education
 - Personal feelings rather than facts
 - Age related topics and queries were quite different across the age groups
 - **From the post its** – comments
 - Sex education topics, intersex relationships, cyber safety, wellbeing including mental health, eating, sports were covered
 - Do kids talk about these topics at home – possibly not
 - Suggestions re comments in newsletter about current work lines might help prompt conversations at home
 - People felt it was a good plan and that they had been consulted
 - Questions for children to take home
 - Suggestions for starter conversations at home – age appropriate topics

The Board are confident to present the information to Management. Parents have been consulted and the Board understands and are satisfied that the community feel their expectations and what is being taught are aligned. The **next step** - the Board will encourage the school to continue the dialogue in an ongoing conversation between school – children – parents and whanau and find opportunities for this type of conversation.

- 4 **Minutes of the previous meeting dated 26 June 2023** had been circulated in pre reading.

Approved

In Committee minutes dated 26 June 2023 were circulated, read and approved

Moved: Miriam Marshall Seconded: Abbey Parsons

- 5 **Matters Arising:**

- Code of conduct – all signed

6. **Principal's Report:** In Marriene's absence Marina presented the report which had been circulated online. Topics of interest –

- Photos were good - Abbey spoke about Jared's powhiri
- Discussion on music lessons, timings, costs and provider

Moved: Julia Mallett Seconded: Shailesh Singh

7. **Financial Report:** circulated in pre reading.

Moved: Jodi Apiata Seconded: Miriam Marshall

Discussion points:

- Tracking well on yearly budget figures
- Some caretaker and cleaner figures higher
- Sick leave/relief teachers - costs up
- Marriene is happy with figures at present

8. **Policy - Learning Support – Maori Education and Inclusive Education**

Jodi and Miriam will begin work on reviewing these policies. Jodi acknowledged and queried that there could be a *conflict of interest* as this work is similar to his work in the Education Sector. The Board agreed that there was no conflict in this respect.

9. **Health and Safety report:** circulated and read in pre reading. For approval

Moved: Abbey Parsons Seconded: Julia Mallet

Discussion points:

- No injuries at school
- A lot of viruses going around staff and students

- Caretakers shed and bike garage had been broken into but nothing stolen
- Gate signs to be sorted

Action point: Abbey to follow up and get gates signs sorted asap

10. General Business:

Hall: Discussion re different between 5 yearly funding re Hall allowances – two different amounts.

Meeting on Monday – questions to be raised –

- Likelihood of more funding at a later date
- What is the \$250,000 for
- What changes might be needed over the next 5 years
- Is there more information re any school zoning changes that we should be aware of
- Placement of the hall building – board and school community views need to be considered

Working Bee 25 August

- Re the pathways for concreting – a map or drawing with measurements is needed to clarify exact areas
- Stakes for boxing available
- Need: boxing timber and reinforcing steel
- Anna Griff has concreting contact
- Shailesh has someone who could look at to work out how much concrete needed - he will sort this
- Friends and Whanau will join in the working bee.

Pool Committee - Representatives from the Pool Committee will attend the next Board meeting

Support with Mihimihi - Jodi offered his support to staff and board who would like help with completing their mihimihi – 30 mins before the October board meeting as part of strategic conversations.

11. Communication

- Letter of thanks from Jared Fretwell
- Recognition from Iona
- Opinion piece - Marriene

14 Moved: In Committee discussions: no items to discuss

12 Table of action points -

<u>Action Point Tasks</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>
Signs for gates	Abbey	asap
Contacts re concrete for paths	Shailesh	Before working bee
Working on Mihimihi	Jodi	30mins before next board meeting

Next meeting 4 September 2023 4.30pm Boardroom

Approved: Maureen Date: 4/9/23.
Chairperson