

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustee Minutes
14 June 2020

Present: Angela Williams, Susan Hall, Teneti Ririnui, Richard Carroll, Stephanie Bosch, Luana Carroll, Bret McKenzie

Meeting opened: 7pm

Conflict of Interest: Richard has employed Tanya Taylor for some part-time childcare. Richard will step back from any issues which arise that broadly involve Tanya.

Minutes from May Board Meeting: Approved

Ongoing Response to Covid-19 at Level 1

Luana reported things are going well with children being back at school. Children are settling back into school routine and starting learning programmes again. Need to be aware of families that have relatives overseas and are experiencing stress and/or anxiety as a result of this. We are planning activities for school and community to look forward to (including cross country, school conferences, Matariki celebrations). Staff are transitioning back into school well and supporting each other.

Change to drop off/pick up practice

Concerns raised about change to drop off policy as communicated in the last two newsletters. Luana reported parents could always come onto school during Level 2; wanted minimal change between Level 2 and Level 1. The decision was teacher led. Will take on feedback from Board/community.

Discussion about what feedback has been received from families and children about experiences around new drop off/pick up procedures. The Board noted communication had been excellent during the initial period of Covid-19; expectation that this will continue and the Board will work with the Principal regarding any future changes/communications.

Anxiety around mid/longer term effects of Covid-19 is a concern regarding both children and staff. Requested Principal to report back on what is happening in this space and how anxiety is and can be managed.

Principal's Report

PLD being undertaken in maths and also regarding developing our school as a rainbow school. Working with InsideOUT about finding appropriate primary school aged materials on supporting staff with appropriate pronoun use and supporting children and families.

Accelerated Literacy Learning programme up and running (in reading and writing).

Celebration around pay equity for Teacher Aides; had morning tea for TA's.

Blue slide should be able to be fixed. Playground inspection consultant has indicated that if slides can be welded then we can keep our slides. New bark under flying fox.

Kahui Ako report – meeting on 24 June. Meeting with Y4 students about wellbeing.

[Meeting in committee 8.43pm : Out of committee 8.55pm]

Budget Update

Luana reported we need to be mindful of economic situation for the rest of the year. Focus on what our are priorities are for spending for the rest of the year.

Librarian role still being advertised.

Property Update

Luana talked to James Wallace. Luana working on document to draw out ideas around how we want our school to look and be developed. Think about how we future proof new development of buildings at HVS.

Delegation of Board Roles

To be deferred and discussed in line with the development of the Governance Manual.


Discussion of any whanau/community feedback arising

None

Items for next newsletter

Succession for Board and recruitment of new members needs to be a focus.

Meeting closed: 9.40pm

 RICHARD CARROLL
04-09-20

