

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Thursday 5 November 2020 7:30pm at Houghton Valley School Minutes

Present: Kate Mitcalfe, Michael Restieaux Megan Taylor, Luana Carroll, Sarah Wylie, Anna Ririnui, Richard Carroll, Nicola du Toit, Charlie, Luke, Amanda Berkhan, Stephanie Bosch, Morgan Jones (Quorum 4+1)

Apologies: Johanna Sanders, Dougal Wylie

1. Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by Luana and Michael

2. Board Report

The election of two new Board members is coming up. Richard and Susan are at the end of their terms. People are welcome to Board meetings at any time.

The recent focus has been on property and staffing. Miriam has been appointed as the deputy principal.

3. Principal Update

Luana has been focusing on the school's strategic plan. She did a Springboard Trust Leadership Programme and her mentor has been helping her work through this. She is looking forward to having a Hui on this in Term One.

There will be a farewell for Monie, Jos and Lucy at the end of the year.

Unfortunately the roll has dropped to a level that funding for one teacher has been lost.

4. Teacher Talk

Stephanie and Morgan talked about how the school inquiry topic works. It is about helping the children to ask big questions and find answers.

Both Stephanie and Morgan have been attending our Community of Learning sessions on universal design for learning. This is about overcoming barriers to learning. They are getting a lot from these; both learning and connecting with other schools in the area.

5. HVS Events

Fair: A big thank you to everything everyone has done. Flowers were given to Sarah for the amazing job she did.

The turnover was just over \$32,000 for the day. This is very similar to last year, noting we did not have a full Silent Auction this year which usually brings in around \$5000. Despite not going out for donations, we still have people offering some that we auctioned on the day. Thanks to the generosity of the local community.

Feedback included that the games are an important part of the event, even if they are not great fundraisers; the music was amazing and it was lovely seeing past students perform; the container was a worthwhile expense; it was good having it on a Sunday but probably not Halloween weekend; the salads were popular and maybe we could focus more people on preparing those than baking; it's great that a focus on reducing waste is part of the fair.

Disco: Johanna and Carlie did a great job. Thank you! There might be a possible cost for re-setting the alarm after the fire alarm. At this stage it looks like \$1000 was made.

Parent talk: This was a successful event even with the clash with the Playcentre AGM. Positive feedback has been received and some learnings noted for future talks. The aim is to have more and already two suggestions have been made. Another idea at the

meeting was to have something on the whakapapa of Haewai. We will look at how best to promote these.

T-shirts and t-towels: Michael is getting this already to go. Ordering will be done digitally. The meeting agreed for Michael to decide the pricing of the t-towels. It will be the last time we have use of these designs.

Cups: Everything is going ahead with the reusable cups. The school logo is going to be used.

6. Finances

The reusable cups are ordered. Home and School have donated \$400 towards these following a grant from Wellington City Council.

7. AOB:

Action: Revisit the role of class reps at the start of next year.

8. Next meeting: 3 December 2020 with a focus on how to spend our 20% contribution

Kate Mitcalfe

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association