

Houghton Valley School Meeting 18/10/2021

Present: Georgie, Bret, Luana, Stephanie, Mike

Apologies: Vanessa, Kelly

Kelly has given her resignation to the board due to health issues. She is an elected member of the board so to replace her we may need to do another election. Bret will call NZSTA to check this. The next board election is in June 2022.

Noho Marae

The RAMs for the year 5/6 noho marae were shared with the board. The trip can go ahead at level 2 as we are a bubble of less than 100. Everywhere we are visiting are following the level 2 guidelines. Luana is finding out if parents need to be vaccinated who are helping out. All staff attending are vaccinated. We discussed children that are feeling a bit anxious about going on the trip and what teachers have in place to support this. Luana will be at the marae for the evenings and some of the days.

The board has approved the RAMs form

Fair update

The fair is not going to go ahead as we know it. Sarah has come up with a plan for a 'coffee cake and clothing' fair that will mean no more than 100 people can come in at a time. It will work as a one way in and one way out.

We could add some of the fair games to the kids fun day at the end of the year.

Vanessa brought up the idea of asking parents if they would like to give a one off donation. Luana suggested that we increase our school donation for next year as a one off due to not having the fair this year. It was discussed that instead we ask parents if they would like to give a donation that is separate to the school donation and ask for this around fair time instead.

If parents donate for fair day – where does this money go? Is it home and school or Board money? What are people's expectation for how this money will be spent. Bret will craft a letter that goes to the community about what the money will be used for.

Budget meeting with Melbina on ?? Bret and Georgie are attending with Luana to get the draft budget finalised. Georgie will zoom in

The board worked through the hau tu self review Leadership section.

There was discussion around our strategic plan and how we think and plan for maori students achieving success as maori. How do we make what our whanau feel is important be the focus of what we do at HVS. How is this all woven through our strategic plan? How do we connect with whanau that are maori but don't identify

Clare from Poutama pounamu could come in and work with the board in 2022 to help us further work on strengthening our governance.

Kate Mitcafe is also someone we can approach to run a workshop on the treaty of Waitangi. This could also be done with the staff.

Meeting closed 8:50

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul M. K...". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.