

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School (H&S) Meeting

Monday 20 February 2023 in HVS Staffroom
Minutes

Present: Ronja Ievers, Flic Morris, Luke Cartmell-Gollan, Ian Vanstone, Seb Bishop, Michelle Podmore, Jacinta Kalsy
(Quorum 4+1)

Apologies: Nicola du Toit, Anna Barlow, Fenella Rich

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved by Flic and Luana

1. Board Update

Seb Bishop (Chair) gave an overview of BoT member changes and explained that the Board wishes to be more present in the school community this year. For example, more participation in H&S and its events, and more regular communications with the school community.

Seb also mentioned:

- the school charter is due for refresh next year and so later this year the wider school community will be engaged to help with the refresh.
- The Board will put more focus on its Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations as it governs. The BoT will have treaty-related training.
- The Board meets monthly on a Monday night, with the next meeting on 13th March. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Seb's mention of the treaty led to Luana mentioning the relevance of the treaty to the curriculum, as well a discussion on how H&S could be guided by its treaty obligations, as part of its own rules and the school's commitment.

2. Principal Update

Luana spoke about the situation for the communities in the North and East affected by the cyclone and acknowledged the role that community building has ahead of and during disasters. A great example of this was the picnic - the first in 4 years, a great start to the year, and a great event for building community connections. There will be many more events for the community, including working bees.

Luana gave an update on the property work going on this year. It will be a mix of progress (e.g. asphalt done) and pain (e.g. lights out) along the journey. The end result will be amazing.

Creative In School 2023 has been going well. In the morning of the 5th April, there will be a blessing on the newly-decorated fence and H&S will be helping making this a special event for the school community

The results of the property work and Creative In School will reflect the vibrancy of the kids and the community.

3. Matters arising

Luke Cartmell-Gollan was nominated as Treasurer by Ronja and seconded by Jacinta. Ian Vanstone was nominated as Secretary by Luana and seconded by Flic. The nominations will be taken to the AGM in Term 2 and officially confirmed.

4. HVS Events 2023 Planning

Since last time, whānau reps have been set up.

We may organise an end of term breakfast for the blessing of the fence.

The bake sale booked for Friday 24th February will be moved to Friday 3rd March. There was a discussion around sending proceeds to schools affected by the devastation in the Hawkes Bay. Luana offered to identify a suitable school to send the proceeds to.

There will be another bake sale on 24th March.

The AGM will be in term 2 on Monday 8th May.

Matariki will be celebrated near the end of term 2.

The quiz will be in term 3. Date TBD.

The term 4 fair and disco dates are yet to be confirmed. There is a virtual meeting coming up to discuss the fair date, reflections from 2022's Fair, and opportunities available for others to join the lead roles. All are welcome!

5. Treasurer's Update

Handover is in progress from Dougal to Luke. Dougal is closing out end of year financials (31 January).

There was a brief discussion on the purpose and charitable status of H&S, and Luana gave an update on H&S spend and the need to balance the suggestions of new big ticket items with the need to fund ongoing maintenance of big ticket items (e.g. flying fox, bikes).

6. Other Business

There was a discussion on aspects of H&S, including:

- Does every school have a H&S?
- A lot of people don't know about H&S.
- Every parent is a H&S member by default.

7. Comms From Meeting

Next meeting is the AGM in Term 2. It will be on Monday 8th May. Venue to be confirmed. The Term 1 bake sales are 3rd March and 24th March.

Next meeting: AGM in Term 2 2023 (Monday 8th May)

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Co-Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association