

BOARD BITES: UPDATE FROM WHANGAREI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES: MARCH 2021

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

This is the update from your BOT meeting of 29 March 2021

Derek Slatter - Chairperson

Johnny Kumitau - Parent Trustee

Eden Rogers - Staff Trustee

Phiona Wilson - BOT Secretary

Philip Burt - Deputy Chair

Hiku Mackey - Parent Trustee

Hayley Read - Principal



Student Roll: 749 students: Yr 7: 371, Yr 8: 378

International students: 0

Enrolments to date: 73

Withdrawals to date: 17

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The BOT would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people for their contribution to the BOT report:

- Lisa Barber - Financials and Personnel updates, EEO Report
- Debbie Hedley - LSC/SENCo Report
- Meri Taylor - RTL B Te Whanau o Waimirirangi Report
- Len Rust- RTL B Aurakii Report
- Paul Botica - Property Report, Tsunami Review, Woolfe Fischer Commentary 2020, Accelerated Achievement Programme 2021, Term 1 Baseline Assessment data, Parent/Teacher/Student Term 1 Interviews Analysis
- Te Ringakaha Tia-Ward - Te Whanau o Waimirirangi Assessment data report
- Christine Heke - Behaviour and Attendance analysis
- Wiremu Rankin - Enrichment, EOTC, Provision Registered Teachers programme
- Sam Robinson and Liz Seaton - Student Wellbeing Action Plan

PERSONNEL

- Paul Calkin's (caretaker) employment has now ended. Paul is now pursuing a gradual process work injury claim with ACC. Zak Botica, who has been doing a great job, has won the position.
- Hannah He has been employed as a Language Learning Assistant for Mandarin classes working at WIS, Onerahi and Whangarei Primary Schools. Salary was to be funded by ALLIS funds with each school contributing a pro-rata share. Danica Pevats has now successfully applied for an additional \$2,500 from the Confucius Institute, UOA.

APPOINTMENTS OF NEW STAFF

Ramon Natana - Ramon has been for 4 hours a day to support students with learning and also to support those students who need the ability to have physical break times.

John Sadler - John has been employed for 2 days a week as a 'Reading Recovery teacher' working in Ka Eke Tawera - The HUB for Auraki students.

Nicole Whareaitu - Nicole has been employed as a fixed term teacher in Te Whanau o Waimirirangi - Te Piringa (Ruma 16). Nicole will take over Neke Adams who has been released for 0.6 in the position of SENCo for Te Whanau o Waimirirangi.

Joy Lefever - Joy is our newest LSA for Ka Eke Tāwera - The Learning Hub.

Madeleine Brooks - has taken her maternity leave earlier as her wife is needing support with her health issues. Madeleine will return term 3 and will continue in her release position. Whaea Maraina will relieve for Madeleine during this time.

GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 17 February and Thursday 18 February we held our Parent /Caregiver /Teacher /Student Goal Setting evenings. Bookings were very low initially and teachers had to be proactive to encourage parents to book. Overall this is a less than average result and indicates that teachers are having to work very hard at building a home school relationship with staff making at least 148 phone calls. For every child's parent or caregiver who did not attend, the teacher is expected to ring to introduce themselves over the phone. There are a number of parents, 67 who, after phone calls, emails or wrong contact details are proving hard to connect to. The BOT appreciates the efforts teachers have made.

FINANCE

- The trustees approved the 2021 OPEX (v2 -with addition of \$1500 for science fair/inquiry lines) and CAPEX budgets with a healthy surplus of 20k for those just in case situations.
- Draft annual accounts have been forwarded to the Auditor. Draft accounts record a surplus of \$315,021 and working capital remains well-up at \$503,000.
- We have an audit visit booked for 19 April so will have audited accounts available before the MOE deadline of 31 May.

PROPERTY

PROPOSED PROPERTY PROJECTS

	Project	Status
1	SIPs Driveway Approved \$115,000	July
2	SIPs Shade Cover \$Approved \$270,000	April/May
3	Leaky Buildings \$1,509,630.23	Waiting for the MOE
4	10YPP/5YA \$1,109,630.23	Approved
5	Roll Growth Classrooms x 3 - Approved \$????	October

GENERAL

It is gratifying to see the energy visible in our kahui ako, and read about the great stuff that our in school and across school teachers are working on. Being able to cross pollinate the good stuff WIS has been doing around other schools - and no doubt learn from them as well. It is great and will pay big dividends for Whangārei. Many thanks to all the staff for their ongoing support and mahi for all of our students.

Nga mihi, Derek Slatter for the BOT

2021 BOT hui dates: Monday 24 May. All welcome to attend. Hui held in the staffroom, starting at 5:15pm. Nau mai haere mai