

Tai Tapu School Board meeting
23 June May 2025 6.06pm

Present:

Martin Bloy
Tim Dunn (late)
Amanda Clarkson
Damian Lynch
Phil Griffith
Helen Schulte

Apologies:

Sarah Alderson
Rachael Kwok

Declaration of interest:

None

H&S Wellbeing - notable items

None

Student & Curriculum update

Whole of School Mid-Year Data

Student achievement was presented using Whole of School Mid-Year data. Significant change in student achievement was evident across most year groups and most subjects. It was noted that these results have:

- Implemented refreshed curriculum which has set higher achievement standards.
- As such, the measurement of student achievement (progression) has also changed. Narrower banding on student achievement has been implemented.

The school has worked hard to move through the curriculum changes ahead of them being mandated in 2026. The Board discussed the results and the implications. Some of the feedback from the changes included:

Challenges

- Pronounced drop off in achievement levels against revised curriculum standards
- Ability to communicate/articulate the changes to parents and children - they will be perceived negatively
- Children have been working hard and progressing, but this may not be showing as achieved 'At' standard. Children may become despondent
- Teachers are having to adapt to revised curriculum and new progressions.

Advantages

- Narrower banding can mean more specific/targeted feedback for parents and children
- More explicit teaching direction has come with refreshed curriculum
- In the long run, better for children and their learning.

Staff also presented initiatives to support progress, including parent support.

The Board asked about resourcing constraints. The main constraint is the time spent on behavioral needs which soak up teaching time. Board happy to receive a resource request if it helps school resourcing for student achievement.

Minutes

The minutes from the previous Board meeting, May 2025, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved - PG

Seconded - TD

Carried

Matters arising

None

Schools Principals Report

The Principal's Report was received and taken as read.

Discussion points include:

- Board secretarial services will be pursued once new Board in place (post-election)
- The Board ratified the appointment Fixed Term teacher in Koru
- Banked staffing is positive. Principal talked Board through projection for rest of the year, which will start to be negative and then end the year on zero balance.
- One injury relating in a broken arm. This was caused by a ball/sporting incident. No corrective actions required - a genuine accident.

School strategic matters

ERO - Stewardship and Governance

The Board reviewed the areas of review (SG1-8) and agreed consensus ratings.

Enrolments

No applications for OOZ for Term 3.

1 application in the pipeline for Term 4.

The Board confirmed 2 OOZ enrolment slots for the NE in Term 4 2025.

Property

A large ceiling leak has been confirmed in the admin block and is likely to cost the school significant funding from the school 10YPP.

Kahui Ako

The Kahui Ako will formally finish at the end of 2025. The Board is comfortable for Principals to continue to engage in a networking manner (but with no involvement of the Board).

Board election

The Board resolved to pay the Returning Officer as per the Ministry funding schedule.

A community evening will be arranged for Wed 16th July 2025 to raise interest in Board elections.

School Strategic Plan

The Principal updated the Board on requirements to update the school strategic plan for 2026.

This will require some degree of community consultation. The new plan will need to take account of any change in government direction/priority. It will also need to account for having a new Board in place. The Principal will prepare an outline of the process for the next Board meeting.

School Financial Reports

The School financial reports were received for May 2025.

The Principal will plan a session with Solution and Services to better understand specifics of the accounting practices and journaling.

AOB

Meeting closed

8.43pm