

**Western Springs College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Held at 6pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010, in the Admin Meeting Room**

**1. Present / Apologies**

Robin Arthur, Ken Havill, Paul Edmond, Heather Dikstaal, David Peirse, Marianne Wilson, Trevor Crosby, Sophie Blazey, Kent Dadson, Taima Campbell, Alice Heather, Tracey Watkinson.

Apologies: Kaukura Tepaki, Taima Campbell will be late.

Minutes: Christine Goodes

Facilitator: Trevor Crosby

Staff Present: Ivan Davis

**2. Declaration of Interests – Nil**

**3. Monitoring**

Curriculum Area Presentation: History (Graeme Moran)

- Graeme talked to his tabled report.
- In 2009 History students at all levels succeeded above the national average.
- Yr 13 students from Western Springs College had the highest percentage of Excellences, locally and nationally.
- In one paper, two students achieved the perfect score of Excellence for all six sections. This result places them top of the national cohort.
- Graeme would like to see more access to computers for History students.
- Graeme touched on his new role as SCT which involved mentoring new and more experienced teachers.

6.25pm: Graeme left the meeting.

6.30pm: Taima arrived at the meeting.

**4. Strategic Decisions**

Finance: 2010 Draft Budget (Ken Havill)

- Ken talked to the tabled draft budget and said there were no dramatic redistributions from the 2009 budget.
- HODs, in general, were going to receive what they asked for.
- Money has been allocated to fund a 25 hour ancillary position in Gateway.
- Money for a French Club has also been allocated.
- Trevor mentioned the projected small surplus and how we were in a much better position than last year in relation to cash flow.

That the Board accept and adopt the 2010 Budget.

Trevor Crosby / Ken Havill

carried unanimously

Implementing New Curriculum - Early Tuesday Finishes Terms 2 & 3 (Ken / Ivan)

- Ken Havill talked about the staff desire for more resourcing of time for implementation of the NZC and presented the preferred option A & B to the board.
- Ken wanted his agenda resolution changed from early Tuesday finishes Terms 2 & 3 to say Terms 2, 3 & 4.
- Ivan Davis talked about the consultation process undertaken with staff.
- Staff voted and early finishes received the highest number of votes.
- Trustees expressed concern about releasing students too early into the community.
- For those students who needed to stay at school for sports etc, Tracey would like to see a place for them to go if early finishes were implemented.
- Some trustees were concerned about late starts.
- Discussion ensued.

That the board approve the proposed allocation of time for curriculum and professional development in Terms 2 3 & 4 and delegate the principal, AP and staff trustee to review options with staff and develop a recommended proposal to be decided by electronic vote of the Board. *(Task 1)*

Robin Arthur / Heather Dikstaal

carried unanimously

7.25: Break

## **5. Monitoring**

Discipline

Police / School Joint Agency Approach to Drug Use

- Ken sought approval in principle to change the way we handled some disciplines
- Ken talked to the tabled document 'Policy / School Joint Agency Approach to Drug Use in Schools' (Rubicon Alternative).
- Robin supported the resolution as a very positive approach, giving the school another tool with which to work.
- David would like to see more flexibility in the contract. Some issues needed to be talked through
- There was the suggestion that someone from the Police should attend the next board meeting.

That the Board give approval in principle to the concept of a joint agency approach, the final details of the programme and student contract to be sanctioned by the Board Disciplinary Committee.

Ken Havill / Robin Arthur

carried unanimously

Update on Auckland Central Exclusion Cluster programme (Ken Havill)

- Ken has been invited to Mt Albert Grammar school to attend the launch of the Auckland Central Exclusion Cluster programme next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am.
- If we join this programme we will have a reciprocal arrangement with regard to excluded students.

That the Board approve Western Springs College's participation in the programme.

Ken Havill /Heather Dikstaal carried, one abstention

Student Representative Report to be taken off the Agenda. *(Task 2)*

An informal get-together on 17<sup>th</sup> May for newly elected board members to be arranged. *(Task 3)*

#### **6. Identifying Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Discussion on Achievement and Analysis of 2009 results. Identifying elements that have worked. Analysis of Yr 11 2009 with a view to fixing what is happening with this cohort (Yr12 now). What is happening with this year's Yr 11. Board would like to hear of solutions.
- Board Elections.
- Strategic Plan, Draft Annual Plan, and QSD.
- Diversity of curriculum.

#### **7. Administration**

Confirmation of Minutes

Trevor asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be accepted.

Trevor Crosby / Tracey Watkinson carried

Correspondence

Outwards Correspondence: No.1 - 03/02/10 to Ross Bailey, MoE re excluded student.

- The Board was surprised by the Ministry response to the school's concern at being requested to enroll an excluded student. The Board indicated to the Principal that it wanted to meet with Ministry officials before any decision was finalised.

Trevor asked for the correspondence to be accepted.

Trevor Crosby / Heather Dikstaal carried

Approval of written reports

Trevor asked for the approval of all written reports.

Trevor Crosby / Heather Dikstaal carried

9.00pm Trevor asked for the meeting to go into committee to protect the privacy of individuals.

Trevor Crosby /Heather Dikstaal carried

9.05pm: The matter having been dealt with satisfactorily, Trevor asked that the meeting go out of committee.

Trevor Crosby / Tracey Watkinson carried

**Next PAG meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Next Whanau Hui: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Maori Mainstream BBQ: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Facilitator next meeting: Sophie Blazey**

**Meeting finished: 9.10pm**