

Western Springs College - Ngā Puna O Waiōrea
Extraordinary Board Meeting
21 October 2021 @ 6:00 pm
Meeting via Google Meet

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| Chair: Carol Gunn |
| Present: Ivan Davis, Julie Debreceeny, Carol Gunn, Sarah Tizard, Craig Moller, Mary-Jane Thompson, Belinda Drake, Freddie Simpson, Louise Gardiner, Chris Selwyn, Orla Porten, Te Huia, Linda Pirrit, Sue Poupouare, Linda Bean, Christine Goodes. |
| Apologies: Tracey Watkinson, Eruera Lee-Morgan, Rangimarie Hunia. |
| Interests Noted: Nil |
| Acknowledgement of the passing of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mei Chuah (Year 11 student)● Jane Reeves (mother of two students) |
| STRATEGIC DECISION |
| To support Auckland Secondary School Centre's proposed change to their donation scheme. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sharon Fernee's request- Sailesh's assurance that supporting ASSC's proposed change does not affect WSCW donations scheme. Resolution: Ivan Davis moves that this Board supports ASSC to adopt the Ministry scheme of \$150.00 per student per year if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations, except for overnight camps. (Ivan Davis/Carol Gunn - passed by consensus) |
| Discussion that the Board gives approval to spend the Special Improvement Project balance (approx \$150k) on outdoor shades similar to https://www.shadesystems.co.nz/products . Resolution: Ivan Davis moves that this Board gives approval to spend the residual amount of \$150K on shades similar to Shades Systems for the Springs/Waiōrea campus. (Ivan Davis/Carol Gunn - passed by consensus) Sailesh had the ventilation system serviced last week. Still waiting for the report. They will do quotes on changing filters and cleaning them. |
| STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS |
| Impact of protracted lockdown on Staff An invitation to Sue and Linda from the Guidance team to join us <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Guidance team joined the meeting to give feedback.● They reported that there is a lot of anxiety around NCEA exams.● When the school returns to site, the Guidance team will no doubt become aware of just how many students feel like this.● Tertiary Counselling Services are under extreme pressure and the school Guidance team is holding on to people longer and helping them.● They reported that they are helping Waiōrea students as well. They will continue to follow up with students who are not back, when school goes back.● Recently they have met with the Traumatic Incident Group from the Ministry in regard to a student death to enable them to access additional support.● Kahu Ako representatives have also been talking in regard to funding.● Chris would like to see any application before it goes out for Māori and Pasifika funding. |

- Some students think that when they go back, online learning is not available and it will be quite stressful. There are students that cannot come back into school for various reasons.
- The Board asked what support is in place for staff.
- The Guidance Counsellors see their own supervisors and the school staff can access the EAP scheme.
- Everyone is feeling very anxious about returning.
- Chris recommends that Ngā Puna o Waiōrea does not return to school on Tuesday 26 October until Friday 29 October for Yr 11, 12 & 13 for Health and Safety reasons. They will continue with online learning.
- Also they will survey whanau to find out how many will be keeping their students at home.
- He does however, long to be back at school, under a safe environment.
- The Board supports this.
- Staff do have extensive notes on how our Pasifika students are doing.
- We cannot ensure that we will keep our students safe at school from a virus point of view.

Mandatory vaccinations

Mandatory testing prior to returning to work

- Linda Pirrit offers to the whole school, but in particular to Waiōrea whanau, that a “Shot Cuzz” bus comes to the school for students and whanua to receive a vaccination.
- Barbara Ward is also working hard to bring several schools together on this initiative..
- WSC could make its hall available on a Friday in the afternoon and all day Saturday in a few weeks time.
- Waiōrea is also involved in another initiative to support rangatahi being vaccinated.
- Chris asked if something can be activated online to put the student body in touch with each other like quizzes, competitions. Something that is not academic focussed. Something to help students make connections.
- Orla thinks the bus should be at school during the day for those students who want to get vaccinated and who legally can.
- Record keeping of staff covid testing and vaccinations has begun.
- The Board would like to support vaccination and will write a letter to the community supporting vaccination.

Resolution:

Carol Gunn, on behalf of the Board, communicates to our community that the Board supports vaccination. We will also continue talking to our students about this and we will not engage in conversations with anyone who does not agree. The Board has asked the Principal, Ivan Davis, to take a proactive stance on vaccination within our community. (Moved Carol Gunn/Belinda Drake - carried by consensus)

- A subcommittee of Belinda, Sarah, Louise and Carol to work on this to get it out by tomorrow.
- Ivan suggests that a delegation of the Board meet on Monday to look at whether we will open on Tuesday or not. We should signal this to our community before the Government meets over the weekend.

Resolution:

Ivan Davis moved that this Board supports the Tumuaki’s recommendation on the basis of Health and Safety that Waiōrea does not open in the week after Labour weekend. (Ivan Davis/Carol Gunn - carried by consensus).

- Ivan Davis asked for a subcommittee of this Board to be formed to monitor the situation around case growth in Auckland so it can signal to the parent body on Friday 22 October that we are considering continuing with online learning in the week immediately after Labour weekend.
- This subcommittee is empowered to make decisions for the Board.
- A re-opening subcommittee of Orla, Freddie, Louise, Chris, Ivan & Carol is formed.
- Provisions will have to be made for Waiōrea students who have lessons with Kura Auraki.
- Carol Gunn is to signal Waiōrea is not reopening in her communication going out tomorrow. The Board supports this.

Ventilation of the School:

- A report that has been requested by the Board Chair.
- Carol Gunn knows of an expert/parent who she will ask about optimising the system and work with our supplier around the ventilation.
- Sailesh will forward information from Economech to the parent for their perusal.
- Linda will check out information on the best masks to be used.

Matters arising from previous board board: Nil

Resolution:

That the 13 September meeting minutes and all verbal and written reports and correspondence be accepted. Passed by consensus.

Meeting Close 8.40pm

Next board meeting - 08/11/2021