



Western Springs College-Ngā Puna O Waiōrea | Board Hui Agenda 18 September 2023 at 5:00pm

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Item
The hui commenced at 5.04pm
Karakia tīmatanga - Jackie Floyd
Present (Board Members): Louise Gardiner (Presiding Member & Meeting Chairperson) Ivan Davis (Principal) Carol Gunn (WSC parent-elected member) Jackie Floyd (WSC parent-elected member) Sarah Tizard (WSC parent-elected member) Joseph McCready (WSC parent-elected member) Evelyn Marsters (Co-opted Pasifika representative) Radha Patel (WSC student-elected member) Tracey Bell (NPoW whānau-selected member; Te Ohonga Ake - online via Google Meet) Keri Gardner (NPoW whānau-selected member; Te Ohonga Ake) Nikau Balme (NPoW taurira-selected member) Tamati Patuwai (Co-opted Board member; Te Ohonga Ake) Pā Chris Selwyn (Tumuaki) Asha Vaidya (Board Secretary) Present (non-Board members): Julie Debrecey (WSC Associate Principal) Sailesh Vaidya (School Business Manager) Robert (Bob) Irvine (Te Ohonga Ake; Finance Representative for NPoW) Shannon Haunui-Thompson (NPoW whānau granted speaking rights) Janey Clarke (NPoW whānau granted speaking rights) Rahera Herewini-Mulligan (NPoW whānau granted speaking rights) Additional Waiōrea whānau members (supporting the whānau speakers); approximately 8-10 extra whānau Apologies: Mary-Jane (MJ) Thompson (NPoW whānau-selected member; Te Ohonga Ake) Robert Pollock (WSC kaiako/kaimahi tautoko-elected member) Declaration of interests: None declared.

Request to speak at the meeting

The Board has received a request to speak from some members of the Ngā Puna o Waiōrea whānau.

(5:04pm)

- First speaker was Shannon Haunui-Thompson (has a Y11 student in NPoW).
- Discussed two letters that were sent raising the whānau concerns in relation to the two vacant roles in NPoW - the NPoW Sports Director and the NPoW Director of Operations.

(5:06pm - Pā Chris joined the meeting)

- Whaea Shannon described her child as “high performance and high maintenance” and that sports is a big part of their school participation.
- She feels that they haven’t been able to participate in sports as they have done in the past, due to the lack of the NPoW Sports Director or Coordinator.
- Speaking Te Reo Māori is an important part of what whānau would like, and the communications in general are not what they would expect (e.g. sometimes they only get a day’s notice for events).
- The Whānau Coordinators are the backbone of NPoW, but they can only do this mahi if they know what’s coming ahead. Whaea Shannon feels they have been ineffective as a group. Communications come late, so it’s hard to plan.
- When we’re learning with Te Reo Māori, whānau are always involved.
- NPoW has made these tournaments because kaiako/teachers are helping the whānau, and whānau are also coming in to help (many are here at kura all of the time).
- Kaiako are putting in a lot of hours, and the whānau are also worried about the effects on our kaiako - this affects our taura.
- The NPoW Director of Operations can help with the budgets. Kapa Haka Nationals are in Nelson next year - there are only 3 whānau helping with this so far. Ki-O-Rahi Nationals next year. These are large events.

(5:13pm)

- Second NPoW whānau member granted speaking rights was Janey Clarke.
- The whānau want to keep our kids engaged.
- The NPoW Sports Director and NPoW Director of Operations roles are the “pou” and we need to have these capabilities set in place. NPoW is growing. Kids want to come here for Kapa Haka, in addition to being able to play sports that are run in Te Reo (including netball, basketball, ki-o-rahi, etc).

(5:15pm)

- Whaea Shannon highlighted that Māori language is the foundation of NPoW. The whānau would like the Board to consider these effects.

(5:16pm)

- The third NPoW whānau member granted speaking rights was Rahera Herewini-Mulligan.
- Whaea Rahera supports what has been said. Mihi to Pā Chris, and they know that Pā is struggling. Whānau are here to support him and make him stronger.
- Would like to consider this for both schools. We are one, we sit here together. We’re here for our kids. Whaea Rahera thanked the Board for their time.

(5:18pm)

- Louise & Evelyn thanked the whānau for their kōrero, and thanked them for their honesty & openness. These issues are on the agenda.
- Louise welcomed the whānau to stay for the next part of the agenda.

(5:20pm - Julie Debreceeny joined the meeting)

- **ACTION** - The Board will respond to the concerns relating to the NPoW Sports Director and the NPoW Director of Operations raised by whānau within the next 2 weeks.
- Whaea Shannon also offered the Board future assistance from other whānau, who work in the Treaty of Waitangi space. Louise thanked Whaea Shannon for this offer.

STRATEGIC REVIEW

Focus area #2 | Co-Governance Te Tiriti

The purpose of this item is to progress our Mana Ōrite programme by ensuring that our leadership model reflects Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles and supports our alternative constitution.

[Cover paper \(includes links to following draft policies\):](#)

(5:22pm)

- Cover paper has been emailed to the Board.
- Evelyn, Tamati and Louise have been the Thought Leaders for this work.
- We can't do everything at once, but hopefully we can progress things quicker than in the past.
- Tamati noted that feedback has been incorporated to a point. Some things might have to be done as we go along.
- Louise explained that there is no instruction manual for a Chair, and a similar approach was taken for the Co-Chair roles. Need trust, willingness, acknowledgment that sometimes mistakes might be made, but we will have to work through things.
- The Board was offered the chance to comment.

CONSIDER

- Jackie noted that oversight & support for the Co-Chairs should be considered.
- Louise, Tamati & Evelyn responded, noting that this is new for WSC-NPoW. Not sure if a subcommittee of 5 would be needed, but it would be like a Co-Chair advisory group.
- Carol asked how big does the group get? Is there any external person that could be considered? She noted that NZSTA might be able to offer support to the Board with deciding the most appropriate structure.
- Pā Chris queried if it was appropriate to go back to the model of the consensus?
- Evelyn noted that the governance style can be up to the leaders. Agrees that an extra person can add another person to assess.
- Jackie queried if there would be an obligation to check in with a consensus model, or is it more of an administrative delegation? She noted that it would be good to hear from the Co-Chairs as a standing agenda item.
- Joseph suggested the number of meetings chaired could be split.
- Evelyn noted that a lot of thought has gone into the Co-Chair Framework and that we need to have confidence to progress things.
- Acknowledgement was made that we may need to review things regularly and make changes as we go along.
- For the SchoolDocs policy, we will check if there are any generic ones we can use. We also need to ensure that we can get both English and Te Reo Māori versions published on SchoolDocs.

ACTION - The Thought Leaders (Louise, Tamati, Evelyn) will amend the draft Co-Chair Policy Framework document to reflect the considerations.

DECISION - The Board adopted the following policies:

- Role of the Co-Chairs.
- Relationship Between the Co-Chairs, Principal and Tumuaki.
- Schedule of Delegations.

(5:38pm)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Pā Chris noted that he would like to consult with Te Ohonga Ake (TOA) on the Co-Chair selection process. He sees it being the same process for electing the TOA representative on the Board. This person needs to be of Māori descent.
- Evelyn asked if there was a sequence that we can use and integrate into the policy? Would like to keep momentum. We can have a 3-month review time.
- Pā Chris and Tamati were happy with this approach to review in 3 months' time.
- **DECISION** - Pā Chris will run the Co-Chair selection process at today's meeting, with the intention to review the model and/or policy in 3 months' time.

(5:43pm)

- Pā Chris called for nominations for the new Co-Chair.
- Pā Chris nominated Tamati Patuwai.
- No other nominations were received.
- **DECISION** - Tamati Patuwai was voted in as Co-Chair of the WSC-NPoW Board, by consensus.
- The Board congratulated Tamati and welcomed him into this unique position for WSC-NPoW.
- Tamati addressed the Board in Te Reo Māori & English and congratulated the Board on this momentous occasion.
- On this day 183 years ago is when Apihai Te Kawau (Ngāti Whātua Orakei) gifted 3000 acres of whenua (land) to Governor William Hobson along the Auckland isthmus to establish the city's original settlement.
- Tamati noted that it's been a tough road, there's been lots of mahi that has been going on behind. He thanked Evelyn and Louise for their mahi for getting the Board to this point. He is ready and made for this kind of work.
- The Waiōrea whānau sang a moving waiata in front of the Board, and then left the meeting at 5:50pm.
- Louise also noted how proud she was that WSC-NPoW has reached this momentous occasion. She explained that she joined the Board because of the kura's unique co-governance constitution, and that she gets a lot out of working with our Board. Louise thanked the Board again.

**Focus area #4 | Strengthening school/community partnerships
(5:51pm)**

Deep dive into progress and achievement against focus area #4 in our annual implementation plan.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Is a comment in the Principal's report about this focus area, including for the NCEA L1 changes.
- Ivan noted Joseph McCready's comment. We have spoken to Paul Speary about this.
- Joseph mentioned the potential for starting a Girls/Womens Rugby team - Ponsonby Rugby would be the right Club to help us drive this. Joseph's family is a rugby family. He is always talking with the administrators at Ponsonby.
- We couldn't get enough kids to enrol last year when we tried. Need about 20 kids. If we have a coach, then the Ponsonby Rugby Club would try to resource it.
- Ivan suggested that Joseph could sit down with our WSC Sports Director and see what can be done to grow rugby at WSC-NPoW.
- Basketball is popular with the winter we've had, and it's indoors.
- WSAFC is a good club for football.
- Lack of drainage in our fields has been an issue.
- Sailesh asked if we could consider joining with St Pauls for rugby, as a neighbouring school?
- Pā Chris noted that the person driving football at WSAFC is key to the club's success. If someone is there driving the sports, then numbers will grow.
- Julie noted that Chess at WSC-NPoW is strong for the same reason, with Tetoki Tepaki being the driving force behind this at our school.
- Louise noted that Whaea Shannon (NPoW whānau) mentioned strengthening the whanau-school relationship - we need to build on this for this area.
- In response to the community update about the upcoming NCEA Level 1 changes, Ivan noted that the lack of exam practice was linked with the most negative comments. His next step is to pick up and respond to this feedback. Ivan also noted that there were supportive comments around reducing anxiety, and progressing to the next level. He expected more feedback.
- Louise noted that there was lots of neutral feedback.
- In relation to the course selection process, there were no specific comments from WSC parents/caregivers. Pā Chris indicated that there doesn't seem to be anything different for the option selection for NPoW at this stage.
- Pā Chris received some comments regarding the planned NCEA L1 changes for WSC/Kura Auraki and retaining NCEA L1 for NPoW from the whānau hui on July 26th (attended by 36 whānau). Forty Year 10 whānau have had direct communications regarding the changes. Two whānau hui have been held on this topic, as well as an online hui. NPoW also did a postcard drop. Pā Chris is feeling confident that NPoW whānau are well informed of NPoW's reasons for retaining NCEA L1.

- Jackie was also surprised about the lack of feedback. From random conversations that she's had, she thinks that there is possibly still a lot of uncertainty. We should be aware that we might still get some feedback further down the track.
- Ivan noted that we often get parent complaints relating to teacher-only days (ToDs), and noted the planned ToDs for Term 2 in 2024. We are trying to align the ToDs with other Kāhui Ako schools. We will try to persuade them to follow our lead. Will be unpopular with the parent community.
- Louise & Evelyn noted that early communications and explanation about why the ToDs are necessary will hopefully help curb any negative feedback.

CONSIDER

- How can we find and connect with the "right person/people" in the community who can help us drive a wider rollout of initiatives that could benefit students at WSC-NPoW?
- The Board should find the best method to track feedback re: NCEA L1 changes. This could potentially be covered in a Board workshop.

DECISION

- The Board will work with the format outlined in the Annual Plan 2023 relating to Focus area #4 - "Strengthening school/community partnerships".

Budget | Adoption of Budget 2023

The purpose of this item is to adopt the budget for 2023.

(6:12pm)

[2023 Budget Notes](#)

[2023 Annual Budget \(Summary pg1, Details pg2\)](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Louise indicated that the proposal has been worked on with TOA, Pā Chris and the MoE with how things work. A lot of work has gone into this.
- Whaea Tracey (online) was asked if she had anything to add? She is keen to progress the kaupapa.

DECISION - The Board is happy to adopt the 2023 WSC-NPoW Budget.
Agreed by consensus

Budget | Development of Budget 2024

The purpose of this item is for the Principal and Tumuaki to present drivers for the preparation of the 2024 budget.

(6:13pm)

[2024 Budget Timetable](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Louise mentioned the timeliness of future budgets and that it is important to have information earlier to help with decision-making going forward.

DECISION - The Board confirms its expectation that budgets are prepared and proposed in a timely way to ensure it can effectively deliver its governance role.

DECISION - That the Board receives a draft budget for the 2024 year from the Principal and Tumuaki at the 4th December 2023 Board meeting and that this is preceded by Board discussions about the drivers, risks and opportunities for that budget.

ACTION - **Louise** will draft up the paper relating to budget drivers and check in with the Principal and Tumuaki.

DISCUSSION POINTS (continued)

- Evelyn suggested a Budget orientation session for the whole Board when the new Board members come in after the upcoming mid-term elections. Sailesh is happy with this.
- Pā Chris asked if there would be any changes to the 2024 timeline once we hear back from Chad? Louise noted that we are likely to just learn more for the 2025 school year.
- Pā Chris also asked what Mana Ōrite looks like for NPoW? Noted that it was not just about the Special Reasons Grant (SRG).
- Louise has heard nothing from Chad Britton (MoE) and that he is hard to chase. Pā Chris also asked if we should get Nane Rio (MoE) and Lesley Winstanley (MoE) back in?

ACTION - **Louise** to get in contact with Chad Britton (MoE) again for an update on the Financial Review process.

ACTION - **Pā Chris** will make contact with Nane Rio (MoE) and Lesley Winstanley (MoE) for an update on the Financial Review process.

Finance and business services update

The purpose of this item is to receive the September finance and business services report.

(6:23pm)

[Sep 2023 Finance Board Report](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Sarah queried if there was a budget for staff legal costs? Sailesh explained the budgeted amount relates more to advice.

Overview of 5YA/10YPP

The purpose of this item is to receive information about the development of the next 5YA/10YPP property plans.

(6:24pm)

[10 Year Property Plan \(10YPP\)](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Drainage project is about \$380k. Our preferred contractor was not keen to make a submission. Since then, we've changed our Project Management company. MoE were happy with our new Project manager, who is a school parent.
- Tenders have closed under the former project managers. Will put it out again.
- Order of the projects is likely to be field drainage first, then cricket nets, then fencing.
- Ivan noted how hard it's been to get the field drainage project going.
- Sailesh noted that there is a lot going on for T4 of 2023, including CASS and hall conversion (due to start in the T3 holidays), conversion of prefab to a food tech room (we need to get council consent).
- Roof replacement of the marae - structural engineers report has come in.
- Things will hopefully progress more rapidly under the new project management company.

Property

The purpose of this item is to receive the minutes of any property committee meeting held since 31 July.

(6:29pm)

- The last Property committee meeting was held on 30 May 2023. Draft minutes from this meeting were received at the 26 June 2023 Board Meeting.
- The regular monthly Master Planning meetings with the MoE and Jasmax have taken priority since the last Property committee meeting in May 2023. However, we do need to schedule another meeting in early Term 4, 2023.

DECISION - The Board received the Property Subcommittee issue tracking register.

[WSCW Property Subcommittee Tracking Sheet](#)

Health and Safety

(6:30pm)

The Board received the September H&S report.

[Board update - H&S - Sep 2023](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- This month's H&S report was prepared by Sailesh in Paula Marx's absence (away overseas).
- Louise indicated that she would like to know the report author; it would be helpful for the Board to know if there are queries.

- Pā Chris raised concerns that he is the only person dealing with NPoW property-related issues, and he is asking for help. TOA will also reach out to whānau to see if anyone can help. Pā Chris would ideally like to delegate this responsibility.
- Tamati acknowledged that there is a gap for NPoW.
- Pā Chris agreed. He has been raising the issues about Ngā Oho for over 24 months; it is becoming dilapidated now because work that should have been done by now. The smells issues are being tracked. This needs another person(s) who can continuously stay on top of the issues.
- The weights gym audit has been completed, but it still needs to be moved. Pā Chris does not have the capacity to be dealing with these issues.

ACTION - The Property Committee's Tracking sheet needs to be updated (**Joe McCready** - convener).

- Tamati was interested to hear Nikau's views on the state of Ngā Oho. Nikau described the marae as the "whare tūpuna" and it is the most important building to NPoW; it is not an effective learning space in its current state. Ngā Oho is becoming an old building and it is cold, compared with newer buildings. Nikau said we need to think about the long-term future of the marae and that this whare won't be there forever. Is it time for a new whare tūpuna? Nikau agrees with Pā Chris about the smells issues.

(6:40pm) - Dinner Break

Karakia - Evelyn

(7:09pm - Sailesh left the meeting)

(7:11pm) - Meeting resumed

Whaea Tracey Bell returned to the meeting via the Google Meet

Student progress and achievement | Gifted and talented

The purpose of this item is for the Board to seek assurance from the Principal and Tumuaiki on progress and achievement of gifted and talented learners.

(7:12pm)

[Gifted and Talented report Sept 2023](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Julie noted that we haven't done one of these reports in this area & Whaea Bella helped with information for the Waiōrea programmes.
- There is a national conversation around streaming. Is an Enrichment Coordinator Job Description that has been created.
- There are action items that might need some support.
- Some students are working above their normal year level.
- We continue to look at applying for consent to assess to be able to offer Waka Ama credits. Waka Ama takes place on the weekend and after school; some students might need more curriculum time to get ahead. Waiōrea are currently looking at the requirements for applying for the consent to assess. We are very supportive of trying to get this across the line.

- We also have a small number of students who, via Te Kura/Correspondence school, learn a language or raranga (Māori weaving).
- Ivan thanked Julie for this report and noted that it was a wonderful snapshot of what we offer.
- Evelyn also thanked Julie for her great report, noting that it supports the rephrasing to “Enrichment” as this allows a student to strive for this. It also falls nicely into enrichment for our Pasifika students, and helping our young leaders.
- Congratulations were offered to Pā Chris and NPoW for winning the Auckland Regional competition in the weekend - ka rawe! Good luck also to Nikau Balme for the upcoming Manu Kōrero competition.
- Julie is keen to discuss how we can offer more support for these programmes.
- Subject choices, Heads of Houses (HoHs), and incoming Year 9 enrolment interviews can also help identify students who might benefit from enrichment programmes. However, we don’t want to exclude students who might also wish to achieve if we offered support to them.
- Exchange programmes are not as popular anymore. Fundraising is often required, and cost is a factor.
- Radha is going on the Y13 Chinese trip to Taiwan soon, for a 2 week excursion - they are going to practise the language, experience the culture, etc. Ivan is meeting with the group today and he has kindly bought them some Taiwanese egg tarts to sample. The Board wished Radha well for her trip.

Inclusion and wellbeing | Student behaviour management

The purpose of this item is for the Board to seek assurance from the Principal and Tumuaiki on student behaviour management practices and outcomes.

(7:23pm)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Ivan noted that the first part of the report is focussed on attendance, which is a national conversation. Our HoHs put a lot of work into this. We have a few students who we just can’t shift due to poor attendance. There are often complex background issues. Hopelessness from families can transfer to Ivan and SLT for whom we can’t help. “What is the point?” questions are raised. Consumes a lot of time for HoHs.
- There is an anxiety aspect that often explains poor attendance patterns. Specialist support often is required, often more than what the school can provide.
- Julie thanked Louise for their kōrero that helped build this report.
- Is crucial to know that we have a small group of students that need referral for support, but there are long waiting lists (i.e. one term, or next year in some cases). We’re dealing with more complex situations.

- ASSC is an alternative education facility that we often use, for both WSC and NPoW students. In most cases, a stand down or suspension has come after we've been down "the long road" with the student.
- The Managed Moves (MM) programme, which we are a part of, is managing many under 16s who have nowhere to go. Julie manages one such student (under 16 female student) who has been to ASSC and who is under Julie's supervision until she turns 16.
- We're looking for another Guidance Counsellor. Louise has noted Julie's report into the Budget.
- A current suspension meeting noted that we need a "circuit breaker", but it needs to be the right one. This is the first "Continual disobedience" case that we've had in a long time.
- The Y10 cohort seems to be problematic, and maturity and busyness can all play into the change between Y10 and Y11. We do have a cohort response method, and we've had a lot of meetings with the Y10s to date. They have been spoken to about responsibilities, respect to kaiako, etc.
- Evelyn acknowledges the challenges in a school of our size. She requested more coded data about vandalism - there is a lot more of this behaviour that is quite disgusting. Vandalism in the toilets is a problem. The new key system in NPoW seems to work well. Is a problem in lots of schools. Onehunga High School has a dedicated person. Julie spends a lot of time outside the bathrooms and can act as a deterrent.
- Ivan & Julie noted that we are close to needing to create another house in WSC, and the same is the case for NPoW.
- Pā Chris also noted that the whānau teacher role in NPoW is pushed; they take on a Matua or Whaea role who monitor ākonga within their whānau. Pā Chris has taken over Whaea Mapihi's whānau class while she is away for medical reasons.
- In relation to vaping, Julie noted that we retain confiscated property. Students have to undertake school community service before we consider a stand-down or suspension. We treat it as a health issue. Some students have handed in their vapes following a Health programme. In addition, Louise has received an email from a concerned parent who was concerned about students vaping on the bus.
- Julie noted that Western Springs College was recently mentioned on a Point Chevalier Community page as allegedly being involved with vandalism of a small community library in the area. However, only one WSC student was actually involved and they had only been at our school for a week. Julie noted that it's hard to manage such community responses on social media platforms.
- Phones in the classroom - our rule is that they should be away in their bags. The cost of 400 lockable pouches is approximately \$11k. Nikau spoke to an example that he has witnessed. Some kids can also use their smartwatch. Joe noted that this issue had been raised by a MoE Property Advisor. Ivan & Julie said that it is a relatively consistent issue with junior students as she has to follow up on confiscations of phones. Carol added that this is not a new issue raised by parents, and that personally she has not noticed a large increase in phone use that was inappropriate. However, Carol noted that it would be a risk for the school if we take provision for all student mobile phones. Julie highlighted that we have to keep communicating with parents/whānau about this issue.
- Louise thanked Julie for the work on these reports, and noted the collaboration. These are good baseline data for us.

Inclusion and wellbeing | Student wellbeing

The purpose of this item is for the Board to seek assurance from the Principal and Tumuaki on student wellbeing.

(7:53pm)

ACTION - Ivan to bring back the Student Wellbeing data from the Y12 Health Promotion. Mixed results in terms of uptake. Ivan found a lot of leading questions.

Focus area #3 | Curriculum and pedagogy

The purpose of this item is to receive an update on the community engagement about the removal of NCEA Level 1 assessment for Kura Auraki, and senior managers' response to it.

(7:54pm)

- Already discussed.

REGULAR REVIEW

Regular reports

Principal's report

The Board received the Principal's Report for September 2023.

[September 2023 - Principal report](#)


Tumuaki verbal report

(8:05pm)

- Was important to have Pō Fiafia and our Pasifika whānau back since Covid lockdowns. Acknowledged Kiki and Billy and the other Kura Auraki presenters.
- Louise appreciated Pā Chris' speech to the kids before then. She wasn't aware.
- He is not against students using phones in his class. Some kids are better on a phone than a keyboard. Kaiako are monitoring what students do. Will have some writing practice before exams.
- Upcoming elections - encouraging more students to get out and vote - have their voice, have their say.
- Ahurea - 1st week back. There are 25 non-competitive teams, and 21 competitive teams. Friday and Saturday will be the days - will be at Ngā Tapuwai in Mangere. Tickets can be purchased.
- Any results from Naomi and Bella re: NPOW results - Julie didn't ask. Pa did though.

Staff report

Robert Pollock provided the Board with his staff report.

 Staff Rep Report to the Board 18 Sept.pdf

Students verbal report

(7:55pm)

- Radha and Nikau hosted the political debate. She thanked Rob Pollock and Nikau for helping. They had great feedback on the form.
- The Learning Leaders are looking at outdoor seating plans. They have met with Ivan. The leaders will be looking to do this themselves.
- Radha feels that we should have better conversations with students about career pathways before they reach Year 13. Could we incentivise the Careers Expo more? Promote the Careers Dept more? Intentions forms could be developed.


- Nikau noted that it would be good to improve WSC-NPoW working relations. The NPoW Matariki Careers Evening is biannual - we could do the same thing on Kura Auraki. It would be good to work with the Careers Department.
- Students have finished derived-grade (DG) exams. The importance of not calling them mock exams was discussed.
- Nikau noted that handwritten exams can be tough, when we predominantly work digitally.
- The majority of the DG exams were handwritten - is an extra strain that is put on the students. Was a national decision.
- Julie explained the situation - the end-of-year exams have contractors with the platform. NZQA needed to upskill teachers, and it was rolled out too quickly. She acknowledged that it's unhelpful for our Y13s this year.

ACTION - Julie is happy to write a letter to NZQA and offer this student feedback.

- Ivan congratulated both Radha and Nikau for their professional show for the Political Candidates. He has had some great feedback. Well done to both. Green Party leaders also came last week. Mock elections with Y9 & 10 Social Studies classes.

Policy Review

The Board received the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting on 28 August 2023 and noted the policy review and assurance work for Term 3.

 PRC Board Report Term 3 2023 - September.docx.pdf

Master Plan Steering Group

(8:11pm)

The Board received the minutes of the Masterplanning Meeting held on 17 August 2023.

[DRAFT WSCW Masterplanning meeting minutes - 17.08.2023](#)

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Louise noted that it would be good to talk about this with new Board Members.
- **DECISION** - Louise will need to put out some decisions for some of this work, as part of the CASS work.

ADMINISTRATION

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 31 July 2023

(8:12pm)

The Board confirmed the minutes from the Board meeting held on 31 July 2023.

(Moved by consensus)

Matters arising:

- **ACTION - Asha** to amend Pā Chris' comments to include words that Evelyn clearly remembers - "unworkable and untenable" in relation to the NPoW staffing situation and the NPoW Sports Director & NPoW Director of Operations roles.

Mid-term board elections and selection 2023

(8:14pm)

The Board received an update on planning for the School Board elections taking place later this year.

Timeline:

- Nominations for candidates open on 22 September and close on 11 October.
- Voting papers were sent to the English-medium (WSC) school community on 18 October, and must be returned no later than 15 November 2023.
- Waiōrea whānau selection hui to be held between 18 October and 15 November.
- Successful candidates will be notified and then join the Board at the 30 October 2023 Board meeting.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- The process is underway. There are 2 positions for re-election in WSC (Carol Gunn and Louise Gardiner); if there are only 2 nominations, then they will be accepted within 10 days. One whānau-selected position for NPoW (Mary-Jane Thompson) is also up for renewal.
- Louise and Tracey have been talking about support. Nomination period opens on Friday. Want to have consistent communications going out.

- Student elections open tomorrow. Nikau and Radha - technically today is their last meeting. Would like a transitional meeting next time.
- We're hosting the NZSTA Student Board Member induction session again for the 2nd year next month.
- **DECISION** - We will make the next Board meeting a transitional meeting for Carol, Radha & Nikau.

Correspondence

(8:18pm)

The Board received any correspondence sent to or from the Board up until 31 July 2023.

(Moved by consensus)

Matters arising

- Carol asked where the letters were that Whaea Shannon (NPoW whānau) discussed?
- Tamati acknowledged that TOA received the letters. It wasn't clear what the whānau wanted. There was some confusion. The whānau thought that TOA is the Board. After tonight's discussions, Tamati feels that the whānau were satisfied.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS (PEB)

In accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public were excluded from this part of the meeting between 8:20pm and 8:35pm to discuss confidential matters. The resolution was passed by consensus.

Confirmation of PEB minutes

The Board confirmed the PEB minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2023.

(Moved by consensus)

Complaints

Regular review of complaints received by the Principal, Tumuaki and Board.

Resumed public business - 8:35pm

CLOSE

Karakia whakamutunga - Tamati Patuwai

Meeting closed - 8:35pm

Approximate run time - 3 hours and 30 minutes

Next Board meetings for 2023: Mon 30 Oct; Mon 4 Dec

These minutes were confirmed by the Board at its meeting on Monday 30 October 2023 (Mtg 7).