



## Western Springs College-Ngā Puna O Waiōrea Board Hui Minutes, 26 May 2025 in WSC Staffroom

This meeting was also available via Google Meet for the public.

Item
<p><b>The hui commenced at 5.03pm. Quorum achieved at 5:20pm.</b> Karakia tīmatanga &amp; mihi - Tamati Patuwai</p>
<p><b>Present (Board Members):</b> Tamati Patuwai (Co-Chair; co-opted Board member) Ivan Davis (Principal) Pā Chris Selwyn (Tumuaki) Josie Wall (NPoW whānau-selected member) Jackie Floyd (WSC parent-elected member) Jojo Lewis (WSC taura-elected member) Rewa Worley (NPoW kaimahi tautoko-selected member) - <i>arrived 5:12pm</i> Joseph McCready (WSC parent-elected member) - <i>arrived 5:20pm</i> Kyra TuiSamoa (NPoW taura-elected member) - <i>arrived 5:22pm</i></p> <p><b>Present (non-Board members):</b> Asha Vaidya (Board Secretary) Julie Debreceeny (Associate Principal) Kirsty Britton-Taylor (Co-HoD - Art / TIC Art Design / Teacher of Visual Arts) Ashley Heelam (Co-HoD - Visual Arts &amp; Painting and Visual Arts Teacher) Francine Cameron (Board Secretary Support; Minute Secretary) Whānau/student members from WSC (x3) and NPoW whānau (x2)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Louise Gardiner (Presiding Member, Co-Chair, WSC parent-elected member) Sarah Tizard (WSC parent-elected member) Brent Reihana (NPoW whānau-selected member) Robert Pollock (WSC kaiako/kaimahi tautoko-elected member) Kat Poi (NPoW whānau-selected member) Alicia Murray (WSC parent-elected member)</p> <p><b>Declaration of interests:</b> None</p> <p><b>5.05pm - Mihi and introductions</b></p>

REQUEST TO SPEAK
None received
CURRICULUM ITEM
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>Purpose - for the board to receive a report about this curriculum area - Art Dept Report for BOT - May 2025</p> <p><b>Kirsty Britton-Taylor and Ashley Heelam gave a presentation - Introduction to the Visual Arts at Western Springs College - Nga Punā O Waiōrea</b></p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kirsty and Ashley spoke about the students' authentic learners/portfolios - the students are story tellers - draw on their roots, whakapapa. Establishes a culture of care.</li> <li>• Focus: building Pacifica learner numbers, retaining students from yr 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>• 2025 is the second year of the new Yr 11 programme - A visual diary and “means to craft a story”. The methodical approach supports the students well to progress into Level 2 NCEA.</li> <li>• Ivan noted that the art department is very important to many students - their “safe space” and asked for their “secret”. Response: “The students love of learning, they love what they do and they tell their stories through art”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kaiako who love learning and ooze passion in the way that the art department does.</li> <li>- Thanked the art department for their mahi and the mutual trust &amp; respect.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Art presentation finished 5:41pm</i></p> <p><i>The meeting did not have a quorum when the art presentation began, however quorum was achieved at 5:20m, during the presentation.</i></p>
STRATEGIC REVIEW
<p><b>Strategic Plan deep dive   Just   Ākonga achievement - (5:42pm)</b></p> <p>Purpose - to receive and discuss a detailed report on progress towards achieving our strategic plan goals for Pou Tāhu - Just.</p> <p>Actions for 2025 including milestones and success measures - page 6 of Annual Implementation Plan.</p> <p>Noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Achievement - Final 2024 NCEA results.</li> <li>• Overview of wide range of achievement opportunities, specific programmes, mentoring opportunities and support for more at risk students.</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of effort going into attendance - strong link between attendance and achievement</li> <li>• Every day, approximately 92% students are in attendance across WSCNPoW.</li> </ul>

- Concern across Aotearoa re Common Assessment Activities (CAAs; numeracy and literacy) - We are working hard at this. We are well above the national average - refer graph in Principal's report.
- Our students are leaving with superb level of qualification. At least 90% leave with at least NCEA L2.
- WSCNPoW well above the national average.
- WSCNPoW very proactive - doing CAAs in year 10
- Every student in year 10 has a structured literacy lesson at least once a week.
- 260 students on our SAC register.
- Julie has full confidence that every HoH can tell the story for each senior student.
- Major Student incentive: - the learning and growth that comes from interacting face to face with real people/teachers, inspirational and enthusiastic staff.

### **Beyond the Curriculum**

#### **Julie Debreceeny**

(5:55pm)

Noting:

- Importance of attendance. Thanked Jordan and Whaea Keri for doing a great job.
- "Chronic absences" are a problem to shift - once solved, achievement rises.
- Gateway programme is doing well, great attendance - quality learning programmes.
- PAT - connections are huge - students also picking up work from it.
- Support & programmes in place to help some Year 9 students struggling to adapt to a big school.
- Big challenges for WSC with some directed enrolments due to agencies being too full - directives to enrol students who haven't been in school for months - big challenge to be successful.
- Supportive feedback from OT - acknowledging our huge challenge with limited options, directives and lack of resourcing.

*Report received unanimously 6:09pm*

### **REGULAR REVIEW**

#### **Regular reports**

(6:09pm)

The Board received management reports, and optional updates from kaimahi and ākonga members. The reports were taken as read.

#### **Principal's Report - May 2025**

Noting:

- Normally secondary school roles tend to decline over the year - ours always increases.

- Te Reo Māori (TRM) appointments have been filled. Matua Tom Alesana (NPoW - HOD TRM and Head of Faculty) will be presenting at the next board meeting.
- Student behaviour - Ivan acknowledged the massive amount of consideration and care of colleagues and board members where it's necessary to consider consequences for student behaviour.
- English curriculum discussion - government suspending the document - not well received across schools - changes may come up for consultation in June/July. Significant impacts to secondary schools. WSCW putting our timetable review on hold.
- The amount/specifics of curriculum prescription is concerning the profession. Ivan says the MoE are listening - seeking robust feedback. Some school(s) refusing to teach the proposed changes.
- Josie expressed support for our Kaiako as experts in their respective area(s).

*Report received unanimously 6:22pm*

### **Tumuaki Report - May 2025**

Noting:

- Hui re professional growth cycle focus - for review.
- Looking at gaps within pastoral system.
- Jonathan Whaikawa starting in week 8 - will free up opportunity in Waiorea.
- NPoW Sports Coordinator and Kai Urungi positions - looking at filling internally by end of term.
- Thank you to Whaea Anahera for the two tournaments last week.
- Highlight: Marae Komiti Whakahaere - Tamati thanked Pā Chris.
- Discussion re relationship with emerging group - To be on the Trust, must be part of Marae Komiti - TOA = Whanau selected Board members - being well represented.
- Rewa - Whaea Alice, a past coach at Waiorea put together a wonderful book. This could be used to encourage future WSCNPoW poets.

*Report received unanimously 6:39pm*

### **Kura Auraki Staff Report**

Noting:

- Staff meeting cycle - big challenge corralling all the different perspectives.
- Responsible pedagogy, priority learners - significant time commitment.
- Big impact on other roles. SLT focusing on this - how we can fit all of the needs of the school into the lives of our kaiako without interrupting the other mahi we do.

*Report received unanimously 6:09pm*

### **Student reports**

**Jojo Lewis**

Noting:

- Weekly attendance reports have been useful - positive incentive.
- Positive student involvement - clubs, sports teams, extra-curricular etc - heartwarming!
- CAAs - acknowledged the amount of work at all levels, including targeted programmes.
- Pink Shirt Day was awesome!

*Accepted unanimously 18:41*

**Kyra TuiSamoa**

Noting:

- Students are very excited for the Ball. Not full consensus on some details, mostly the music playlist. Anna (DP in charge of the Ball) is meeting with student Events Leaders this week to work through any issues. Julie & Tamati also offered to assist. Tamati acknowledged the importance of music.
- ASB Polyfest - NPoW had 4 groups perform - Division 2 hosted in our Whare Tapere - Beautiful!! Amazing day! NPoW came 2nd in each division. Whakamihi!
- Year 13 Macbeth performance was amazing! A surprise for Mr Pollock - students presented him with a pounamu and singing (practised at lunchtime). Lots of tears!
- Kyra has been doing a Digital Toi & whakairo course through Te Wananga o Aotearoa Course in Henderson campus - digital art or carving, through Maori design etc. Lots of fun and receive credits.

*Accepted unanimously 6:54pm*

**(6:55pm) - Dinner break**

Karakia mō te kai - Rewa Worley

**(7:20pm) - Meeting resumed****REGULAR REVIEW****Board committee work**

*(7:20pm)*

**Finance and Business Services Subcommittee** - No meeting held since last board meeting. The Business Manager provided a one page summary.

*Summary accepted unanimously 7:20pm*

**Budget**

Highlight:

- Taken on KINDO - our new platform for school donations. Most feeder schools gave good feedback - should increase donations/returns.

*Report accepted unanimously 7:23pm*

**Property subcommittee** - updated on live WSCW Property Tracking Sheet.  
Taken as read

## ADMINISTRATION

### Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 31 March 2025 (Mtg 2) (7:25pm)

**DECISION** - The Board unanimously adopted the minutes of the meetings on 31 March 2025.

#### Board Decisions & Actions Register

- Board members should be checking the register and updating as they complete actions - otherwise contact Asha or Francine.

#### Correspondence (7:26pm)

*Taken as read - unanimously accepted 7:26pm*

#### Annual report 2024 (7:26pm)

Purpose: for the Board to receive and approve the Annual Report 2024 in order to be submitted to the MoE by the due date of 31 May 2025.

Noted:

- Requirement to submit the draft by 31 May - Ivan acknowledged Sailesh has done a lot of work on this.
- Dates noted for some member's tenure are incorrect in the report - should be an easy fix for the accountants.
- Query re terminology of the phrase "budget unaudited" (all "unaudited" until accepted) and which accounts are yet to be audited.
- Process: goes on website, auditor inspects the accounts in June - generally a straightforward process.
- Auditing challenges due to fixtures and fittings from the new build (KHCL).

#### ACTIONS:

- Sailesh/Accountants: - Report to be amended to show correct tenure for board members
- Sailesh: - To provide update re status of audits for 2020 - 2023
- ACTION/DECISION: WHOLE BOARD: - After amendment and clarification with the Business Manager, the board to endorse online so report can be submitted to MoE as soon as possible.

7:35pm

<b>PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS (PEB)</b>
<b>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 7.37pm and 8.11pm to discuss confidential matters. The resolution was passed by consensus.</b>
<b>Resumed public business - 8:12pm</b>
Comments on meeting procedures and outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were we effective?</li> <li>• Was the information provided to the board for this meeting effective?</li> <li>• Was my contribution effective?</li> <li>• How could we improve?</li> </ul>
(8:13pm) Karakia whakamutunga - Tamati Patuwai
<b>CLOSE</b>
<b>Meeting closed - 8:13pm</b>

**These minutes were confirmed by the Board at its meeting on Monday 23 June 2025 (Mtg 4, 2025).**

*These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on Monday 26 May 2025.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Louise Gardiner (Presiding Member)