



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



Reach for the Stars as Lifelong Learners in the Catholic Faith

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of St Joseph's School Board of Trustees Held Tuesday, 14 September 2021, at 6.00 pm in Ruma Koru

Present:

Sharni Cunningham, Andy Bradley, Rebecca Laming, Victoria Forrest, Nicola Winders, Samara Allardice, Fr Wayne, Rory McGeown, Leigh Thomas, Jan Plieger, Tua Misiloi, Leanne Brookes

Apologies:

Adrienne Wylie, Lorraine Frances-Rees

Welcome and Prayer:

Sharni welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Tua and Leanne. Fr Wayne opened the meeting with a prayer.

From the Pews:

The children are great. We need to stay positive during this time of uncertainty. Everything appears to be running well.

Special Character Review

Leanne and Tua spoke to the report. Tua thanked the Board for the opportunity to share results of the survey which focused on Christian Witness. Surveys were emailed to the Parishioners, teachers, and parents of students from Yr 4 - 8. The students undertook the survey upon return to Level 2 at school.

The Parishioners and parents who responded to the survey were fully involved in the Parish. It was disappointing the number of parents who completed the survey. It was felt that an area of strength was that St Joseph's is at the heart of the Parish and the school has a good impact and impression on the Parish. Areas that could be improved were more awareness of the needy in our community and supporting new families into the school.

The children are very keen to be involved from preparing for assemblies and being involved in Mass each week. The children felt they could do more for the elderly in the community. The students are fully involved in Catholic faith, prayer, and Mass rituals.

The Board discussed the finding of the survey. With not many parents responding, could the survey be translated to other languages when sent home? The responses were positive. The children are growing a positive culture in the school. The children have a strong connection with the Eucharist. Children are looking through the Catholic Social Justice lens and how they can help the community.

Tua left the meeting.

Wellbeing Survey

Leanne spoke to the Junior Wellbeing survey while Nicola spoke to the Senior Wellbeing survey.

It is always good to know what the children are thinking and how they are feeling. Findings from the Junior survey were that children notice some children are not respecting for each other. The children know what is right and wrong. Children need to feel safe in the environment before they can start to learn.

The senior syndicate survey covers many areas. Most children either agreed or strongly agreed to the questions in the survey. The senior syndicate are to investigate the outcome of the survey and address the areas where 5 or more students have put negative responses. How the children are feeling when taking the survey will affect their responses to the survey. Two areas to investigate further are: Do other students put you down, call you names, or tease you in a mean way and Do other students tell lies about you in a mean way.

The Board discussed the outcome of the surveys.

Leanne left the meeting.

Move to accept the Special Character and Student Wellbeing Reports

S Cunningham/V Forrest

Principal's Report:

Goal 1: Ensure the future of our Catholic Community in North Otago by building a lifetime foundation in the Catholic faith, growing Catholic leaders, and promoting a Christ-centred community.

Staff attended a Twilight meeting which delved into self-regulation using strategies. To help promote the Intermediate Department, the Year 6's will visit the Technology Department at St Kevin's when we are in Level 1.

The Government has allocated money to building a designated space for the Learning Support Co-ordinator. Lorraine has had a meeting with the Diocese as to where this room will be located. The suggested area has been marked out and the Board have looked at the suggested area.

The Government also allocated funds for Essential Property Maintenance. As the Junior School was not included in the rebuild, it was decided to use this money to upgrade the Junior school by installing heat pumps, recarpeting, re-roof the veranda and retrofit double glazing of the exciting windows.

Goal 2: All students have meaningful and engaging experiences, striving for excellent outcomes for all.

Covid has disrupted many events this term. The kapa haka has been cancelled along with singing cup and the Home & School Food Fair. The school cross country will be held on 24th September although the North Otago cross country has been cancelled.

The planting project will go ahead next term. David Higgins from the Moeraki Marae is happy to provide input into the rebuild.

Group 3: Staff experience belonging and loyalty to St Joseph's and give enthusiasm, commitment, and excellence.

Lockdown has put extra strain on teachers who came in to collate and deliver hard packs to the students. Rural families were able to access these from school. The Google classroom was reinstated to keep the children connected.

Professional Analysis conversations will continue in Term 4.

Move to accept the Principal's Report

N Winders /S Cunningham

Move that the Board go into Committee to protect the privacy of natural persons pursuant to the provisions of Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, to discuss personnel matters.

S Cunningham

Moved that the Board move out of Committee.

S Cunningham

Compliance:

Health & Safety

Nicola, Sharni and Andy completed a walk through.

Move to accept the compliance report

S Cunningham/J Plieger

Board Work:

Policy Reviews

Behaviour Management: The Board discussed this review.

Consent & Complaint: The Board discussed this review

Move to accept the Behaviour Management and Consent and Compliant reviews

S Cunningham/R McGeown

Administration:

Move to accept the School be closed on Tuesday 30th November to enable teachers to prepare for 2022.

S Cunningham/J Plieger

Term Dates:

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 - 31st January to 14th April

Term 2 - 2 May to 8th July

Term 3 - 25th July to 30 September

Term 4 - 17 October to 16 December

Two teacher only days and 1 Accord Teacher only day to be decided.

Move to accept term dates for 2022

S Cunningham/L Thomas

Move to delegate approval for the Yr 6 camp to the EOTC committee.

S Cunningham/R McGeown

Move that the minutes of the meeting held 10th August 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

S Cunningham/J Plieger

Correspondence:

Move to accept the correspondence

S Cunningham/N Winders

Memorandum of Understanding Whitestone Community of Learning 2021 has been signed.

Meeting Closed 9.30 pm

Next meeting: 2nd November at 6.00 pm

These are a true and accurate record of the St Joseph's School Board of Trustees meeting held 14th September 2021.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*S Cunningham
Chairperson*