

Western Springs College Board of Trustees Meeting
Held in the Admin Meeting Room at 6pm Monday 16th May, 2011

Present: Clare Goddard, David Peirse, Gordon Ikin, Kaukura Tepaki, Alice Heather, Ken Havill, Kent Dadson, Linda Palavi, Trevor Crosby, John Davy, Margot Young, Nicola Green.

Staff Present: Ivan Davis, Tania Secker.

Apologies: Tracey Watkinson,

Minutes: Christine Goodes.

Facilitator: Margo Young.

Ken asked for a few minutes at the end of the meeting to discuss a health issue.

Declaration of Interests:

Trevor noted that public would be excluded at a point in Discipline when the meeting goes into committee.

Monitoring:

Curriculum Presentation – Classical Studies

Margot welcomed Tania Secker to the meeting.

- Tania Secker, teacher in charge of Classical Studies, spoke to her tabled report. Classics is the study of ancient Rome and Greece.
- Tania was hopeful that Classical Studies would be taught at 3 levels in 2012. A Yr 11 course has been submitted to the curriculum committee for their acceptance.
- 2010 Level 3 external results were very pleasing with Merit and Excellence rates higher than the national averages.
- Ten NZ Maori sat Level 3 Classical Studies external exams in 2010 and achieved brilliantly.
- In recent years, within the Classical Studies Department, one important extension activity offered to GAT students at Level 3 is scholarship and this year a very real emphasis will be placed on those students of higher academic ability to take up this extra level of examination.
- Margot thanked Tania for her passionate presentation and she left the meeting at 6.25pm.

Strategic Decision:

Enrolments for 2012

Trevor spoke to this.

That WSC enrol no out-of-zone mainstream students for 2012.

Trevor Crosby / Ken Havill

carried with 1 against

- Next year we will be able to have one more classroom because we will have 30+ Yr 13 out-of-zone students leaving at the end of this year thus attracting property money for another room.

Strategic Decision:

Community Education

- Trevor made the Board aware of how Bridget Klubien, Leisuretime Learning Coordinator, had turned Community Education around since Government funding had ceased and she has been running it as a self funded business.

That Leisuretime Learning be given approval to continue the community education programme from 2012 until the end of 2013 under the terms requested by the coordinator (pertaining to room rental, use of the college logo and website and signage) with a Board of Trustees discussion expectation in June 2013 to review proposals for future use of facilities.

Ken Havill / Gordon Ikin

carried

Strategic Decision:

Cashing Up Holidays

- Gordon talked to this.
- Discussion revolved around an email received from NZSTA pointing out changes to Employment Legislation.
- To date we had received no requests for cashing up of holidays.

That the WSC Board will not consider any requests to cash-up annual holidays under the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003.

Gordon Ikin / John Davy

carried with 1 abstention, 2 against

7.18pm Break

Strategic Discussion:

Uniform Investigation Request

- Tracey Watkinson asked for this to be on the Agenda.
- Trevor said his view (no uniform) has not changed since the board last look at this in 2002 / 2003.
- Kahu said that PI parents were happy about not having a uniform.
- Ken said results from the last QSD survey of parents raised very little comment about not having a uniform.
- PAG were unanimous about no uniform.

- It was noted that for some things there was a uniform i.e. sports teams, P E uniform and kapa haka.

That the Board consider the request to investigate community support for the reintroduction of a school uniform.

Tracey Watkinson /

Resolution failed – no seconder

- Ken to draft a letter to the person requesting investigation into reintroduction of a school uniform stating that the board considered the request but affirm its stance. **(Task 1 – Ken)**

Monitoring:

Policy

Amendment to tabled Gifted & Talented Students' Policy - under Guidelines No. 5 – take out the word adequately.

That the Board ratify the Gifted & Talented Students policy with the amendment.

Alice Heather / Ken Havill

carried

Amendment to Learning Support Policy – under Purpose No. 4 – Ensuring the school provides, to the best of its ability, an accessible physical and social environment for students with learning support needs.

That the Board ratify the Learning Support Policy with the amendment.

Alice Heather / Ken Havill

carried

- Currently looking at Complaints Policy – now with the staff then to Student Council.
- Finance Policy also being looked at

Discipline

- There has been two hearings since the last board meeting.
- One Yr 11 male reinstated with conditions. One Yr 11 male excluded. Another suspension schedule for this Wednesday.

That the board accept the verbal report on discipline

Ken Havill / David Peirse

carried

Ken took a few minutes to inform the board of an operation that he was to undergo later on this term. He explained the arrangements for cover during his absence. [Subsequent to the meeting, Ken was informed by specialists that the operation would not proceed, but was an option in future years.]

Identify Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Te Reo education
- Development Officer

Ken working on a Job Description and Key Performance Indicators for Development Officer. **(Task 2)**

Ken to write to John Butters thanking him for his input and ask him to submit and account for reimbursement of costs incurred. **(Task 3)**

Property

- Ken to send out Property Minutes. **(Task 4)**
- Gordon and Kent gave a quick update on property matters.

Administration:

That the Minutes of the Last Meeting be approved.

Trevor Crosby / Gordon Ikin

carried

Correspondence

Trevor has looked through the correspondence.

That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted.

Gordon Ikin / Linda Palavi

carried

That all written reports be accepted i.e. Principal's Report, PAG minutes for April and May, Finance minutes for March and May, Financial Reports March, Classical Studies Report, Policy Minutes for May, TAPAC minutes for April, and Adult Community Education Programme

Clare Goddard / Kent Dadson

carried

8.45: Trevor moved that the board move into committee to protect the privacy of individuals. Public was excluded.

Trevor Crosby /Margot Young

carried

9.04: The matters being dealt with satisfactorily, Trevor asked for the board to go out of committee.

Trevor Crosby / Clare Goddard

carried

Meeting Closure:

- PAG film night movie – 13 June at 8.30pm, at the Bridgeway Cinema in Northcote – The Conspirator.
- PAG seminars on 26th May, 2nd June and 9th June – Creating networks for parents of teenagers.
- Po Fiafia on Thursday 14th July.
- Manu Korero 2nd and 3rd June.
- 31st May until 7th of June – Gordon deputising for Trevor who will be overseas.

Next meeting: 4th July

Facilitator next meeting: David Peirse

Meeting finished: 9.07pm