

Wellington High School - Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu

Whānau Hui: Term 2 Monday 20 May 2019

Opening Karakia - Matua Ben Tangaere

Mihi Whakatau / Intros from all present

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes from last hui

2. Apologies – Whaea Charlene James-Meijer, Annette Atkins

3. Kapa Haka discussion:

External tutors Matua Shane Aramoana, Matua Baden Ewart and Whaea Rangi Tangaere were present. Numbers are an issue with 14 core students and Wellington Regionals scheduled for Friday 5th July. Decision needed urgently on whether WHS/TKTOTKP will participate given current numbers.

Matua Whakamarurangi Chadwick suggested bringing in the external tutors to introduce Kapa Haka to all year 9 students in an open workshop environment to raise its profile.

Parent Sonny Arahanga supported the suggestion and said it needed to be acted upon urgently to generate interest and identify possible new Kapa Haka group members. Sonny added that a multipronged approach including one on one conversations would increase effectiveness. Sonny works in the film industry and has produced a showcase of our Kapa Haka group in action which is currently being circulated to the Deans and all the student years via social media.

Chair Tim Poi asked whether the option of combining with other schools had ever been raised or considered. A number of Kapa Haka groups entered for the regionals were a combination of two or more schools so WHS/TKTOTKP might not be alone in its struggles with numbers.

Matua Shane Aramoana spoke to the history of WHS/TKTOTKP, its uniqueness and mana and the preference is clearly to address the issues internally at this stage. The focus then in the immediate short term is around getting to the Regionals on 5th July.

Discussion with Teaching staff and external tutors saw agreement to run the 'Introduction to Kapa Haka open workshops' for year 9 throughout the day on Thursday 23rd May.

Other business:

1. Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Secondary School Speech Competition - was held last week and WHS/TKTOTKP was represented in the Junior English section by Year 9 student Breea Mills and those supporters who attended commented on how well it went.

2. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2019 – there appears to be continued support for a focus around 'Hauora' as a theme again this year and this item will be raised again at the term 3 hui for furthering.

3. Community of Learning COL (Kāhui Ako) DP Karen Spencer gave a brief intro – This is an initiative that helps Secondary Schools connect with their feeder schools. WHS/TKTOTKP is currently in discussions with SWIS/Ridgway/Houghton Valley/Newtown/Owhiro Bay/Island Bay. COL outlines what all the participating schools want to strengthen such as Hauora, culturally located students and future focused learning. Currently awaiting MOE to approve proposal from 7 schools to work together

4. Taraika Marae 20th Anniversary – question raised to check the actual dates the marae was opened.

Next Hui – Term 3, Monday 5th August 2019 from 6.00pm

Closing Karakia – Matua Ben Tangaere

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