

# WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Monday 1 May 2023 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** David Cooling (Chair), Dominic Killalea (Principal) Giovanni Tiso, Nikau Edmond-Smaill, Richard Ngatai, Wyatt Page, Jorah Ramlan-Pointon, Nick Tramoundanas, Nicky Birch

**Apologies:** Evžen Novak, Hannah Paton-Smith, Bella Das

**In attendance:** Alison Jeffery (Board Secretary)

The meeting opened with the karakia.

## Co-opting

Wyatt *MOVED*: that Nicky Birch be re-co opted to the Board under Schedule 23 of the Education Act 2020.

CARRIED  
Nick

- No conflicts of interest were recorded related to the open meeting

## Minutes of last meeting

Richard *MOVED*: that the minutes of the meeting on 13 March 2023 be approved.

CARRIED  
Wyatt

## Matters arising from the minutes

- The proposed Japan trip will not be running due to insufficient support.
- Following the March meeting, a response to the Ministry of Education master-planning was sent by Evžen and Dominic.
- 5YA amendment had been received.
- Māori representation on the Student Council remains an ongoing area of focus
- The next whānau hui will address the change in school crest
- The student NCEA presentation has been circulated with papers for this meet.
- All matters arising have therefore been addressed.

## Reports

### Principal's report

- Copies of the self-review document will be printed and circulated to the Board for discussion and feedback in committee at the 22 May meeting.
- Property planning Advice received indicates that the Hall could be raised to the new building / EQ code enabling WHS to retain a community space with an increased capacity over that which would be possible in a new build.
- PCG meetings are under way for Dominic with the next taking place on 5 May. The Board encourages Dominic to approach the Board should any support be needed in this area.
- Lift replacement Only one tender was received and advice has been sought to progress work in this area.
- Polyhigh slip Everything required has been carried out.
- Sports uniforms The new uniforms and alternative strips were noted as a real success.
- Kapa Haka The strength of Māori Performing Arts and the success of the weekend noho were noted. Onslow College is working with WHS for Kapa Haka this year and this is a strong relationship demonstrating great collaboration between the two schools, their staff and students.
- Te Reo whakaaro around Te Reo Māori was acknowledged. 30 staff are committed to completing a 20 week Te Reo Māori course, commencing 2 May.

Wyatt MOVED: that the Board accept the Principal's report

CARRIED  
Nick

#### Finance report

- Financially the picture is healthy for this time of year and the level of donations received is high.
- The draft end of year report has been lodged with the auditors. The school is waiting on feedback regarding adjustments that may be required.

Wyatt MOVED: that to accommodate the submission of the school's accounts to the Ministry of Education, the Finance Committee will confirm completion and the Presiding Member will be delegated to sign off the accounts for the end of May.

CARRIED  
Giovanni

Giovanni MOVED: that the Board accept the April Finance report

CARRIED  
Nicky

#### Students' report

- Tikanga Māori representatives on the Student Council are keen to see the presence of te Reo in classrooms increased. Models suggested included kupu te rā. The Board suggested surveying Māori students regarding their experience of language integration at school and offered the Tikanga Māori reps the opportunity to speak at a future meeting.
- MAT123 was highlighted by year group representatives. This has been discussed with Dominic. It was noted that statistically results have improved and other schools run subjects using a similar student-directed model. However, the perception is that female students are not encouraged to take MCAT, and this can remove access to algebra / calculus thereafter. Dominic will discuss the MAT123 data with the student representatives and will work with the Maths faculty so that female students are encouraged to take MCAT and all students are aware of pathway implications.
- Relay for Life - students raised over \$11,000 completing R4L last weekend.
- Breakfast Club starts Wednesday 3 May.
- Cafeteria - concern about the price of fries (\$5 inc. sauce) were raised. The full meal price for students is also \$5. The contractors have agreed to look at pricing and Dominic will set up a meeting with them to understand their pricing model. Concerns raised included whether high pricing would encourage students to leave school at lunchtime.

**Action:** Dominic to meet with Krishna Cafe staff regarding pricing

**Action:** Students who whakapapa Māori (including Māori Performing Arts, Kapa Haka students) to be connected with Nicky to see if this group could be a driver of the Te Reo integration initiative.

Wyatt MOVED: that the Board accept the students' report.

CARRIED  
Nick

#### Strategic Business

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#### Functional business

##### Faculty Reporting 2022

- The timeline for Faculty reporting was determined:
  - Board deadline for feedback: 22 May
  - Head of Faculty deadline to respond: 15 June
  - Completion of 2022 review: 19 June
- The Board Faculty reporting responsibilities were allocated as follows:
  - Arts - David
  - English - Jorah
  - Health and PE - Richard
  - Languages - Nicky
  - Learning Services - Giovanni

- Maths - Nīkau and Bella
- Science - Hannah
- Social Science - Nick
- Technology - Wyatt

**Action:** Alison to circulate feedback document on 2 May.

Nick *MOVED*: that the Board thank the Heads of Faculty and Dominic for the 2022 faculty reports.

CARRIED  
Nicky

Record of EOTC approval

Nicky *MOVED*: that the tabled record of EOTC approval be accepted by the Board

CARRIED  
Richard

- It was noted that, under schedule 8 of the Education Act, issues circulated by email for Board approval require a response from every board member.

Policy review Term 2 - EOTC

- The Board extended their thanks to Rebecca Rāpira-Davies for her work on EOTC.
- The Board noted the trial of GoNoGo to track and monitor EOTC as a positive development.

Correspondence received by the Chair and actions taken:

Date	From	Concerning	Action
<b>Magazines, Newsletters, Promotional</b>			
27.2.2023	Ministry of Education	<a href="#">Education Gazette Vol 102, no 4</a>	
13.3.2023	Ministry of Education	<a href="#">Education Gazette Vol 102, no 5</a>	
<b>Letters and Addressed Mail</b>			
31.3.2023	NZSTA	<a href="#">Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi Part 1 - Capital City Kāhui Ako</a>	

- The Board are encouraged to attend 'Giving Effect to Te Tiriti of Waitangi Part 1' and it was noted that places are still available.

Nicky *MOVED*: that the correspondence be accepted

CARRIED  
Nick

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- A notice detailing forthcoming PPTA industrial action has been approved by the Board and circulated to the community.
- The industrial action includes a full strike on 10 May plus other days that will cause disruption to year groups when individual year groups are rostered home.

**The meeting moved to in-committee at 7.16pm**

**Meeting closed with the karakia at 7.20pm**