



## WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on **Monday 9 December at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Wyatt Page (Chair), Dominic Killalea (Principal), Giovanni Tiso, David Cooling, Evžen Novak, Fiona Nichols, Richard Ngatai, Geronimo La Hood, Nick Tramoundanas
- Apologies:** Nicky Birch, Jorah Ramlan-Pointon, Fern Ashby,
- Visitors:** Aidan Gillespie, Aditya Malhotra (parent), Ellen Tanner (Ministry of Education), Anna Walshaw (Ministry of Education), Stuart Mackay (WSP), Anna Constable (WSP)
- In attendance:** Alison Jeffery (Board Secretary)

The meeting opened with the karakia.

*Nick MOVED: that the visitors be granted speaking rights.*

CARRIED  
Evžen

### Visitor report

#### Property Update

- WSP provided a property update related to the preliminary design summary for Block 1.
- Block 1 will support teaching, laboratory and kitchen spaces for Food Technology, Barista and Hospitality and Sciences.
- The build roll for the project is 1700.
- Work to be completed prior to construction includes the relocation of the transformer to provide more reliable power supply.
- Modifications in the design have incorporated moving plant to the roof to provide additional teaching spaces as well as changes to external design.
- The cultural narrative remains central to the project and links to future developments.

*The Board thanked the visitors from MoE and WSP. The visitors left the meeting at 6.43pm.*

- The Board toured current projects on site including work on the Hall's Eastern Facade, PR14 and Music room redevelopment

*Aditiya left the meeting at 7.05pm*

### Minutes of last meeting

*Geronimo MOVED that the minutes of the meeting on 21 October be received as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED  
Nick

### Matters arising from the minutes

- Richard was thanked for the open letter written to the government following the 11 November meeting. Receipt of the letter has been acknowledged but no response has been forthcoming.
- The parent meeting for the Rarotonga Trip will take place this week and an update regarding the trip's viability provided to the February meeting.

### Reports

#### **Principal's report**

- Absences related to the Hīkoi on 18 November were discussed. Student absences were recorded E with staff who attended on discretionary leave without pay.
- If student absences were considered justified and staff were granted discretionary paid leave, messaging would need to be clear that this is not establishing a precedent.

David abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Evžen MOVED that: the Board moves to update retrospectively the attendance of students away for the Hīkoi to J

CARRIED  
Geronimo

Evžen MOVED that the Board supports the Principal's request to apply discretionary paid leave to the staff who attended the Hīkoi.

CARRIED  
Giovanni

Nick MOVED that the Principal's report be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED  
Giovanni

#### Te Whānau a Taraika report

- In Nicky's absence no report was provided.

#### Students report

David MOVED that the students' report be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED  
Richard

#### Finance reporting

Richard MOVED that the Finance reporting for the month ending 30 November 2024 be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED  
Fiona

- The draft budget for 2025 was tabled to the Board. The budget is in line with the revised budget for 2024.
- It was noted that the increased income projection is based on near certainty (confirmed number of international students).
- There is the possibility that the CEC income projection may be conservative as problems relating to parking availability at Massey has been resolved.
- PLD funding and the replacement of Te Ahu o Te Reo funding were discussed. Te Reo funding is being considered by SLT.

Nick MOVED that the draft budget and capex plan for 2025 be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED  
Evžen

- The Moore Markhams Audit proposal for 2024 - 2026 was received by the Board.

#### Strategic Business

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#### Functional business

##### Annual Plan

- Culturally responsive pedagogy remains the core focus with three additional foci being AI, UDL and a focus on literacy / numeracy
- A PLD focus for staff working with students with disabilities was suggested, as this can vary between classes.

**ACTION:** Liz McKay to recommend trainers

**ACTION:** Dominic to follow up re: Tier 3 students and individual education plans

- SLT were asked to consider equity of Te Reo provision and how to develop and extend staff who want to continue their Te Reo journey beyond the current levels of provision.
- It was noted that the Within School Leads provide support for faculties e.g. in terms of culturally responsive pedagogy

Giovanni MOVED that the meeting be extended by 30 minutes

CARRIED  
David

- Other areas e.g. civics/languages are important and could be considered as foci for the next strategic plan.
- Against restorative practice, the Board would like to follow up on the term 1 mini-project between He Kaiwhakapuapua and a member of SLT related to Māori students, restorative practice and the inclusion of student voice.

#### EOTC

Giovanni MOVED that the summary of EOTC approved by the Board since the 11 November meeting be received by the



Board.

CARRIED  
Geronimo

#### Governance

- Business Manager, Sue Kemp, will be the link between WHS and SES in running the 2025 triennial election.

#### International Department

- The Code self-review was tabled for the Board's information.

#### OIA

- An OIA from the Inclusive Education Action Group will be sent to all schools in Aotearoa

[Correspondence](#) received by the Chair and actions taken:

Date	From	Concerning	Action
<b>Magazines, Newsletters, Promotional</b>			
18.11.2024	Ministry of Education	<a href="#">Education Gazette vol 103, no 15</a>	
<b>Letters and other addressed mail</b>			
26.11.2024	NZSBA	<a href="#">NZSBA Members Survey - Principles of the Treaty Bill</a>	

David MOVED that the correspondence be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED  
Fiona

The meeting moved to in-committee at 8.16pm.

The meeting moved out of in-committee at 8.39pm.

#### AOB

- Richard's term of co-option to the WHS Board has now ended. Richard was thanked for his commitment to the kura and for the energy that he has dedicated to the WHS Board.
- Wyatt thanked the Board, Dominic and Alison for their work in 2024.
- It was noted that a new whānau representative may be coopted in 2025.;
- The first meeting of 2025 will fall on Monday 10 February and will start with the election of Presiding Member for the year.

The meeting closed with the Karakia at 8.45pm.

**For future agendas:** (see also the [Board's annual plan](#))

February 2025 - Ross Shotten - endowment fund bequest, Rarotonga EOTC viability update

March 2025 - Final approval for Nepal trip; Draft communication to the WHS community about moving to staggered elections

April 2025 - Final approval for Rarotonga EOTC, Tahiti EOTC proposal

