

Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu

Wellington High School

2017 Term 2 Hui - Te Whanau a Taraika

Monday 22 May 2017

Kapa Haka

Concerns raised at a recent Board of Trustees meeting about imminent resignations of two experienced kapa haka members (males) were relayed to the group. The reason given by these members for standing down from kapa haka was: the current low number of members (particularly of males), and their own feeling that this means the kapa haka group has less “presence” when performing, as a consequence.

(Charlene had explained to the Board that, despite the small number of students in the group, the passion and enthusiasm are still there amongst its membership. She extended an invitation to the Board to observe at the next kapa haka practice weekend (28 May) to see for themselves.)

Tonight Charlene confirmed that the concern is limited to size of membership of the kapa haka group, not the quality of their performance. Matua Ben supported this. The group continues to have passion/energy and give quality performances. Ben and Charlene believe the members of kapa haka are fully committed. Staff are obviously very committed. Ben also explained that he had (since being at Wellington High School) initiated the Wellington secondary schools’ kapa haka competition, so there is *significant* commitment on his part to WHS’s kapa haka group, both now and long term.

Charlene extended an invitation to hui attendees to observe the upcoming practice on 28 May, between 10am and 1.45pm at the school gym.

The group agreed that a smaller working group should flesh out a plan to increase membership/participation in kapa haka. Ariel and Crane took responsibility for forming this group and plan, possibly recruiting attendees of the February hui, which had discussed at some length the issues and ideas for building interest, participation and capability more widely in the school. (Please refer minutes of Te Whanau a Taraika hui 27 Feb 2017.)

Working Bee

Likely to be term 3 or 4. An email will go out to everyone with possible dates and a list of activities.

Ariel/Crane form working group and develop kapa haka recruitment/participation plan for WHS

Crane follow up

Principal Report

Key point is positive NCEA result for Wellington High School Maori students compared to national average and improvement year on year.

Digital Technology Initiative

Paul Ransfield reviewed the idea behind this initiative. Board of Trustees approval to proceed was given in 2016. Current priority is to meet with school management, which was difficult to arrange in term 1 due to focus on senior management appointments (Principal and Deputy Principal). Ideal team to clear path for project:

Andrew (school), Megan (school), Paul Ransfield, Leland Ruwhiu

Paul will identify list of skills required for working group.

Crane to liaise with school to arrange meeting to progress

Marae Booklet

Louise Witcherly and a student are currently working on the marae booklet and this is expected to be completed by year end.

Whanau Hui 2017

Whanau hui will move to one week prior to a Board of Trustees meeting each term. Annette will revise hui timetable for remainder of 2017 and update page on school website.

Annette to revise hui dates for remainder of 2017

Formal Acknowledgement of Nigel Hanton by Whanau

Group agreed that whanau will formally acknowledge Nigel Hanton at this year's Whakanuia.

Crane/Ariel action