

## WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – BOARD MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on **Monday June 6 2025 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Giovanni Tiso (presiding member), Dominic Killalea (Principal), David Cooling, Geronimo La Hood, Evžen Novak, Wyatt Page, Jorah Ramlan-Pointon, Marama Steele

**Apologies:** Fern Ashby, Nicky Birch, Molly Hereaka Bowden, Sophie Hereaka Bowden, Fiona Nichols, Nick Tramoundanas

**Visitors:** Rebecca Rāpira-Davies

**In attendance:** Carey Clements (Acting Secretary)

The meeting opened with the Karakia.

Wyatt MOVED: that the visitors be granted speaking rights;

Seconded: David

Carried

### **EOTC**

- Rebecca presented the EOTC report to the board.
- Rebecca now has the assistance of Sue Gemmell from EONZ for ten hours a week to assist her with the process and review.

David MOVED that the Board approve the handbook as detailed in the report.

Seconded: Geronimo;

Carried

*Rebecca was thanked for her contribution and left the meeting at 6.13pm*

### **Nepal Trip**

- There was discussion about the rationale of the annual Nepal trip, including whether any analysis of attendees has ever been undertaken and whether there are any opportunities to provide funding for students who may want to go but are unable to meet the cost. It was suggested that we investigate options, including setup of some sort of scholarship fund.

Evžen MOVED that the Board moves in principle to accept that WHS sends students to Nepal this year and that we ask Bharat Pancha to explore safety and logical rational. Seconded: Jorah;

Carried.

### **Rarotonga Trip**

- After discussion what benefits the Rarotonga trip would have...



Wyatt MOVED on final principle that WHS sends a group of students and teachers to Rarotonga.

Seconded: Giovanni;

Carried.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Wyatt MOVED that the minutes of the meeting on 12 May 2025 be received as a true and accurate record; Seconded: Marama. CARRIED

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- The staggered election cycle documentation to include information about the composition of the Board and a link to where information can be found on the WHS website has been sent out.
- Alison has emailed information to the school community and to post in the Wrap Up has been done.
- Dominic to talk to MYL about scheduling UNCRPD and UNCRC PLC for a future staff meeting is current Work in Progress.
- Megan Southwell to follow up with Deans to make sure that is included in enrolment conversations and student reps to discuss Matariki fundraiser with Marama / Nicky are both happening at present.
- Dominic has achieved a follow up on the collation of Māori success with Whakamarurangi
- Student Council tikanga rep to connect with VUW and senior students who could be eligible for iwi grants. Work in Progress along with student reps meeting together and trying to revive a Māori student group.
- Dominic has followed up regarding concerns about electrics following the leak above the Riley Centre's stage.
- Dominic to invite to Heads of Faculty to a future Board meeting. Further discussion needed about this.

### **Principal's Report**

- Dominic noted the fantastic job the cleaners have been doing, which was not mentioned in his report.
- Discussion was taken up around the buildings at the school and the way the Ministry of Education is approaching this area.

*Geronimo MOVED that the Principal's report be accepted by the Board;*

*Seconded: David*

*Carried*

### **Reports:**



**Te Whanau a Taraikia report:** Marama spoke to an update provided by Nicky Birch, including the positive Open Evening hosted at Taraika; the excellent Kapa Haka dress rehearsal and performance happening at the time of the BoT hui; and that it was great to see that Hone O'Neill join the school while Whakamarurangi is away on parental leave. In addition, Otari has hosted toi Maori students for the second year now for a Matariki raranga wananga. We also congratulate WHS teacher, Shannon Clamp gaining an Honorary Mention at the recent Kingi Tuheitia Portraiture Awards.

**Student Report:** Geronimo noted the Kapa Haka was a beautiful experience, which made many at the school proud to see the group as their representatives. The live stream allowed others to see this showcase of our school's talented kapahaka rōpū.

**International Students:** As some international students are getting ready to leave to return back to their home nations, an international ball will be held in the gallery on Wednesday 18 June.

**WHS Mascot:** Geronimo noted that after several submissions, it was accepted that a fly be used as the WHS mascot. However, due to various reasons, they are now back to square one on this.

**School map:** Currently there are a few areas missing for the school map, which will be used in booklets for Year 9 students. Some things will require approval from HOF's.

Wyatt MOVED that the Board accept the Students' Report;

Seconded David.

Carried.

*Geronimo MOVED that the Board extend the meeting to 8.30pm. Seconded: Evžen Carried.*

#### **Faculty Reports:**

- Giovanni recommended that the Board takes up discussion on the future of AI in education.
- It was suggested that the Board co-opts a new member that has visibility and understanding around the Learning Services report, particularly in relation to disability.

The Board then briefly broke off for a dessert break.

*David MOVED that the Board extends the meeting by a further 15 minutes. Seconded: Wyatt*

**EOTC report:** Wyatt MOVED that the Board accept the EOTC Report;

Seconded Evžen

Carried

#### **Correspondence:**

It was moved that the inwards correspondence be received and accepted.

Geronimo / David

#### **NZEI AGM:**



It was moved that David attend this as the WHS delegate.

Giovanni / Wyatt

The meeting then moved into in committee at 8.35pm before moving out again at 8.41pm.

**Karakia and Closure:**

A karakia was then recited by the Board before the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Wyatt', with a stylized flourish at the end.