

Russell School Board of Trustees 2019



Meeting of Wednesday 4 September 2019
Held at Russell School staff room starting at 5.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

- Melissa Jackson (Principal), Shane Maddren (Chairperson), Bronwyn Fulton (Staff Rep), Louise Davey

APOLOGIES:

- Claire Pearson – away overseas
- Erin Bomati – away overseas

Minutes: Eveleen Pausma

Welcome - To all

- Unfortunately we do not have a corium so nothing can be ratified – hence a meeting of presentations and discussions.

FINANCE REPORT:

- Not at this meeting because we do not have a corium to pass any thing.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Well-being At School Survey results

- Community partnerships are our strongest area.
- Look at what is good and grow it – possibilities.
- Year 4 – 8 children = 48 children, some children were away.
- Anything in blue is good – orange not so good.
- Connection between: Teachers ask for our ideas ...teachers make learning interesting?
- Children have been asked these questions as to how they feel about it as in THIS term.
- We probably need a bit of shift in the idea of walking away – if you see something that is wrong, do you support the child that is being hurt / being 'bullied' – stand beside your friend, support each other.
- Aggressive student culture – we need to say that never is okay... there is no acceptable level of name calling, meanness, telling lies
- Lots of discussion about *aggressive student culture* results from the survey – we want these results to improve!
- It takes at least 2 - 3 years before there are significant changes in these kinds of results when a school makes changes to the way we do things, respond to behaviours, implement different actions and programmes
- Life Education – could have a friendship, anti-bullying programme that we could ask them to focus on beginning of next year.
- Are there other Alternative programmes with regard to bullying, Keeping Ourselves Safe?
- Ask Karen about 'Ki Te Aki Club'.

- Results of survey are available to parent community staff etc. to view in staffroom.

Learning Support at Russell School

- Bronwyn (SENCO) shared the Vision Statement and document with regard to learning support at Russell School.
- Part way through last year we decided that it was important that we got the support of RTLB's back into our school.
- We are now referring children again to get support from this agency.
- Sandra comes once a week to support our school and our needs – talks with parents, works with children to find out their needs in both learning and behaviour, physical and emotional care.
- Small group of children where the focus is on Oral Language – we get funding for this term by term.
- Medical recommendations take time and parents need to be proactive in auctioning these requests ...
- Interventions we have implemented:
- RTLB
 - ✓ Individual Education programme (IEP) – 2 x children
 - ✓ Oral Language Group
 - ✓ Jenny working with 4 children presently – funded for 3 from Reading Recovery.
 - ✓ Lara works with identified children with in class support.
- Bronwyn shared results of ex Reading Recovery children – where they are now and what we are doing for them if they are still below where they should be. We (Russell School Staff) have had a big think about these results ... Bronwyn will continue to track these children.
- Critical Thinking is an area that we feel there is a need to progress with teaching and learning towards furthering vocabulary and comprehension development.
- Jenny will go down to two children next term and this will make Jenny and R. R. much happier.
- Thank you Bronwyn for sharing and explaining to BOT what we do with regard to Learning Support.

Policy – Reviews:

- Melissa handed out a selection of policies for BOT members to read through and these will be reviewed at the next BOT meeting.

Current Full Time Position – Advertisement:

- Currently we have four very good applicants for the full time position, which has been advertised.
- Melissa has received 25 applications so far and has short-listed to the four who appear very good on paper!

Meeting finished: 6.35 pm

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday 22 October 2019 @ 5.30pm in the school staff room – Please read Policies before this meeting.**

See Mullen
22.10.2019.