



## **Russell School Board of Trustees 2021**

Meeting of: Wednesday, 25 August 2021

Held in: online via Zoom for level 4 Lockdown

Meeting began: 5:05 pm

### **PRESENT**

Melissa Jackson (Principal), Erin Bomati (chairing tonight's meeting), Louise Davey, Natasha Jones (staff representative), Arthur Prentice, Ru Tauri, Rachel Holland joined in later

### **APOLOGIES**

Shane Maddren (chairperson)

### **MINUTES**

Bianca Kindler

### **MINUTES: Wednesday 23 June 2021:**

THAT the minutes recorded on Wednesday 23 June 2021 are a true and accurate record of the Russell School Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting held that day.

MOVED: Melissa Jackson

SECONDED: Louise Davey

### **Matters Arising:**

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Inwards**

Melissa has no notices.

#### **Outwards**

Melissa has sent the application for the \$10,000 grant for digital technology to the local grant master.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Transfer of ownership of Whare Wananga building to the Ministry of Education. It would not make much practical difference to the school, other than maintenance liability will no longer be on the school.

MOTION:

THAT the ownership of Whare Wananga is transferred to the Ministry of Education .

MOVED: Melissa Jackson

SECONDED: Natasha Jones, Louise Davey, Ru Tauri, Arthur Pence, Erin Bomati, Rachel Holland

NOTE: This motion is passed provisionally, on the condition that we get unanimous agreement from all members. Erin Bomati will follow up absent BOT member Shane Maddren to get his vote confirmed.

Ru Tauri: Our chairperson has missed the last 2 meetings. Let's try to accommodate him next time if he cannot attend so this does not keep occurring. Melissa: It is very hard for school staff to move the BOT Meetings due to their full schedule.

MOTION:

THAT the Activities Fund is increased from \$2,000 to \$6,000. Yellowtail fundraising was higher than costs. Parents requested that those extra funds be used for school trips - part of the Activities Fund.

MOVED: Melissa Jackson

SECONDED: Natasha Jones, Louise Davey, Ru Tauri, Arthur Pence, Erin Bomati

Ru Tauri commends the school team for their good work as presented in the Principal's Report.

Melissa Sunshine Jackson MOVES THAT the Principal's Report for 25 August 2021 be accepted and approved by the Russell School Board of Trustees.

MOVED: Melissa Jackson

SECONDED: Arthur Pence

### **BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT**

Melissa: Working from home (WFH) for teachers - it would be good to get some budget for proper furniture to assist them to WFH better.

Hard packs for handing out during lockdown. School has ordered more packs than last year. Levels will be handed out tailored to the child's level as determined by their teacher.

Payments to contractors during lockdown: Contractors have been paid during lockdown. It has been requested, not mandated as of yet. Melissa elaborates that generally, we are on track on our budget and finances for the current year.

Melissa Sunshine Jackson MOVES THAT the Financial Report for 25 August 2021 be accepted and approved by the Russell School Board of Trustees

MOVED: Melissa Jackson

SECONDED: Erin Bomati

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Remark: during lockdown, do we know how staff, students and parents are doing. Are there any comments regarding this? Melissa: A concern is that seniors are not connecting enough, whereas they do not have much time to lose in preparing themselves. The online teaching we have to do is just a lot more superficial compared to regular face to face teaching. Natasha: Pressure is high on teachers to be online and checking in all the time now that we are in lockdown.

**Meeting closed: 6:24**

**Next Meeting: 2021**

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