



## **NSPA Executive Meeting Minutes**

### **Long Bay School**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Exec Members Present:** Helen Varney, Bruce Warren, Stephanie Thompson, Linda Barton, Craig Holt, Enid Watson (Sec).

**Apologies:** Maree Bathhurst, Sue Buckley, Peter Mulcahy, Adrienne Mawer, Cindy Walsh

**Welcome to:** David Keelty from Harbour Sport (Opportunity for Schools)

Chris Cooper representing the Glenfield cluster in place of Sue Buckley

**Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved as correct: Helen / Linda**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- \$70,568.70 in the bank
- 43 out of 57 principal subscriptions received
- 3 sponsors have paid their subscription
- Terakipai Whenua Kura seem not to be interested in the NSPA. Helen will visit the Principal and talk about the association with the view to encouraging the kura to become a financial member. Meanwhile Linda will send an invoice and Enid will check the email address on the group email.
- Treasurers report moved by Linda / Helen

#### **Correspondence:**

#### **Harbour Sports Opportunity for Schools:**

- David Keelty described the opportunities that are available for clusters of schools consisting of secondary and primary schools together.
- The programme involves the training of coaches in not just the skills of the game but the importance of teaching values to the students. ie. the power of resilience; knowing how to win humbly and lose with grace; how to treat team members; the importance of being part of the team and loyal to all players; with an emphasis on the concept that playing is fun and a way of making and consolidating lifelong friendships.
- The programme offered comes with funding for the schools involved
- Primary schools looking to be involved can contact Harbour Sports as well as making contact with their local secondary school to see if they are already involved.

#### **Agenda**

General items:

- **Graduation Ceremony- PRT Graduation**
  - Helen inquired the option of hiring the Westlake Boys school hall but this facility will not suit our needs.
  - QEB will be used again for the PRT Graduation 2016

- **Scholarship Initiative**
  - The draft proposal provided by Bruce was discussed leading to the unanimous support for the proposal.
  - Konika is keen to be a supporter and there may be more companies.
  - A robust set of procedures need to be identified for companies wishing to provide a scholarship. This might include a letter of application along with a reference from two schools who have engaged the company.
  - A suggestion that Craig Holt (Exec member with the Sponsor Portfolio) develop a draft set of procedures and present at the next meeting.
- **Health and Safety at Work Act**
  - Helen and Bruce have recently attended Health and Safety information meetings and shared their new understandings.
  - There is an emphasis on schools developing clear policies of procedure and systems. This may include having a Health and Safety committee as well as insurance coverage for the principal.
  - The BOT is allowed to pay for the insurance of the Principal.
  - Principals must widen their knowledge of the Health and Safety requirements along with what is notifiable. This information is available through the NZSTA and MOE websites. ('Health and Safety at Work 2016' NZSTA – downloadable).
  - Principals cannot be complacent about health and safety. Principals can be taken to task. This is not new. Under the current Health and Safety Act this has always been a provision if neglect was established.
  - Principals must be sure to advise staff of their own individual responsibility and of the policies and procedures in the school to be followed.
  - The new MOE document: 'Bringing the Curriculum to Life' contains health and safety guidelines relating to parents working with students – along with other guidelines.
- **Leadership Day for North Shore Students**
  - Maree will be invited to speak to this at the next meeting
- **MOOT feedback: 'What is the Purpose of Education'**
  - Helen shared her enthusiasm for the content of the recent MOOT, describing some of the initiatives that have been financed by the government referencing the sum of \$80k that has spent over the past few years for Professional Development- initiatives like Leadership and Assessment, Programmes for Students..
  - The MOOT programme was supported by some excellent speakers – The Ministry Hekia Parata, Andy Hargreaves, Cheryl Doig (, Hoana Pearson (Maori Perspective), Grace Campbell (Treasury)
  - Well worth attending. Would be great to be able to send two people in the future.
- **Trust session**
  - James Varney, McVeagh Fleming (Helen's Husband) is happy to meet with Principals to give information about Trusts.
  - Please contact Helen if you are keen to have him speak to you or your staff.

## **APPA**

### **Tier 1: National Priorities**

- Special Education: No meeting since the last Exec meeting.

- IES/ Joint Initiative/ COI /COS- Several clusters now in discussion with the Ministry- Birkenhead and Glenfield.
- Helen will email schools in the TRS cluster to determine interest.
- EDUCANZ/PLD (National): Helen part of the advisory group who are making recommendations to the Education Council in relation to the Practicing Certificate. The group of educators are from all sectors of education and wear a range of hats as part of their role on the advisory group. Helen represents the New Zealand Pasifika Principals as well as a Principal from the North Shore. Several meetings will be held across the year.
- Education Act- Feedback has now been received by schools more information to follow

## **Tier 2 : Auckland Issues**

- Diversity- Some schools experiencing fast growth, while others finding students leaving the area or transferring to other North Shore schools due to hikes in property prices and shifts in rental costs.
- Demand for short term international students increasing. Particularly for July, August and September.
- ESOL- Schools finding increase in numbers of students eligible for funding. Particular increase of students born in New Zealand with other home languages.
- Maori- discussion centred on good evidence for Teacher Practicing Certificate indicators 3,9,10. Possibility of sharing practice.
- Pasifika- Helen to share information from NZPPA – New Zealand Pasifika Principals Association at next meeting

## **Tier 3: Cluster Issues**

- Principal wellbeing

**Meeting closed** 10.00am. Thanks Linda for hosting the breakfast meeting

**Next meeting:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. 7.30am Willow Park School.