

CONFIRMED MINUTES

NEXT BOARD MEETING

At the **Board Meeting 28 Feb 23** on **28 Feb 2023** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	Waitaki Boys High School
Date:	Tuesday, 14 February 2023
Time:	5:30 pm to 8:55 pm (NZDT)
Location:	Waitaki Boys High School, Waitaki Ave
Board Members:	Paul Edmondston (Chair), Daniel Isbister, Darryl Paterson, Graham Hay, Kirsten Dixon, Kirsti Broad
Attendees:	Rectors PA Kirsty Sheaf
Apologies:	Ben O'Sullivan
Guests/Notes:	Aisea Fifita

1. Major Decisions and Discussions

1.1 Welcome

- Paul Welcomed all to the meeting.
- Apologies Ben away at school camp

Kirsten Dixon entered meeting at 5.36pm apologies.



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Decision Date: 14 Feb 2023
Mover: Paul Edmondston
Seconder: Graham Hay
Outcome: Approved

1.2 Karakia

Graham Hay Opened with a Karakia

2. Opening Meeting

2.1 Confirm Minutes



Confirmed Last Board Meeting Minutes

Last Board Meeting Minutes Confirmed
Decision Date: 14 Feb 2023

Mover: Kirsti Broad
Seconder: Graham Hay
Outcome: Approved

2.2 Interests Register

3. Set Date for Staff Rep Election

3.1 Set Staff Rep Election Date

- Kirsty Sheaf spoke about staff rep is in progress. Election date is March 17, 2023.
- Process has begun, Kirsty has spoken to NZSTA, will send emails to staff with nomination forms and details. Nominations to be in by 12pm Wednesday 1st March 2023.

4. HOD/TIC reporting

4.1 Agriculture Josh Ratcliff

Josh Ratcliff entered the meeting at 5.40pm

Paul: Taking your Report as being read.

Wide range of boys this year looking positive. Have sheep that they ran on the school farm however encouraging boys to realize that there is not just one type of farming - with focus also around Horticulture this year.

Josh spoke about the current boy's projects - Garden beds, fixing the glasshouse.

Graham speaks - Hydroponic, dynamic of farms changing. Josh responded: Boys to get a picture of how the future will be: he has ordered 150 soils testing kits, Dung beetles for data collection process.

End Goal for Josh - Blending of Horticulture and Agriculture and that we can give back to the community.

Building relationship with Lincoln last year, they are quite excited, collaborative with resourcing, Education officer there, they themselves said they will come down and chat to the boys. Graham asked are they quite receptive? Josh responded yes they are.

Most important is for the boys to choose their own path.

Josh's goal for NCEA - boys want to be hands on and he wants to do that for them. Level 1 NCEA Pilot less practical, Level 2 & 3 split them up, some achievement standards- Level 3 - 1 achievement standard and practical - with 6 boys.

Working with NOSLaM to get guest speakers to come to WBHS - Future career pathways.

Daniel Isbister said he could help with speakers and beehive keepers.

Josh discussed speakers in the wintertime when the boys are stuck inside more and to use the time more efficiently.

Working closely with WGHS, they can use our resources - work in progress.

Daneil asked - is it difficult to get boys off school grounds, get them out on farms? Josh responded: His goal for this year is to be able to do more field trips with the boys, however relating with the timetable can make it difficult to organize those field trips.

Board thanks Josh for his time and reporting

Josh exited the meeting at 5.57pm

Darryl - Josh biggest challenge is to change the boy's mindset to just go out but to do study in the classroom too, new classroom area. Aisea agrees with Darryl a lot of work to do to build. Agriculture only 2 periods. Only one term in Year 9 to choose the pathway to Year 10.

4.2 Music - Stephen Hinds

Stephen Hinds enters the meeting at 6.04pm

Darryl introduces Stephen to the Board Meeting - Board welcomes Stephen Hinds.

Paul: Taking your Report as being Read.

Highlight of last year - Survival - it was a hard last year, a lot due to COVID as the year before a lot of events were cancelled.

Seniors seem ok, there is an effect from COVID however year looks good, we have the choir starting already.

Struggling to find teachers to teach music classes at the moment.

Classes are looking good and are up in the numbers - 6 will likely try the external this year.

Kirsten asked about technologies - Stephen responded will try Band Lab programme - Free. Kirsten then asked is there a need for computer and software, Stephen said he is being careful not to dip too much into the cultural budget and the budget will not be for the software.

Kirsten asked if the computers need replacing. Stephen responded - Not a priority - Toni has come in and updated and done what she can, they are old, school is a BYOD school.

Kirsten - Keyboards, do we have a sponsorship? Stephen - No, he splits their time - Keyboard and software.

Musical is underway - 2 weeks, lost a few boys but we are doing well, some gaps but overall doing well.

Daniel asked how much do you do with WGHS? Stephen responded - Combined Concert band, after school works better, but we try do as much as we can.

Best part of the job is the extracurricular activities.

Pasifika beats - version of Rock Quest this year and numbers are looking good for rock quest this year too.

Kirsten asked if found drum tutor? Stephen responded with no.

Paul asked - In his last report he noted that a lot of kids come to his class, is that the same this year? Stephen answered with yes.

Kirsten - Lighting and sound system part of your department? Stephen - No but he has spoken to Aisea about possible NCEA credits towards it.

Drama offered but not enough students.

No more questions

Board thanks Stephen for his report and time

Stephen Hinds exits the meeting at 6.21pm

4.3 Art - Kay Strathern

Kay Strathern enters the meeting at 6.24pm

Darryl introduces Kay to the Board. Board welcomes Kay and thanks her for her time.

Paul: Taking your Report as being Read.

Paul asked Kay if the Board could do one thing? - Kay responded with - Printing Press. The current one has sustained a lot of damage to the rollers. Can't get an adequate print. Can use old for the juniors. Paul asked dollar figure - Kay - \$3,000 - \$3,400, from Natural Art Supplies however can look into other places.

Graham asked - NCEA requirements next year to use? Kay - External - drawing, x2 external - painting & Print making only had wood cuts, she was questioned by the moderator last year, but she was able to make it work.

Paul Numbers this year? 30 Year 11s this year in her class and currently 4-5 of those students refuse to work on Kamar.

Kay disappointed in the students who got merit endorsements last year and chose to go to photography, however she does understand.

Not doing folios this year - discussed with Darryl and Aisea, students were burnt out last year and didn't want to do the same this year. Will look into it for next year - Photography folio and Painters doing the folio.

Kay has a good little group of students; art room is a sanctuary for a lot of her students.

Kirsten asked - any exhibitions this year? Kay - Forrester Gallery Annual Exhibition - Set a theme of cultural identity last year but didn't grab interest so this year theme will be - Floreat Waitaki

Has been asked to put a display up the stairway to staff room.

Communal Exhibitions - Kirsten spoke that a lot of cafes locally are happy and willing to exhibit up and coming artists.

Board thanks Kay and Kay thanks the Board

Kay exits the meeting at 6.55pm

4.4 English - Matt Plunkett

Matt Plunkett entered Board room at 6:59pm

Darryl introduces Matt to Board, Board welcomes Matt.

Paul: Taking your Report as being Read.

Paul opens to Matt:

Matt: Last year - Junior - New literacy trial with Year 10, good bunch of boys, first time through failed, was a wakeup call to get the kids ready, re-sat, Ryan worked hard and there were improvements.

Paul asked how do we compare nationally? Matt - As they go forward, and as we stand, we have a lot of work to do. Write & read - need to make sure the boys can. Robert had 100% external pass. Ben had a more challenge bunch, so he did more internals. So boys in level 1 who find essays difficult had another option.

Kirsten asked are there many personal readers? matt responded Year 9 & 10 have one library period a week. Difficult to change the culture of reading and reading at home.

Kirsti - is our library well resourced? Matt - Yes, it is well resourced, and we tell they boys it is there for them.

Matt spoke about him working on his frequent and timely feedback on the students work.

Slightly disappointed in Merit endorsements, mention timing with level 3's. Prefects are busy he understands that - time issue with them missing classes. Matt brings up Peer support being on Day 1 period 2 - English Year 13 Class, he understands Peer support is really good and lets the boys know they need to catch up from time missed. Paul: Important to raise, the place to raise it.

Matt Reflections: This year he has 5 teachers that have not taught English (out of 7) they are all great people - will just need to get staff up to speed with the NZ Curriculum (first call). All have different levels of experience.

All internals moderated, more moderation than normal. Paul asked can that be outsourced? Yes it can be.

302 class last year - poor 90% fail rate. Added extra class. Added in speeches. Misha is making contact with the parents to get on board with speeches.

Big focus on Reading - library log with the juniors this year. Reporting back to the parents. Prefect to choose a book and read a paragraph in assembly. This will give the boys role models.

Writing - keep a daily journal - Misha bought that in, the Teacher doesn't have to look at the writing but it is to encourage the boys and to get the boys into the habit of writing.

New Literacy standards - spelling mistakes

Debate club this year. encourage writing in the magazine.

Little concerned about Māori students, will work with the Māori Dean.

Need new curtains in B3

Board thanks Matt.

Matt exited the meeting at 7.22pm

4.5 Science - Jeremy Mansell

Jeremy Mansell Enters the meeting at 7.24pm

Board welcomes and thanks Jeremy.

Paul: Taking your report as read.

Paul asked about complying with ERO - handling of hazardous substances / biological sampling. Jeremy - Are working on the hazardous sampling - May need to increase to 2 people as currently only Jeremy can. Coded to vertebrates not invertebrates for biological sampling.

Merit/excellence endorsements was disappointing - personally believes constraints around COVID may have had an effect on those numbers.

Kirsti - 14 credits university entrance? Jeremy - Combine the sciences. 3 classes at 12 credits, obtainable at 12 credits. Big classes in Year 13. 7 students in Level 3 Chemistry, 8 students in Level 3 physics and 3 students in Biology.

Kirsten - Teaching of seniors to go further afield. Jeremy - Darryl and I are looking at extend to other schools, looking at schools with higher pass rates - in progress.

Kirsti - New Curriculum? Jeremy responded with looking at that, in progress, be ready by June.

Kirsten asked how are the new literacy and numerical standards coming into the science? Jeremy responded with he is seeing improvements in students writing.

Kirsten: Career path opportunities. Jeremy - cohort, there are a large number of career opportunities for science than the usual careers, need to highlight those potential career pathways to students. Kirsten: Need the exposure. Jeremy: Will try organise Pass students doing their Masters to come in and talk to the students.

Paul: Opportunity to work with WGHS. Jeremy: Will bring that up at the next Head of Department Meeting.

New changes will be interesting, more externals as half the course are external this year.

Board thanks Jeremy.

Jeremy exited the meeting at 7.41pm

4.6 Social Sciences - Tony Blackbeard

Tony Blackbeard enters meeting at 7.42pm

Board welcomes Tony.

Paul: Taking your report as read.

Paul: In report - retention of students in classes as an issue. Tony responded: Science is encouraging boys to take three science classes; social science is fighting for those students up against the science. Paul: How do you get in front? Tony: To get them engaged, ask them questions, were they want to be, what they want to do in the future. Paul: what year is that asked? Tony: Year 11 & 12.

Accounting is combined.

Geography has classes in level 1, 2 & 3.

No E-Commerce in level 3 - not enough students interested.

70 students in business class at level 1

A lot of the content we do in the first year is what is taught in the first year of university.

Accounting and E-commerce are both underrated.

For students that want to run their own business or to be in business need those two courses. Will need to engage that more with the students.

Kirsten: collaborating with WGHS and St Kevins? Tony: Yes, I have been working closely with WGHS. Sam - Geography is working with WGHS and ST Kevins.

Paul asked about History & Geography. Tony responded - Great teachers this year, Year 11 quite large. Sarah and Roger doing History. Geography is reasonably good.

Paul: When does NZ History come in? Tony: It is in already. Sarah pilot curriculum this year.

Board Thanks Tony for his time and report.

Tony exited the meeting at 7.59pm

4.7 Technology - Daniel Childerley

Daniel Childerley enters meeting at 8.00pm

Board welcomes Daniel.

Paul: Taking report as read.

Daniel Isbister asks about health and safety concerns. Daneil Childerley responds - easy fix, taken risk management, with some equipment can't get there at the moment, however, doesn't want to stop students, so encouraging bench skills, upskills with their hands.

Kirsti asked about digital technology. Daniel - unfortunately not now but in the future. 2024 Curriculum refresh, DigiTech in, construction & Ara

Get the boys involved, cross-curricular activities with other courses.

Build the boys a portfolio.

Kirsti - from your report - to do a reset, do you see it changing? Daniel: Yes, we are seeing the engagement, change is happening. Forward thinking.

Not a quick fix, build the stability, benefit the students. Move students forward and prepare them for Ara courses.

Daniel would like to be involved in the Year 12 Construction.

Kirsten Dixon asked: If there was one thing the board can support what is it? Daniel responded - support the vision.

Like to see more computers, school look towards more online, DVC can't offer it as the moment.

Graham Hay: Linking with Apex engineering? Daniel: Apex happy to sponsor to fund their project, opportunities to bring them over, and Daniel is open to being and explore other options that are out there.

Board thanks Daniel.

Daniel exited the meeting at 8.21pm

4.8 Board reflection

Look at running over two meetings next time.

Was it too early for the H.O.D / TiCs?

Darryl suggested doing a refresher halfway through the year to see how they are going.

4.9 Chair Scan

Paul Edmondston: relieving strike, asked Darryl how that is going. 16th March shut the school, only about 3 teachers who are not on the PPTA. Get communications out next week.

Daniel Isbister asked about End of last year teachers reporting attendance, how is it going this year? Darryl Paterson responded - Teachers doing the roll on time. report back at the next meeting as class changes (finishes Friday) make it difficult to know exact numbers.

Seagull issue: Paul spoke to bird guy, he wouldn't recommend the laser, could damage the boys' eyes if they look directly into it. The Ultrasonic noise could affect the hostel boys. Darryl showed video to Board of the seagulls at the pools. Darryl recommends that no one swims on their own as the birds will swoop down.

Darryl will bring up litter at assembly again to encourage boys to not leave litter around, only eat in the dining hall. As the seagulls are around more when there is litter. Look into getting handheld lasers, Darryl will find out more on them before getting them. Paul will give Darryl the bird guys number to contact. Gel was discussed to place on roof, but more research needs to be done on toxicity.

Daniel Isbister apologies - leaves at 8.33pm



Hand Held Lasers for the Seagull issue / Pool

Darryl finding out more information / calling the Bird guy about getting a couple of hand held lasers to help with the Seagull problem at the school pool.

Due Date: 28 Feb 2023

Owner: Darryl Paterson



Attendance

Darryl will give more insight on attendance at next board meeting.

Due Date: 28 Feb 2023

Owner: Darryl Paterson

5. Close Meeting

5.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner
4.9	Hand Held Lasers for the Seagull issue / Pool Due Date: 28 Feb 2023	Darryl Paterson
4.9	Attendance Due Date: 28 Feb 2023	Darryl Paterson

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Signature:  _____ Date: 11/3/23 _____