

Te Hihiri Whānau Hui

7 August 2019

Chair: Pita Shelford

Secretary: Tahu Kukutai

Treasurer: Jackie Tamaki

Present: Whitney; Tahu; Stuart; Materoa; Pita; Tracey; Nev; Camilla; Darlene; Atiria; Sheryl; Carly; Pari; Curtis; Melissa; Ringi; Nina; Te Awhi Ahua

Apologies: Kylie Te Arihi; Karleen Broughton; Samantha Lee; Turanita Tipene; Jackie Tamaki; James Ihaka; Markareta Tangitu; Tracey Bidois; Tyler Te Kiri; Vanessa Baker; Jenny & Vince. Moved: Tracey/Pita

Agenda

1. Karakia timatanga – Matua Pita

2. Minutes – taken as read. Amendment from Koka Materoa - Te Hihiri 20th anniversary initially planned for later this year will be delayed until 25th anniversary as Peachgrove Intermediate is having its 20th celebration this year.

Moved: Tracey/Pita.

3. Principal's report

- Acknowledgement of the importance of matua Ray Gage to the whanau and kaiako of Te Hihiri and KNS for the past two decades
- Management is seeking a MoE review of the KNS decile rating. KNS may be under-funded. Decile ratings are based on Census data for households with school-aged children in each school's catchment area. The data uses household measures such as income, parents on a benefit, occupation, education, and household crowding. The lower the decile, the higher the level of funding provided. KNS is currently decile 5 but matua Stuart believes it could be closer to a 4. A 2-page survey provided by MoE was sent home today with all tamariki. At least 250 surveys need to be returned in the next month to trigger a MoE review. All information is kept confidential – no name or address details are requested. If the survey return threshold is met, the data will be analysed by MoE and a decision made November-December. Matua Stuart has had prior success at Silverdale School in seeking a review. A change in decile ranking can mean a funding difference in the tens of thousands.

- A separate review of 'voluntary' school fees donations is also being undertaken by Government. One potential outcome is that MoE will pay \$150 per child which will generate additional revenue for KNS.
- The feedback on Knighton Way has been incorporated into a revised graphic.
- Update on the refurbishment of R21 and R22. BoT has set aside \$122k to put towards the refurbishment and the final budget looks to be around \$280-\$300k. Matua Stuart visited Matamata Primary last year to see a similar refurbishment project being project managed by Hohimi Whitewood. Matua Stuart, Koka and matua Pita visited Matamata today to see the finished renovation which is excellent. Next steps are to get a project manager (preferred is Hohimi Whitewood); approval from MoE; then go to tender. Even with the \$180-\$200k budget, fundraising and sponsors will be needed.
- Also proposal with MoE to upgrade the prefab buildings (including Room 20). If the new space is approved then will be able to move Te Hihiri tamariki into that space while refurbishment is undertaken on Rooms 21 and 22.
- Written feedback from the Term II whole of school hui for whānau Māori has been captured and analysed – this was the first step in what will be an ongoing engagement with whānau. Tamsin Hanly has worked with KNS staff on critical histories of Aotearoa. Professional Development is also being offered to KNS kaiako to develop their reo Maori, funded by MoE (Te Ahu o te reo Māori). First tranche started 2 weeks ago, 5 sessions in total to raise their confidence in reo, tikanga, Tainuitanga. Very positive feedback so far.

4. Other business

- Whaea Tracey noted the need to refresh Te Hihiri formal uniforms and kapa haka uniforms. Matua Stuart noted that an upcoming meeting will consider a trust grant (about \$8k) for sports uniforms so there is an opportunity to add other cultural uniforms. Suggested three sources: 1) school contribution; 2) fundraising; 3) sponsorship.
- Whaea Camilla and whaea Tracey volunteered to start looking at costs and sponsorship avenues. Matua Stuart will send them links to possible grant sources.

Karakia whakamutunga: Matua Pita