

**Whenuapai School**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**1 August 2018**

Meeting Opened 19:27 hours

**1. Administration**

**1.1 Present**

Raewyn Matthys-Morris (Principal), Carla Verldman (Staff Rep), Mike Leonard (Chair), Paula Pusich, James Hutchins, Tineke Joustra (Minutes), Michael Farac, Alan Curtis.

**1.2 Guest Speakers**

Nil.

**1.3 Apologies**

Nil.

**1.4 Declaration of Interests**

Nil tabled

**1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Nil- this meeting was in addition to the standard meeting to come up with resolution on the action items.

**2. Guest Speakers**

Nil.

**3. Decisions**

**3.1 Out of Zone Enrolment**

A decision needs to be made regarding whether we continue to accept Out of Zone Enrolments (hereafter OZE), and if yes, how many per year. Current priority is as follows:

Priority 1: Special groups

Priority 2: Siblings of current students

Priority 3: Siblings of students previously at this school

Priority 4: Children of former students

Priority 5: Children of BOT and staff

Priority 6: Others

RMM asked AC whether he could give his views on where the MoE stands regarding OZE's. She has received 7 OZE applications already and ballot is in September.

AC- advised that the MoE does not favour OZE, due to the fact that zoning prevents certain schools from "overflowing". Schools are allowed to accept OZE's however this has consequences for schools when it comes to requesting help with property. The MoE reserves the privilege to decline further financial assistance regarding property if a school has OZE's. There are no advantages to accepting OZE's, you don't want to fill the school up with OZE's. If the school is full, you cannot request the MoE to demolish the old classrooms (for replacement with new ones in preparation for expanding role). Some schools will accept OZE's as a service to the community.

RMM – advised we currently have 5 empty classrooms that belong to the MoE (Rooms 1, 2, 7, 10 and 19) and a further 3 classrooms that belong to the BOT.

AC – advised we are unable to change the purpose of the classrooms into anything else, because the MoE still counts them as classrooms. To maximise property investment, schools should not accept OZE. The school roll is expected to grow to 650 – 750 students in the next 5 – 6 years. We need to consider what impact OZE has on future development.

Round-table expression of views revealed everyone feels we should consider our social obligations to the community and we should therefore accept "siblings from current students" only.

RMM - asked how many OZE students should we accept this year.

Decision made for 12 OZE of priority 2 students only. Advertisement to be circulated that Whenuapai School will accept up to 12 OZE students only. All parties agree.

### **3.2 Primary School Teacher's Strike- 15<sup>th</sup> August (full day)**

Everyone was sent the briefing paper from the MoE in the afternoon.

RMM – moved that the school be closed that day (due to H&S reasons since there are only 3 non-union staff who will be present at school).

Discussion followed on the fact that non-teaching staff (e.g. teacher aides) have been asked to not work that day. It should also be noted that RMM and CV are both expected to be off-site that day due to conference. Three staff is not sufficient to deal with students safely.

There will be provisions for children that do get dropped off e.g. skids. And there will be staff helping kids who do get dropped off accidentally.

**Motion:** RMM moved that the school be closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Seconded: PP

All in favour. Carried

A letter from the BOT will be circulated to parents immediately.

#### 4. Thank you

Jo has been acting as the BOT secretary and continued to do so despite resigning in March this year. A replacement has been found (Sam) who will start at the next meeting. The BOT would like to acknowledge the work Jo has done for the BOT. To be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 5. Meeting Closure

5.1 **Meeting closed:** 20:20 hours

5.2 **Next meeting date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at 6pm

Certified True and Accurate Record of Meeting



Mike Leonard

Chair



Tineke Joustra

Minutes (in absence of secretary)