



Minutes of the Rodney College October Board Meeting

held in the school staff room on 6th November 2024

Present: Jason Warahi, (Presiding Member); Edwina Came, Amber Nightingale, Irene Symes, Charlotte Eyre, Kent Watson-Walker, Dayshin Para, Rachel Brierly, James Hackett.

Jason welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6.15pm.

Dayshin was welcomed as the new student representative following the annual student election held in September.

Jason presented Amber with a farewell gift and thanked her for her contribution to the board meetings as student representative.

Apologies: Nil

James arrived at 6.20pm

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:

Charlotte – EOTC attending Mahurangi Camp; Jason EOTC – Jo Warahi attending Yr9 Camp

James EOTC – Georgina attending Mahurangi Camp.

Correspondence

PPTA Branch Charter Schools – Request that the board provides a firm commitment they will not seek to become a charter school. This request was agreed to.

Moved Jason. Seconded Rachel Carried 001/6 Nov 2024

Marisa Bosman – Liquor Store Licence Application. Members considered the request for a letter stating Rodney College has no objection to a Liquor Licence being applied for by Biltong Plus, a variety store located at 273 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Following discussion it was agreed no action is required by the board in regard to Marisa's request. Irene will phone Marisa and let her know the board's response to her request.

The meeting moved to Public Excluded Business at 6.50pm

Moved Jason. Carried 002/6 Nov 2024

That the public is excluded from the discussion of confidential items relating to personnel and student issues due to their sensitive nature. This conforms to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the interests protected by section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The meeting moved out of Public Excluded Business at 6.55pm

Moved Jason, Carried 003/6 Nov 2024

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held 25 September 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

Moved Jason, Seconded Edwina Carried 004/6 Nov 2024

Matters Arising:

Edwina thanked the board after being presented the *Board Plate* award at senior prize giving.

Principal's Report:

Final Report – after speaking to her report Irene moved her final report be accepted.

Discipline Report: Irene spoke to the report.

Finance:

The finance committee met prior to the board meeting and recommended the board accepts the reports for September 2024, and approves payments of \$419228.54.

Moved Jason, Seconded Edwina Carried 005/6 Nov 2024

Polaris Utility Vehicle – At their meeting, held prior to the board meeting, the finance committee recommended the purchase of a 2024 Polaris utility vehicle from Poland Motors. The board discussed the proposal and requested a comparison quote is sourced for a Kubota utility vehicle from Norwood in Whangarei.

Principals Wellbeing Ledger report – Irene spoke to the report.

Edwina left the meeting at 7.34.

Matters for Decision:

Auditors Proposal – Silks Audit proposal was discussed. Concern was noted that this company is based in Whanganui. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the AOG and record the boards concern at about the location of their office, in Whanganui, and obvious costs of travel that would be included in their quote to complete the audit.

Annual Closedown – Closedowns see schools closed for operations and secondary teachers being required to take annual leave. Members approved the closedown for annual leave to be taken by teachers at Rodney College to be from 18th December 2024, finishing on 20 January 2025.

Moved Jason, Seconded James Carried 006/6 Nov 2024

Oxford Grant Application – the grant application to Oxford Sports Trust for the value of \$3949.95, to assist with the purchase of 50 Netball Playing Dresses and 5 sets of bibs was approved.

Moved Kent, Seconded Dayshin Carried 007/6 Nov 2024

EOTC Documents – reminder to members to go on line and reivew the EOTC forms for Challenge Week and end of year camps.

Policy:

Irene reminded members documents for the Term 4 review were available online at School Docs.

Property:

Irene provided an update on the 5yp projects progress.

Health and Safety: Jason read the accident report to the meeting.

Strategic Plan: Irene distributed and discussed the updated plan to the members.

General Business:

New Principal – discussion on ideas to introduce the new principal to staff and community. Jason to contact Laurence.

Date of next meeting – no meeting to be scheduled for December. Jason invited the board members to go out for a meal on 4th December.

End of year Staff function – Irene invited members to join the staff end of year function being held at Bridgehouse on 13th December 2024 at 1.30pm. Please email Jo if you are intending to go.

Meeting closed 7.59.

Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

..... Jason Warahi

Presiding Member, Rodney College Board of Trustees