



## Minutes of the Rodney College Board of Trustees

April meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Online meeting

**Present:** Jason Warahi, (Chairperson), Edwina Came, Alan Batten, Mikaila Isla (Student Trustee), Clare Hayward, Irene Symes (Principal), Richard Pride, Jake Stokes (New Student Trustee), Kent Watson-Walker.

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- 1. Meeting opened:** Jason opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2. Apologies:** nil
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** on the agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 meeting: None
- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 meeting were read and approved as a true and correct record.

Moved Jason

**Carried 001/4 May 2022**

**5. Matters arising:**

Paulene emailed the MOE contractors to get an update on the school houses. There are currently no changes to report.

Jason sent out the email thanking staff as suggested. Irene reported that this gesture was fully appreciated by staff.

Culture of learning – Irene advised that four murals have been painted and hung on exterior walls of the gym. We are grateful for the help provided by Michael Pieters and his son who made time during the term break to hang the art works.

PTA meeting tonight – there seems an increase in interest.

**6. Correspondence:**

Email from MOE contractors re school houses April 2022 as above. No change to status quo.

The Meeting move into In Committee at 6.44pm

**Moved: Jason      Seconded: Irene**

**Carried 002/4 May 2022**

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The meeting moved out of committee at 6.52pm

**Moved: Jason**

**Seconded: Irene**

**Carried 003/4 May 2022**

## **7. Principal's Report:**

Discussion had on mask wearing under the current settings

Mask wearing is still compulsory in classrooms – this seems to be going well. The kaupapa for this is the emphasis on caring for and looking after others, particularly the vulnerable amongst the school community. There was a question about why the masks were needed in an orange setting. Irene noted that there had been high levels of Covid in the school and this was of ongoing concern. Furthermore, we are moving into winter and there will be issues with ventilating the school on colder days. She noted that many schools are taking the same stance on mask wearing.

Irene spoke to her report and the following comments:

She noted that many innovative teaching practises have emerged throughout the pandemic.

Property – the current project is being managed with less noise and disruption to classes. She commended the project manager on this matter

Tiger turf – some of the equipment is now in place.

Anzac service – A special thank you was given to the students who attended the dawn service

Irene wanted to thank Mikaila for her contribution to the board and her ability to navigate the complexities of the role.

Jason also thanked Mikaila for her enthusiasm and her ability to get the student voice across. He also welcomed Jake and advised that he is an equal member on the board.

The Principal's report was moved:

**Moved: Irene**

**Seconded: Clare**

**Carried 004/4 May 2022**

## **8. Discipline Report**

No discipline report tabled at this meeting

## **9. Finance:**

The financial report for March was tabled

The finance committee have been unable to meet so have scheduled a meeting and deferred approval of payments until the next meeting.

**Moved: Jason**   **Seconded: Edwina**

**Carried 002/4 May 2022**

## **10. Matters for Decision: Nil**

## **11. Policy:**

Timetable Policy to be deferred to term three as this need to be discussed with the SLT

## **12. Property Report:**

Property matters Included in the principal's report

## **13. Health & Safety:**

No report tabled at this meeting

**14. Strategic Plan:**

**15. General Business:**

Jason advised the board that he has now changed careers and is working at Springboard. This organisation offers alternative education to students excluded from mainstream schools included Rodney College. As Jason is on the discipline committee, the potential conflict of interest will be discussed and thought through prior to any hearings.

Question around fundraising deferred to management.

**MEETING CLOSED 7.44 pm**

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 6.30pm.**

Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

.....Jason Warahi.

Chairperson, Rodney College Board of Trustees.