



Minutes of the January 2024 meeting of the Rodney College Board of Trustees Held 7th February 2024 at the Saloon, Albert Street Wellsford.

Present: Irene Symes (Principal), Charlotte Eyre, James Hackett, Kent Watson-Walker, Edwina Came, Amber Nightingale, Jason Warahi.

Meeting opened: Jason welcomed members and opened the meeting at 06:22pm.

Apologies: Rachel Brierly.

Moved: Jason Carried 001/7 Feb 2024

Jason stepped down and invited Irene to call for nominations for:

Board Chairperson/Presiding Member:

Edwina Came nominated Jason Warahi, was seconded by James Hackett. As there were no other nominations Jason Warahi was declared board chairperson for 2024.

And for Deputy Board Chairperson/Presiding Member:

James Hackett nominated Edwina Came, was seconded by Jason Warahi. As there were no other nominations Edwina was declared deputy board chairperson for 2024.

Jason resumed the chair meeting.

Declarations of Interest: on the agenda for the meeting held on 7 February 2024: **None**

1. Correspondence:

In Committee 6.27pm

Moved: Jason Carried 002/7 Feb 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 particular 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.

Out of Committee 6.45pm

Moved: Jason Carried 003/7 Feb 2024

2. Principal's Report:

Irene reported the school year has begun well with a Powhiri held today to welcome new students and staff.

Staffing:

We have the following new teachers:

Mr Alex Hammond – teaching Tourism/Soc St/Maths Yr 7 & 8 Manual Wood/ and a bit of PE

Mrs Zara Bowens – teaching English and Maths

Mrs Ngadia Jones – teaching Food Tech

Mrs Sue Prideaux – teaching Science

Matua Wiremu Ngatipa – HOD Maori. Previously from Otamatea High school

Chemistry teacher appointment has been difficult following the resignation of the newly appointment teacher, that was received in the new year. Advertising has resulted in no responses. Plan B - Online learning for senior classes/rearranging of existing staff.

Property Report:

Room Changes – D5/N3/H1 went smoothly thanks to teachers/Phil and Pete

New Water Meter – is causing concern, we're currently getting astronomical bills an investigation is underway.

House Sales/5YA – considering the sales of the 3 MOE school houses was completed in December, what are our next steps regarding using these funds in the 5YA.

3. **Finance:**

Finance Reports November and accounts for payment November 2023 - deferred to the February 28th board meeting.

4. **Matters for Decision:**

Declaration of Duties for the Principal/Delegations of Authority to the Principal Policy's Deferred to the February 28th board meeting.

In Committee Correspondence - Deferred to the February 28th board meeting

5. **General Business:**

- BOT Meeting Dates – dates provided were confirmed.
- Insurance Query – Are the art works in hall and admin foyer covered by insurance.
- Review of In Committee Processes - deferred to February 28th board meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 7.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 28th, 2024.

Signed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

.....Jason Warahi
Chairperson, Rodney College Board of Trustees.