



# BOARD HAPPENINGS 2017



## *The Dunsandel School Board Newsletter*

### ISSUE ONE

The Board of Trustees held its first meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, with the following being the key points from the discussions:

#### **Welcome**

Firstly, the Board welcomes all children, parents/caregivers and staff back to the school, especially the new entrants and those transferring from other schools. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and looking forward to working with you in 2017. We would also like to welcome the two new Board members, Paula Newton and Justin Wolff, to our first meeting. The immediate priority for the Board is to work with the new members through an induction process to bring them 'up to speed' with the current issues.

#### **Election of the Board Chair for 2017**

With the commencement of each new year there is a requirement for the Board to carry out an election for the Chair position. As required at the meeting, the existing Chair stepped down and nominations were called for. The meeting received one nomination, that being Don Lough, who was duly voted in as the Chair for 2017.

#### **National Standards Report and Analysis of Variance 2016**

The Board approved both reports which will now be presented to the Ministry of Education by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

#### **Charter and Annual Plan for 2017**

The Board was presented with the draft Charter and Annual Plan for 2017 for approval. The approved document is available in the school foyer and online on our website.

#### **Budget 2017**

Along with the Annual Plan, the budget for 2017 was presented for discussion and approval. The outcome of the discussion was Board approval of the budget with the next step, submission to the Ministry before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

## **Finance Reports - November and December 2016**

The two reports for both November and December were approved by the Board.

## **Parent Contribution 2017**

The Board approved the recommendation for the parent contribution for 2017 to remain the same as 2016: \$60 (one child), \$75 (two children) and \$85 (three or more children).

## **New Playground Project**

The Board was informed of an installation date of the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March with an expected 2 day time frame for completion. The Board was informed of an oversight in the supplier's quote amounting to \$2,000. Due to the critical nature of the missing equipment it has agreed to an increase, up to the amount of \$2,000, in the budget for the project.

## **Bible in Schools**

The Board has approved the recommendation for Bible in Schools to continue as an opt-in programme for 2017.

## **Education Review Office Report 2016**

The final report is now available on the ERO website with a link having been established on the school's website.

## **Board of Trustee Meeting Dates 2017**

The Board has approved the following meeting dates for 2017:

Term One: 14<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March

Term Two: 16<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June

Term Three: 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> August

Term Four: 7<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December

*The minutes for the above Board meeting, once approved, can be accessed via the school website on the 'Our People' page under the 'Board of Trustees' tab. Should you wish to discuss any of the above issues please do not hesitate in contacting either myself or another Board member.*

Don Lough  
Board of Trustees Chairperson  
For the Dunsandel Board of Trustees