



BOARD HAPPENINGS 2017



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The Dunsandel School Board Newsletter

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The Board of Trustees held its fourth meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 27th June, with the following being the key points from the discussions:

Section 1: School Charter

Strategic Aim 1: Our children are successfully able to access the New Zealand Curriculum, as evidenced by progress and achievement in relation to National Standards and other assessment processes.

- Mid year update: A report was presented to the Board on student achievement progress relating to targeted groups in reading, writing and maths.

Strategic Aim 2: Children engage in a learning environment to experience success in all areas of the curriculum

- The school has one representative in the Canterbury Primary Schools Special Choir (Yrs 5/6) for 2017 – an outstanding achievement.
- Significant events over recent times included: the School Council holding a successful Mufti Day raising funds for Child Cancer – well done!!!; the school's involvement in a PRIDE Arts Day and a whole of school Healthy Eating Day; and a visit by the Selwyn District Mayor, Sam Broughton.
- The meeting was informed that the school's website has been updated.....worth a look!!
- The final Annual Financial Accounts – 2016 and the accompanying auditor's letter were presented to the meeting. The key message from the audit is that the school operates sound financial management procedures. The Board thanked Sonia Colenso for her work in ensuring the school is compliant in all aspects of financial management. A copy of the financial reports has been submitted to the Ministry of Education, as required.

Strategic Aim 3: Our culture defines Dunsandel School through a supportive environment that promotes the school's PRIDE Values

- The meeting was informed of the procurement of new rugby and netball uniforms and the hope that they will arrive before this year's winter tournament. Many thanks goes to the Dunsandel Café and Bar, and in particular, Karen and Kieran Stone for providing the necessary funding to enable the procurement to proceed. The school has also decided to upgrade the soccer jerseys to ensure all teams are looking smart for this year's tournament.
- The school has carried out a six monthly hazard inspection as per the Health and Safety guidelines. The outcome of the inspection is that the school continues to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at the Workplace Act.
- The meeting was informed that five staff members attended a first aid training in Southbridge in early June.

- The Playground Committee met on 19th May 2017 to discuss the next steps in the playground project. The committee is looking at a number of initiatives much of which is dependent on funding availability.
- In furthering the development of the Community of Learning initiative, the meeting was informed that all schools in the district have agreed to form a CoL. Next step is to seek approval from the Ministry, who will be looking at submissions of interest in August.

Section 2: School Governance

- The financial statement for May 2017 was presented to Board.
 - **Recommendation:** *The Board approves the financial statement for May 2017 - **Approved***
- Health and Safety: A number of recommendations were presented to the Board for approval:
 - **Recommendation:** *Board Chair to sign off on reviewed Health & Safety Checklist – **Approved***
 - **Recommendation:** *Board Chair to sign off on reviewed Board of Trustees Checklist – **Pending upon submission of further information.***
 - **Recommendation:** *Individual Board members to sign off on reviewed School Officers Checklist – **Individual Approval***
- A new agreement with the NZ Police regarding Police Vetting has been accepted and signed

Board of Trustees Meetings 2017

The remaining Board meeting dates for 2017 are:

Term Three: 22nd July and 26th August

Term Four: 7th November and 5th 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