



BOARD HAPPENINGS 2017



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The Board of Trustees held its sixth meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 26th September, 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.

- Nothing to Report

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

- The school is in the process of purchasing a set of ukuleles for the senior class music programme
- The school has had another successful year with the Granny Reading Programme, implemented during Terms 2 and 3. The Board took the opportunity to thank all the Grannies involved, acknowledging the important contribution they make to the education of our children. A morning tea, thanking the Grannies, is to be held before the end of the Term.

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

- Following the approval of the Kahui Ako/Community of Learning, the Principals of the four schools met with the Ministry of Education for a Questions and Answers session. Notes from this initial meeting were presented to the Board. A further two meetings will be held during Term 4 with an objective of producing a plan for 2018.
- The Principal informed the meeting that the Year 6 Cluster Conference involving Dunsandel, Leeston and Southbridge schools will be held at the Dunsandel Community Centre on 1st November 2017. The programme for the day has been finalised with the objective being for the children to enjoy, to be inspired, to meet new friends and to have questions answered.

Section 2: School Governance

- The financial statement for August 2017 was presented to the Board.
 - ***Recommendation: The Board approves the financial statements for August 2017 - Approved***

- End of Year Assembly – with the completion of the new Community Centre there has been much discussion both internally and with the Community Committee concerning the location of this year’s End of Year Assembly. Due to its specific requirements the Board has decided to hold the event at the Ellesmere College hall for 2018. The date for the assembly is confirmed for Wednesday 13th December commencing at 7pm.
- Term Dates – 2018
 - **Recommendation:** *The Board approves the dates for the 2018 school year – **Approved***
 - The following are the approved dates:
 - Term 1: Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April
 - Term 2: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
 - Term 3: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
 - Term 4: Monday 15 October – Thursday 14 December
- Health and Safety - the Board reviewed the following:
 - Risk Management checklist
 - Injury and Incident Reporting checklist.
- School Policy – the Board reviewed and updated the following policies:
 - Appointments policy
 - Students with Special Needs policy

Board of Trustees Meetings 2017

The remaining Board meeting dates for 2017 are:

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.

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 For the Dunsandel Board of Trustees