# Hauraki School Board Meeting Minutes 6:00pm, Monday 4 November 2024

Present: Clarinda Franklin (Principal), Sarah Gold, Sarah Keber, Queenie Lai, Emily McRae

Apologies: Paul Barber, Logan Burson (Staff Rep)

**Neighbouring Development:** 

Jason Yianakis joined the meeting. The Board discussed the request from Ngati Whatua for consent for breaching light restrictions for the proposed Marsden St development and the suggestion by Ngati Whatua that the school may wish to purchase 90 Jutland Road at market value.

The Board discussed its concerns regarding the proposal including: loss of daylight impact on senior classrooms; children's privacy from neighbouring high-rises; increased role size; health and safety concerns, particularly traffic implications, including the removal of street parking through use by residents and increased congestion at school pick-up and drop-off; and one-way vehicle access in and out of school.

Mr Yianakis offered to confirm with a planner the reasonableness of the ask re consent to the reduced light by Ngati Whatua and the likelihood of the development progressing regardless of the school's position.

The Board noted the importance of building a long-term relationship with Ngati Whatua and the potential for partnership around cultural competency, community use of school facilities and other synergies.

Clarinda to progress discussions with the appropriate Ngati Whatua Board contact (to be confirmed by Simon Watts) regarding what Ngati Whatua may be able to offer the school and to extend invitations to the kapa haka festival and pool opening.

Mr Yianakis expressed his willingness to join discussions as they progress as needed and then left the meeting.

## Conflicts of Interest:

None noted.

## Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 23 September 2024 are approved (and the remaining action arising deferred).

# Financial Report (including Property):

The Board noted the September 2024 financial report and discussed: the inclusion of gutter

repairs as cyclical maintenance; PTA fundraising aligning with the Board's strategic objectives; and upcoming budgeting.

## Principal's Report (including Annual Plan):

The Principal spoke to the report, noting:

- ERO are expected to visit in 2025, beginning with an initial visit in term one, and preparation is under way;
- resource consent has been sought for the new bathroom facilities in the pool changing sheds:
- plans for the grand opening of the pool on 29 November 2024;
- Pr1me maths resources have been ordered and the new maths curriculum is in the process of being formatted to be consistent with the school's other curriculum areas;
- teacher only days are planned for 30 and 31 January (with school beginning on Monday 3 February 2025); and
- attendance data for term 2 will be provided at the next meeting.

### **Animal Welfare Policy:**

The Board resolved to approve the Policy-(with a minor edit to cross-refer to the Health and Safety Policy).

### Staff Discipline Policy:

The Board resolved to approve the Policy (and Clarinda confirmed the insurance held).

## **Crisis Management Policy:**

The Board resolved to approve the Policy (with a minor edit to Appendix 6 to reference communications and other policies as appropriate).

#### Social Media Policy:

The Board resolved to approve the Policy (with minor edits to: cross-refer to the Privacy Policy and narrow the application of the Policy to school events and/or footage taken on school grounds).

#### **Health and Safety:**

The Principal confirmed no serious incidents since the last report.

The Board discussed the Nest programme and upcoming community health curriculum consultation.

#### **General Business:**

- School visit by MP Simon Watts: The Board noted: the neighbouring development (discussed above); regional teacher training developments; investigating solar panelling; and the offer of support for complex multi-agency cases.
- IT: Clarinda is investigating tailoring wi-fi access for children, staff and guests (rather than having only one generic wifi connection); certain IT equipment is nearing end-of-

life and will need replacing (approx. 70 ipads) – it is proposed 40 chromebooks be leased over four years with a slight cost reduction overall relative to current costs; it is also proposed TTS tech support be increased to \$931/month (which would include 4 hours per month on site and 20 hours remotely per year) at an overall increase of approx. \$400/month.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: 6pm, Monday 2 December 2024

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Presiding Member, Board of Trustees