

Minutes of the Ngaio School Board
Meeting held Thursday 12 August 2021
6:30pm, Staffroom
Focus: Achievement Data

Present:

Estelle Jaine (Chair), Raewyn Watson (Principal), Christian Hawkesby, Clinton Geeves, Mark Palmer, Sarah Sims, Dan Byrne (Staff Rep.), Helen Shields (Board Secretary)

Visitors: Team leaders Chantal McKee and Michelle Pontifex and Deputy Principal Sarah Simpson

Karakia: Whakataka te hau

Welcome and Apologies: A special welcome to Dan as this is his first board meeting as staff representative.

Conflict of Interest Declarations: Nothing to declare

Mathematics Achievement Presentation:

The Pōhutukawa syndicate and Kōwhai syndicate data was presented by Raewyn.

Raewyn opened by explaining that the school is working with Gillian Kissling and Lee Smith from Cognition Education Limited who are delivering MoE funded professional learning development in mathematics.

- All areas of the curriculum are undergoing a refresh.
- A focus for mathematics is increasing children's confidence.
- Currently we have two main maths interventions: Two teachers are involved in ALiM (advanced learning in maths) and also SPRING into maths (SPRING into Maths is a programme that can accelerate the learning of students who demonstrate significant gaps in their understanding of basic number knowledge and strategies).

What can the board do?

- Board is asked to continue being supportive of what the teachers are doing; teachers need release time to moderate and work collaboratively with colleagues to do that.

Michelle Pontifex

- Spoke to the Kākāpo syndicate data.

Chantal McKee

- Spoke to the Tūi syndicate data.
- Discussed ALiM in action and SPRING to accelerate.

Raewyn talked about school-wide next steps and there was general discussion around the inadequacy of devices available for online testing and assessment of students.

Discussion:

- The Board expressed its thanks for the presentations and for bringing life to the numbers on the page.
- Lots of collaboration - year 4s visiting and spending time in the senior block - becoming more comfortable.

- The PLD will include one on one maths teaching coaching with the aim of boosting maths teaching confidence.
- Raewyn advised Māori students achieving at a lower level are receiving targeted assistance. For discussion at the next whanau group meeting.
- Year 5 writing. 40% haven't met expectation. The Board asked Raewyn to ask teachers what will make the difference for these students who are currently not at expectation and report back.
- Does the school usually see this jump from year 4 to year 5 in every cohort?
- Historically the year 5 cohort have tracked lower than other cohorts.
- Implementation of Lego Therapy has been successful.
- The BOT discussed the significant percentage of children at year 5 and 6 not making progress in maths. The teachers assured BOT that these children were in fact making expected progress and that there is a problem with the labelling of what is termed progress, which will be remedied for the next meeting.
- The Board acknowledges the work of all teachers and teaching assistants.
- Agenda item for next meeting: Devices - these need to be adequate for online testing.
- Raewyn and Abby summarise the current supply of devices.
- Dan talked to the large number of groups on offer for students at lunchtime. Everyone is stepping up by either running a club/activity or doing extra duty.

Pool canopy

- The quote received is for a permanent fixture. Options will continue to be explored.
- Mark will follow up with Todd regarding storage for the marquee.

Masterplan

- 3 proposals received have all come in around \$5K - 6K.
- The Masterplan Group has selected one to move forward on at a cost of \$6K.
- Clinton will email the proposal to board members.
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Next Meeting: Monday 23rd August, 6:30pm

Meeting closed: 9:45pm

