

## **Waikite Valley School Board Meeting**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.24am

**Attendance:** Mike, Sue, Lisa, Denise, Sophia, Mary, Kelly, Catherine

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes Confirmed:**

It was unanimously agreed that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the Waikite Valley Board Meeting held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – please note Code of Conduct needs to be signed.

**Matters Arising:**

### **1. WALL PROJECT RMS 1 & 2/CABLING PROJECT RM4**

Both of the above Projects have been approved by the Board and work will be completed during the next School holidays.

### **2. SCHOOLHOUSE**

Mike has arranged for Sue from Eves Real Estate to manage the property as she has previous paperwork and also knows the current Tenant. Mike has also met with the Tenant and everything has worked out well. The Tenant will pay \$550 rent per week which is the current market rate. The Tenant is keen to stay long term but is currently away with her Family although rent will still be paid while she is away.

### **3. PLAYGROUND UPGRADE**

The Architect has recommended that the Board upgrade the Playground all in one go which would include the safety work for the grounds etc. The Board now needs to decide whether it upgrades the Playground as above or if it does the work in stages. In order to get Grant funds the Board will need to get several Quotes to ensure that the School gets the best price for what the Board wants.

**RESOLUTION:** The Board has resolved to go ahead with the Playground Project in stages or in full as funds allow and has also resolved to apply for Goods for Grants and also to ask the PTA if they could assist in raising funds.

### **4. MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was agreed that mornings may not be the best time for Board Meetings as Sue could be called out with issues to attend to and Lisa would prefer to be in her Class getting prepared for the day. Discussion was then held regarding different days and times which could be more suitable and the Board then decided to hold Meetings at 3.15pm for May and June and then 6.30pm on Wednesday in August which was more suitable for all Board Members.

**Correspondence:** (attached)

**Principal's Report:**

Sue gave the Board her update aligning with the Report (attached) which the Board discussed and approved.

## **MEETING BROKE SO THAT BOARD MEMBERS COULD COMPLETE CLASSROOM VISITS**

### **Financial Report:**

Mary presented the latest Financial Report to the Board which was duly accepted and approved. There was some discussion around the PE Uniforms being paid for by both the School and the PTA and whether this should be just ignored by the Board or noted in the Budget as there is GST involved. Also whether latest Heat Pump Service should be included in the Budget – Sue will look into this.

### **Discussions/Decisions:**

#### **1. SEPTIC TANK ISSUE**

Sue gave the Board an update on the School's septic tank issues – she has been working with Contractors to try and get this resolved as the System is very old and need of an urgent upgrade – Sue will try and have another update for the next Meeting.

#### **2. SECURITY CAMERAS**

There have been reports of a few concerning activities occurring outside of school hours so the Board discussed whether to install security cameras – Sue said she would check with Ngakuru School to see what they have installed and will get back to the Board at the next Meeting.

#### **3. TREE REMOVAL**

There are trees along the School's boundary which are in need of trimming etc. Sue has been working with an Arborist and there is quite a bit of work to be done – the Board approved the trimming of the trees and also for the removal of the old Kowhai tree by the pool.

#### **4. AUTONOMOUS MOTORMOWER**

The Board has approved the free trial of an autonomous motor mower – Sue will look into this.

#### **5. AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Discussion was held about continuing after school care – Sue said the Teachers were finding it extremely challenging and this was causing a lot of stress for her and her Staff.

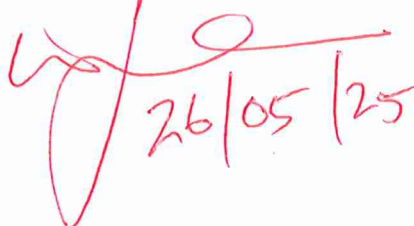
**DECISION: The Board supported Sue's decision to disestablish after school care.**

### **Agenda Items:**

Playground Project, septic tank, security cameras, autonomous motor mower

**Meeting Closed: 10.22am**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm**

  
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