

MARTINBOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes February 24 2022 1900hrs

<p>Welcome</p>	
<p>Meetings protocol:</p> <p>Present: Kirsty Shepherd, Craig Nelson, Megan Pentecost, John Kirkup, Mark Guscott, Grant Plumbley, Rachel Griffiths</p> <p>Apologies: nil</p> <p>Declaration(s) of interest: nil</p>	
<p>Appointment of Chairperson</p> <p>Kirsty Shepherd nominated by Grant Plumbley</p> <p>No other nominations or expressions of interest</p> <p>Seconded by Mark Guscott</p> <p>All in agreement</p>	
<p>Principals Report tabled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A challenging start to the year: 2 staff vacancies not yet filled and the school had to be closed for 1 week because of Covid contact and 1 staff member testing positive - Parents and children a bit nervous and 40 children still not back at school. Both staff and community need confidence building. - Holding staff meetings is difficult- currently held outside with social distancing - Syndicates are working within bubbles - Staff & family welfare a priority- see strategic discussion - MoEd has a dedicated point of contact for schools with Covid: an excellent service, highly responsive, great advice and documents provided <p>Craig moved his report be accepted. Seconded by Grant</p>	<p>Craig Nelson</p>
<p>Strategic Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The presence of Covid within Martinborough and the school community has brought its own difficulties: - inability to give definite answers & timeframes to staff and parents: source of Covid unknown, planning is dependent on test results 	<p>Kirsty Shepherd Craig</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - communication to the community crucial but also reflects some uncertainty - Year 1s have had to say goodbye at the school gates but teachers have made a concerted effort to counteract this - parents report that children are more anxious - teachers report that it is difficult to read children’s emotions because of their masks - KS attended a Health Ministry meeting with a group schools & reports that Martinborough is actually managing well: all teachers vaccinated, high staff & community compliance with masks and other Covid requirements. - KS acknowledged the challenges of meeting strategic goals in the current Covid climate - Mark also acknowledged the Principal’s huge workload & offered his support to Craig in times of stress - Communication to parents discussed-ie was it timely and was it informative enough. The school responded as soon as they were aware & as previously mentioned the nature of Covid and timeframes is at times uncertain 	<p>Megan</p> <p>Kirsty</p> <p>Mark</p>
<p>School Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● all relevant documents have been updated to reflect Covid policy and are on the school website 	
<p>Monitoring</p> <p><u>Financial report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No financial report received yet ○ School budget is currently with Educational Services <p>BYOD (Bring your own device)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 52 pupils have their own devices already ○ \$15,000.00 donation organised by Dean de Bono which has made a significant difference to this years budget. <p>John moved his report be accepted Seconded by craig</p> <p><u>Property:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School house remains rented. Ngati Kahungunu remain interested in purchasing but timeframe is unclear ○ Work on the boiler to be undertaken in the next holidays because of the presence of asbestos ○ Alarm systems status: work in progress near completion 	<p>John</p> <p>Mark</p>

