

**NORTHCROSS INTERMEDIATE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
10 August, 2021**

PRESENT: Jonathon Tredray (Principal), Jared Cuff, Jill Haslam (Deputy Principal), Wendy Naidu (Deputy Principal), Annamaria Maclean, Tania Wansink, Gavan Brunton, Stephan Murray, David Oakley, Marc Rowlinson (Staff Trustee).

APOLOGIES: Lynne Potts (Board Secretary), Kevin Faulkner

MEETING STARTED AT: 6.00pm

Acting Board Chair: (Jared running late) David Oakley. David welcomed Gary to present.

Presentation: Gary Wood – Student Wellbeing. Hikoi Ki Te Taha Program (To Walk Alongside). Working with students of higher behavioural needs. Tier two (at risk behaviours) and Tier three students - building relationships, connections with school, learning, teachers, parents. Pastoral support – replacing negative behaviour with positive behaviours.

Program for those at risk of poor behaviour. To give support and guidance to these students. This round it was a focus on boys –to support them to have a more positive connection to their learning. Working alongside parents, outside agencies, wider whanau to support student learning and behaviour. Meeting and connecting, finding commonalities. Setting goals.

Term 2 – students were divided into groups of four or five – come to Gary for learning and behaviour support. Discussions around self-esteem, activities, Blue Light working alongside police, (BLAST), box fit, guest speakers, twice a week from 7 – 8:30/9am. Water safety sessions at Millennium centre. What does it mean to be a good man? What does it mean to Man-up? Why do we use attention seeking behaviour? Learning about Role-models.

Learning program with Gary was targeted to support in class program.

Leadership camp included fitness sessions, eagle one helicopter, drug awareness talk, living on a naval base. The value was largely in the 1:1 conversations, talking about positive behaviours.

Term 3, we are looking at student progress, where are we now? Some students have moved out, some have reduced hours on the course/change of level of support.

Stephan Murray arrived 6:16pm

Moving forward, two box fit sessions continued. Transition support with year 8 students. We are seeing improved school attendance from all participants. Academically, 9 out of 21 students have improved their reading. There has been a reduction of incidents of disruptive and bullying behaviour.

Anecdotal evidence: teacher voice indicating calmer students, appreciation of improved behaviour and engagement, coping skills from students.

Student Survey data: 100% say it helps and they appreciate checking in with someone each week. They like the chance to speak, fitness. Parents say fantastic program, thanks for organising.

This term, students are earning the right to join or stay in boxfit.

Jared Cuff arrived 6:25pm

Jonathon acknowledges Tania Wansink and the police for their support in boxfit and the BLAST program.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 June 2021 are a true and accurate record. Moved Stephan Murray/Seconded Gavan Brunton Carried unanimously.

No matters arrive from the previous minutes.

REPORTS:

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

NAG 5: Thanks to Gary for his presentation.

NAG 1 and 2: We have appreciated a term of no lock-downs – student learning is the centre of our school and we have had a stunning term of deep student learning. Show Quest and their winning presentation on Alzheimer's, Puriri team and their "Tiny House" investigation – Project Based Learning. Students are able to talk about their learning with enthusiasm.

Jonathon acknowledges Marc Rowlinson and his Specialist program. When the Ministry of Education put out their research/publication on technology, they did not mention Intermediates. After NZAIMS questioned this, the Ministry has commissioned a video on learning through technology. Northcross and our specialist team is one of three chosen to be a case study of excellence in Technology. This will go nationwide celebrating student learning – a positive affirmation of the school and our program.

Charter annual plan and review: we have been reviewing the Charter and ensuring that we have actions in place to ensure we can meet our goals. We have reviewed Student Wellbeing and our Learner Dispositions. Our professional development (PD) is focussed around the Charter: NZCER/PAT analysis and use, PACT tool for OTJ, Write That Essay (WTE) for Literacy, Jo Robson to work with our aspiring leaders.

Review of the School Docs schedule review: When you see 'Assurance' in the Principal's report, we are assuring you that we have reviewed that document per the scheduled review and taken any action as required.

Property Report: Carpeting completed in Rms 53/54/55 – ESOL classes are learning in rooms below – the new carpet is to help with sound proofing between the learning spaces. New screen has been installed in the Gym to ensure all students can see the screen, and are more engaged in our school assemblies.

Fundraising: We had a Fun Run and put it online for the first time using the platform RAISEIT. We raised \$61,937.35 – what an outstanding effort. A portion will go into sports, to promote the AIMS Games, and the remainder has traditionally gone back into the school coffers. We would like to be very purposeful and transparent about what this money is being used for. We are looking at the nets, sound system, hoops in our new covered area.

We would like to review the adventure playground (around \$140,000 in total for this). The adventure playground was previously delayed due to weather tightness issues in the Music/Drama block.

Jared Cuff moves that we revisit the concept of the adventure playground. Seconded Stephan Murray. Carried Unanimously.

Uniforms: Annamaria and Tania met with Mandy from Argyle – The light blue Polo will be a winter-weight uniform (rather than a sports/formal uniform). Black sports shoes only (not needed to be leather). Students will be able to wear culottes/formal shorts, polo, sports shorts and sports top interchangeably. We will investigate the track pants – Argyle is going to bring in some samples. End point: in 2023 we would be looking at a new uniform or tweaking the current uniform.

Mandy brought in a variety of PE style uniforms for us to start the discussion.
This needs to be communicated to the community – this will be through our Beacon Newsletter.

Out of Zone Enrolments

By the 15th of September, we need to notify the community that the Board will be enforcing the Enrolment Zone. We need to advertise in the paper how many places we have available to out of zone places – the Board of Trustees agrees that Northcross has 25 out of zone places available. This will be advertised through North Shore Times and on our NX Facebook page.

There is a criteria for who can go into the ballot – those with siblings currently at NX, those with siblings previously at NX etc. The ballot system was explained.

Jonathon Tredray moves that the Year 7 out of zone spaces be listed as 25. There will be no new year 8 out of zone places available. David Oakley seconded, carried unanimously.

Jonathon moves that the Principals report be accepted. Seconded Tania Wansink. Carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

Show Quest – Auckland Champions, came second nationally.

WOW – Auckland overall winner, Sophia Gilmour.

We won a national prize for best use of sustainable materials.

Matariki – this was celebrated through learning, including myths and legends, artwork etc.

FPS – Y9 Ex NX students competed recently in the worlds – they came 16 across the world – amazing!

Cameron Beattie – won a music contract – an amazingly talented young man.

Orienteering – Harry Borton won the entire competition – 15 minutes in advance of any other competitor. Out of 13 students representing NX-ALL placed in the top 10 nationally – outstanding.

Tania Wansink moves that the Staff report be accepted. Seconded Gavan Brunton. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Katrina Starrs leave request for compassionate grounds – the month of November. This has been accepted by the board.

Meeting Closed at 7:44p.m.

Signed:
Chairperson

Dated: