

Board of Trustees Update

June 29th 2010

Election Update

We welcomed our new Board Representatives:

Sheelagh McLeay – 18 month term ending in 2011

Karen Eastgate – 3 year term ending 2013

Both our new board members have backgrounds in accounting and finances which will be a huge benefit to the BOT and School. Sheelagh will be assisting Alastair Hulbert with the finance portfolio and Karen will assist Caroline Walsh with the communications portfolio.

We also welcomed our new Minutes Secretary Michelle Crowsley who works as a legal secretary in Papakura.

Property Report

The Property Committee has met with the Project Manager and will present a report at the next meeting on the 5 Year Property Plan.

On the combined camps decision from the board of trustees:

The board of trustees has made a decision to combine the Year 7 and Year 8 camps this year. The decision was taken after listening to the views of affected parents and children on Wednesday evening, and the board is aware that the majority of parents and children would prefer to keep the camps separate. We understand that some people will be feeling upset with this decision.

The board is facing a number of challenges, and needs to change a number of historic practices in response. Although families pay for children to attend camps, there are also costs to the school associated with camps – administrative, operational and personnel – as well as the learning of composite class children who stay back at school when the senior school teachers go away to camp.

The school is experiencing difficulties, evidenced by having a Limited Statutory Manager appointed by the Ministry of Education to oversee finance, personnel and aspects of communication. We also have an ERO report which requires us to immediately attend to aspects of teaching and learning.

The board believes that the combined camp is still a great opportunity for all the Year 7 and 8 children to experience an excellent outdoor education programme.

Bubble Dome

The Bubble Dome Team has approached the school with a request to use our facilities/IT suite to run after school and holiday programmes. Their programmes include 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions. The board is keen to see if we can help provide more options and programmes for our community, but we need to gather more information on feasibility and review this at the next meeting.

Fundraising

The Board would like to thank the CSS for their efforts in fundraising and together with the CSS have made a decision that fundraising for the remainder of the year will be kept to a minimum with Ag Day being our major project.

Ag Day

Ag Day, day in lieu is Tuesday 26th October.

The Clevedon School Board of Trustees would like to wish all the pupils, parents and staff happy and safe holidays – see you all in term 3.

Carol McKenzie-Rex

Emma Frizzell

Kerry Williams

Caroline Walsh

Alastair Hulbert

Karen Eastgate

Sheelagh McLeay

Marilyn Way

Limited Statutory Manager (LSM) Update June 2010

I have now been associated with your school for two months. I have had the pleasure of meeting many parents during this time. At these meetings parents have identified the strengths of the school and shared with me a number of concerns. I can assure you that you have elected a very competent board who understand their responsibilities to the school and to the community. This morning I have been working with Alastair Hulbert and Sheelagh McLeay on matters financial. The board now has members who have qualifications in financial management; this can only strengthen this area of Board responsibilities. My confidence in the board is such that I will now step back somewhat as I believe the board are more than capable of managing the governance of the school. At this stage I will continue to attend board meetings and to matters at the school as is necessary. If you have concerns please address these to the principal in the first instance and then to the board chair if that is necessary. I am still available to discuss matters with parents should you wish to do so

Yours sincerely

Adrienne Rossiter