

## BOT Meeting Report – 21<sup>st</sup> February

Welcome back everyone to another great year at Eketahuna school. The first BOT meeting of the year had a busy agenda with many administrative items to get through. At the beginning of each year we must appoint a chairperson and assign roles of the board.

The officers for the year are as follows:

Chair - Maree Redington, Finance – Megan Governor, Property – Skye White, Minute Secretary – Denise Drysdale.

We have begun preparations for the Triennial BOT Elections and have appointed the returning officer as Jesse Willetts. If you are interested in becoming a BOT representative please remember there is an information evening on at the bush stadium this evening at 7pm. You are also welcome to attend any of our meetings - the next one is 28<sup>th</sup> March 6pm in the staffroom.

Melinda presented us with her report which detailed plans to help our priority learners, and a review of the reporting process – the first stage of this will be the learning discussions that are coming up in the first week of April. This is a great opportunity to see your child's work and meet their teachers.

Melinda then led us through an exercise of self review so we could really see if we are operating effectively as a board. While we felt confident we were working toward addressing all areas there are things we can do better and we will use the exercise as a working document to keep us on track throughout the year. It will also be used to gather staff, student and community voice.

We have been pleased to welcome Carol Laubscher as our room 3 teacher, and welcome back Barbara Whitburn as our CRT/PRT release teacher.

Property modifications are on track with the Room 3 work due to start at the end of March and we have a quote to do some interior work on the school hall. The swimming pool heating is working well and the pool is being well utilised – huge thanks to Ryan and Lisa Seator for the great work they are doing teaching the children.

The budget was approved and Denise is currently preparing for our 2018 Audit requirements.

A big thank you to the home and school committee who have recently donated \$25,000 to the school which includes among other things their contribution to the pool heating, and the iPad leases. The home and school are such a valued group who provide so many extras for our school, please support them in their fundraisers.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meet and Great tonight.

Maree Redington