



Papakura Principals' Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Papakura High School – 1.30pm, Wednesday 16th March 2016

Present: Sue Blakely, Jane Danielson, Barbara Duckworth, Sarah Hynds, Judy Morgan, Clive Morris, Maria Owers, Julie Schumacher, Carolyn Shapcott, Sean Valvoi, Chris Williams, Brigid Peterson, Rebecca Kaukau, David Tennent,

Apologies: Glenn Nicholson, Peta Lindstrom (Holy Trinity), Matt Williams, Jan Robertson, John Rohs

Motion: That apologies be accepted. Maria/Barbara Carried

Minutes from Previous Meeting

14 February 2016

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February 2016 be approved as a true and correct record. Maria/Barbara Carried

Matters Arising

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Outwards

Nil

Reports

Finance Kevin absent.

RTL B advisory

Barbara and Judy

Discussion with Gary Sweeny

PPA Questions for Gary Sweeny regarding RTL B Service

Welcome to Gary

PPA has invited Gary to our monthly meeting because Principals are expressing concerns about the RTL B Service and we feel that something needs to change...

1. What strategic goals are in place to develop consistency of service and practice?

Handout given out – Strategic plan for Nga Hau e Wha cluster 2015 - 2017

No strategic plan nationally for RTL B. About to begin work on this.

Each cluster needs to find its own way through strategic planning.

Gary's second visit to PPA

Given to the BOT and the MOE – no questions have been asked about this.

2. As you will know Papakura has a large number of priority students and low decile schools. Why do we have only 3 RTL B based in Papakura. Surely this is a waste of travel money and RTL B time?

Brigit – concern about the number of RTL B in her school over a day travelling in different vehicles.

Gary: Issue of space has been problematic? Can a Papakura School accommodate 10 RTL B with the space required 150m². He has 12 RTL B squashed into this space.

Gary would prefer to have staff clumped together – In terms of retaining staff, provision of PD etc.

3. You must have concerns around staff retention of RTL B. How do you respond to this?

An interesting turnover of staff has occurred. 65% turnover of staff. Some have gone due promotion. 3 into Papakura Schools. There is no way up unless they move back into the school structure.

Most staff have moved out for personal reasons.

Nationwide it is the same – 500 staff over 4 years.

Causes problems with training and induction.

The turnover of work has remained high.

Gary presented the referral numbers and projects in the handout.

General; Learning Support to PPA school in 2015 \$33896

4. Schools are asking for sharing of information to be increased eg:

- End of year analysis of service provided during the year by school level, school, area, decile

Gary will make sure that PPA will receive statistical data

- Breakdown of cluster expenditure (travel expenditure for example)

Provided in the handout

Cap per child on TA time - \$800 But you can reapply. More MOE money for high learning needs \$1500

Not aware of any correctly lodged projects which have not been granted.

- Case success rate

What is the judgement – case concluded or not reappearing. Currently no 'success' data at the moment. Julie may need to clarify.

5. Examples of dissatisfaction or support:

- Referral signing off by RTL
Seems to be time wasting – Gary will ask.
- Staff meeting at the beginning of the year- repeating message
Say you don't want it – nicely. Flexibility will be appreciated.
- Induction of new SENCOs
Support – to get to know the system. Julie will say that regular SENCO meetings have been run. Proposed Secondary Day. Releasing? RTL will pay for SENCO days. Maybe the where and when. Location for Papakura SENCO Day.
- Time frame for receiving HLN funding- early in term please
- Lack of transparency- We can't tell you this but....
System information should be coming directly. Personal relationships issue.
Information should come out to everyone.
- Case allocation especially Liaison RTL
- Lack of school involvement in selection process of liaison RTL. We were not consulted about what kind of person would best fit into our team. We carefully select when we employ... Sue: Can we be involved in the selection? Say I don't want this RTL liaison. May not be the correct fit. Gary would not like to have a liaison RTL in one school more than 4 or 5 years. Sue: It took 18 months to induct the ne RTL Liaison. Gary – if you are unhappy – express that to Julie. How do you express that you need someone with strength in a particular area and you are not getting this – Go to liaison RTL or to Julie.
- Lack of information about what constitutes a valid year 0-10 funding application, and support to make referrals and access funding
Half of the SENCO PD Day will be devoted to projects and how to apply for these.
Also what an application looks like or what needs to be stressed. Can also be personalised to a school or a cluster of schools.

6. What role will RTL play in Communities of Learning?

See last page of Service agreement. Attending Cluster meetings – Pukekohe will be a PLD pathway.

7. What role will RTL play in the Children's Team?

In 3 years time the RTL service will not look like it currently does. MOE wanted 0.6 of staff for the children's team and 0.4 has been decided. 3 staff are currently being trained. Reports back say that this may make a real difference for children. 10 hours a week per staff member (already more than this).

Gary Left:

Can we ask to be a part of Appointments Committee (Advisory reps)
Follow up with our expectations.
Write and thank him for coming and the preparation. Summary of expectations:
Communicate issues directly
Biannual report
Splitting Meeting
Look forward to hearing about the actions taken to address our concerns. Jane will send letter.

General Business

APPA Focus

Report received Maria will send through.

Music Festival

Jane followed up with musician at her school – each school pay one reliever day was discussed.
Can it be more relaxed than APPA festival.

Kevin sent budget

8 items – how should this look. Lynette Lewis will be an assistant.

Marimbas

Papakura Normal

Term 3

Year 5 – 8

Auditions

Mal Lakatani

People indicate to Jane – for a school item.

PPA Conference 2016

Cost more than last year around \$500

Deposit paid

Future focused – digital lens

Waiuku, Hunua, Franklin and Papakura

Health and Safety

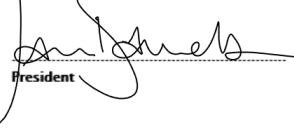
Barb: \$800 left over to be transferred to PPA cheque account.

Meeting closed at 3pm

Next Meeting 18 May, 1.30pm

Venue Papakura High School Meeting Room TBC

Verified as True and Correct


President 18/05/16