



RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Wairarapa

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RATHKEALE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 6.00PM, VIA TEAMS

PRESENT

Mr M Owen (Presiding Member) Mr M O'Grady (Principal), Mrs S Jonas, Ms V Read, Mrs C Archer, Mr M Wailling, Mr D Chapman, Mr N Broom.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs B Gordon (Board Secretary), Mr A Gordon.

1. PRAYER – Mr Wailling

2. APOLOGIES – Mr J Gouws, Ms L Stockman, Mr R Donworth (unable to come in via Teams), Mr N Riwai-Couch.

3. STRATEGIC GOAL 4:RC/SMCS Senior College – Mr Adam Gordon

3.1 Mr Gordon spoke to the recent Managing National Assessment (MNA) report from NZQA.

3.2 The MNA visit was successful and provides confidence in the work of the Heads of Faculty in administration of courses and assessments.

3.3 A follow-up to the report will be to involve student voice in the make-up of courses for each subject.

3.4 Mr Gordon drew the board's attention to some concerns in relation to Senior College:

- Fewer Year 13 students are gaining scholarships into universities. Deans will ask for feedback to try and understand why this is.
- Year 13 students are finding it much harder than previous years, to be accepted into university hostels, particularly Canterbury University.
- St Matthew's Collegiate appoints the Year 12 and 13 Deans for the girls and currently the Year 12 Dean is not based onsite at Senior College. Ms Leckie (Year 12 Dean) visits as much as possible within the constraints of her timetable but Mr Gordon feels the Year 12 girls are under-served in this area, and the situation means more work for the Rathkeale Year 12 Dean.
- There has been a small but steady decline in the number of girls coming into the Senior College from St Matthew's and this will cause an imbalance of boys/girls in classes as well as impact the social life of Senior College.
- The Senior College Centre is in need of an upgrade. The Friends of Rathkeale College is committed to supporting this financially and Mr Gordon hopes the St Matthew's Friends Association will also be willing to support this.

3.5 Mr O'Grady acknowledged the work of Mr Gordon and the Senior College staff in achieving the best MNA report he has seen in his time at many schools.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes circulated, and on Teams, and taken as read.

Resolved: *"That the minutes of the Rathkeale College Board of Trustees Meeting of 18 September be accepted as a true and correct record."*

OWEN
Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING -Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from NZQA to Mr Owen regarding the aforementioned Managing National Assessment Report.

ACTION: A letter will be sent to the staff from Mr Owen, acknowledging and congratulating them for the role they have played in the results of this report.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Circulated and taken as read

7.1 Mr Wailling asked for clarification about co-requisite funding for schools.

7.2 Mr O'Grady explained that Ministry of Education has extended by another two years, the period for students to gain the literacy/numeracy co-requisites in other subjects. The MoE will continue to provide additional funding for the additional administering of these assessments.

7.3 Mr Wailling sought clarification on the Year 10 Walk/Raft EOTC trip. Safety must be an absolute priority.

7.4 All high risk EOTC trips for the 9/10 activities week have a Rathkeale RAMS form, as well as any site/provider specific RAMS.

Resolved: *"Rathkeale College Board of Trustees approves the following overnight/high risk trips for the Year 9/10 activities week"*

YEAR 10

- **Wairarapa Surfing Camp**
- **Golfing Camp**
- **Mountain/City/Sea**
- **Ngawi Coastal Experience**

YEAR 9

- **Fishing**
- **Walk/Raft**
- **Hidden Lakes/River Walk/Amazing Race/Coastal**

BROOM/WAILLING

Resolved: *"That the Principal's Report as tabled be accepted."*

O'GRADY/WAILLING
Carried

8. TEACHER TRUSTEE REPORT - Verbal

8.1 House Music at the end of last term was successful with positive support shown between students across the house groups.

8.2 The staff are busy with Derived Grade Exams which have been condensed into 7 days and well-run by Mr Schaeffer and Mr Gordon. There is a move towards more digital exams.

8.3 Staff have been invigilating exams, taking tutorials, supervising boarders studying in the library and providing support for students with Special Assessment Conditions. Tutorials will continue to be provided throughout the upcoming study leave.

8.4 There has been an excellent turn out for the Staff Choir which sings at the end of term Carol Service.

9. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT – Verbal

9.1 Ngātahi cultural group performed very well at the Inter-schools Haka Competition held at the end of last term.

9.2 The Barbershop Quartet competed at the nationals and came 4th.

9.3 House Music was fantastic with lots of enthusiasm and camaraderie.

9.4 In the holidays, six students auditioned for the NZ Secondary Schools Choir.

9.5 The 1st XI Cricket tour to Brisbane was very successful.

9.6 The Christmas Fete is coming up and the Year 10 Market Day.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS – NIL

10.1 Board members are encouraged to come and help at the fete.

10.2 The Friends of Rathkeale College would like to walk the eco-trail with Board members. A suggested date is Wednesday 11 December after a short BoT meeting at 5.00pm.

11. IN COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board agreed to move “In Committee” at 7.08pm to discuss Rathkeale College Board of Trustees re Proprietor Responsibilities.

Resolved: *"That in terms of Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987, the public and press be excluded."*


OWEN
Carried

Resolved: *"That the Board move out of Committee at 9.11pm"*

OWEN
Carried

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

Chair: _____



NEXT MEETING DATE

6.00pm Wednesday 20 November

In person

Prayer: Mr N Broom