

Special Board Meeting

Date: 26/7/18

Location: Craig Scott-Hill's home, Tawa

In attendance: Suzanne Biddington, Julia Paterson-Fourie, Craig Scott-Hill, Stephen Opie, Sophie Robbers

Stephen opened the meeting at 5:30pm

Discussion of teacher stop-work action

The proposed stop-work action of August 15th was discussed. The Board acknowledged the conflict of interest in this discussion for staff members Kelly Barker and Abbey Corich. Abbey had previously informed Stephen that all teaching staff (except possibly Clare who was yet to begin her contract at the time of the advice) are members of the union, as are two of the seven support staff. Stephen also had received advice from NZSTA that the school does not need to make up any time as a consequence of closing the school, even if this was for a full day.

Sophie moved that the Board close the school for the duration of the stop-work action on Wednesday 15th August.

Seconded: Craig

All agreed.

The school will be closed for the entire duration of the stop-work action, whether that be half a day or a full day. All support staff rostered on for that day will be paid.

Stephen will draft a communication for the school community after the meeting and send to the Board for approval. Abbey will email the school tomorrow.

Discussion on filling Board vacancy

The two options for filling the current vacancy were discussed. The first is to call a by-election. The second is to select a member to fill the vacancy. It was felt the best option was to select a member, namely Julia (currently co-opted to the Board) to fill the vacancy.

Sophie moved that the Board fill the vacancy by selection.

Seconded: Craig

All agreed.

The Board will follow the advised process and advertise our decision to fill the vacancy by selection. This will take place in a local newspaper and also in the school newsletter.

Health and safety

The Board briefly discussed some of the recent health and safety incidents at the school. It was decided that further discussion around health and safety procedures was needed for the next Board meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:09pm.



Stephen Opie, chair

10/8/18