

Opaheke School
He Matapuna Ora

Thursday 4th August, 2015 at 6.30pm. Opaheke school staffroom. 68 Tasman Drive, Papakura

Tae a tinana (Present): Eileen, Keita, Chassy, Kay, Sean, Lisa.

Nga whakapaha (Apologies):
Louise Gavin

Mihi and Karakia (Greetings and Prayer):

Whakaetanga o nga meneti (Confirmation and approval of previous minutes):
Approved by Eileen
Seconded by Kay

Matters arising from previous minutes

Eileen asked about the school policies. Sean talked about the need to make them more relevant to Maori and include them in the next round of policy review. Sean will review and bring ideas to the next meeting.

All present at the meeting looked at the Te Reo document that Bex put together. This would be useful to implement as a starting point of incorporating more learning and understanding for teachers, parents and students. It will be emailed to all, to review, discuss and add to,

Bex suggested it would be nice to perhaps come up with a 'karakia' and 'waiata' each to incorporate into an "Opaheke waiata and karakia book". We could share our ideas through email, and I could list down these ideas for our next hui or bring ideas to the next hui. Then we could decide together on what would be best for our tamariki to implement into Opaheke school and organise an official "Opaheke waiata and karakia book".

Eileen would like to acknowledge Bex for her hard work putting together the Te Reo booklet. Those present agreed.

Discussed the Karakia that has been introduced at assembly (see below) , not sure where it originated from. Found on the Otago University website.

Tukua te wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata
Hai ārahi i ā tātou mahi
Me tā tātou whai i ngā tikanga a rātou mā
Kia mau kia ita
Kia kore ai e ngaro
Kia pupuri
Kia whakamaui
Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!

*Allow one's spirit to exercise its potential
To guide us in our work as well as in our pursuit of our ancestral traditions
Take hold and preserve it
Ensure it is never lost
Hold fast.
Secure it.
Draw together! Affirm!*

Move to approve the name, vision and intent of the Hui

Name - *He Matapuna Ora* – Meaning to be a source of life, in this case a source of strength, of direction, of shared knowledge.

Vision - *'Ma te taupūhipuni o te hāpori o te kura, e ora ai nga tauira kia rangatira ai'*

Students thrive as successful learners through the interdependence and collaboration of the school community.

Intent -

1. To encourage and enable the success and achievement of Maori students and their Whanau at Opaheke School
2. To offer guidance and support to governance, management, teaching and support staff on matters of interest to the Maori community of the school
3. To work collaboratively with other entities within the school for the promotion and implementation of matters pertaining to Tikanga Maori

Approved by Eileen
Seconded by Kay

An email will be sent out asking for the executive committee to be expanded. Would anyone be willing to fill the positions of Treasurer and two other committee members (Kaumatua? BOT liaison person).

Kapa Haka -171 students showed interest in Kapa Haka. After a hui with whaea Denise it was decided to split into 3 groups NE -Ye 2, Yr 3-4 12.50-1.35, Yr 5-8, 1.40-2.25. Chassy organising age appropriate waiata for the different groups. Newsletter sent home on Monday. Questions to be directed to Chassy. Email to be sent out to see if there is anybody that can offer support for Kapa Haka. Chassey offered to ask Pukekohe Kapa Haka if they would like to come to the school and perform.

Passed by Keita
Seconded by Lisa

General Business

PAT request. They would like to put down a Hangi on the carnival evening. Would anybody be in the position to help? Chassy offered her father. The more the merrier. Will be really nice for the kids to be able to come down and watch.

Sean mentioned that he has a list of other schools that run Hui's for Maori. Would anyone be keen to come to a meeting and observe/ask questions?

Sean is being reviewed for his appraisal. Wanted to know if anyone would be available/keen to contribute. Kay is available - anytime as long as she has a few days' notice. Keita from 5pm onwards and Chassy – Tuesday or Thursday, anytime she will be available.

Sean discussed how the BOT felt it would be good to have a liaison person from *He Matapuna Ora* . Felt co-opting might be a bit premature with the BOT elections around May. Process for electing BOT members begins around March when people put their names forward.

A date for the next meeting was set for 25th August at 6.30 in the staffroom

Email to remind parents one week and one day before the meeting. Would people like a text to be sent? Chassy would be happy to organise.

Meeting closed at 7.50