

WBS Board of Trustees News March 2011

Dear All,

This month's meeting was really productive thanks to valuable feedback from a couple of parents. We welcome all feedback whether it is positive or negative viewing it as constructive and engaging; it helps us in our job of planning and governance and gives us direction. After all, we are all working towards the same goal of: "promoting confidence, passion and excellence in a supportive learning environment".

One of the topics discussed has also been in the news a lot recently: bullying. The BoT wants to state for the record that there is zero tolerance for bullying at Wainui Beach School ("WBS") and that every incident is logged by the teacher and a record centrally kept. Parents are informed if their child has been bullying and they need to work with the school to help their child understand that bullying is not acceptable behaviour. It was suggested that the Principal review the centralised record of all bullying and that a report be filed for the BoT to review each month as we do for accidents. We are going to adopt these practices and maintain the processes that we have to help both those doing the bullying and those being bullied.

There is a new addition to WBS's website and that is - the Student Lead Conference explained. Those parents that have been with the school for a while will know that the SLC is our chosen method of student achievement and progress reporting. We hope that this will help newer parents understand the process prior to the SLC which will next be held June 27th and 29th.

As we mentioned last month the BoT confirmed to the Ministry that we will not be changing either the criteria or the boundary for enrolment at the school. This is something that we did after careful review of all considerations especially the view of our community to keep the school small. The boundary and criteria are reviewed every two years.

We also confirmed our Charter which runs through to 2014. The 2010 year in review and the plan for 2011 has been included in this newsletter along with a covering letter to explain where we are. It is hoped that by keeping the community informed that there will be a clearer understanding of what we are trying to achieve.

A large part of the meeting was again spent on budget matters. Money and sourcing it is a constant battle not just for us but every school in New Zealand. Some parent feedback is that instead of asking for donations on a piecemeal basis we increase the school fees to meet the deficit. This is an extreme measure but if we can't find donations from our usual sources of funding it might be necessary.

Again, should you like to bring up anything at our monthly meeting please let us know or if you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to contact us on: bot@wainuibeach.school.nz

Kind regards,

Your BoT