

An Update from the Board of Trustees

It has been a whirlwind year for the Board of Trustees at Aparima College since the removal of the Commissioner and our election in June.

Since being elected we have been kept very busy with getting to know our roles and developing a plan for the successful future of our school.

We have adopted the policy framework set out from NZSTA (School Trustees Association) to give us a platform to build from as a new BOT. These policies are reviewed on a regular cycle to ensure we are keeping up to date with best practice and putting our school in the best position to achieve success.

We have enjoyed very good support and an ongoing dialogue with both NZSTA and ERO to ensure we have robust systems in place and the best possible outcomes for our students at the forefront of our minds when making decisions around the governance of the school. Members of our BOT have also attended training sessions provided by the Ministry of Education and NZSTA and will continue to do so.

We have inherited a financial situation at the school that needs to be redressed. We would like to congratulate the Principal, Cameron Davis and his staff for managing this situation effectively, while being able to maintain the excellent opportunities that are provided to our students.

As Chairperson of the BOT, I am committed to ongoing monthly reports to our community in 2019 to keep you appraised of the progress the school is making from a governance point of view and for you to feel assured that we are heading in the right direction. We will also be holding community meetings and surveys to the community early next year around our curriculum options and delivery.

There are new BOT elections coming again in June as we get back onto a normal election cycle and I encourage those of you interested in the success of the school to keep an eye out for further information early next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Prize giving next Tuesday evening.

Until then, on behalf of the BOT, I want to wish the students, staff and whanau a safe, Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year.

Regards

Nāku noa nā

Leon Black
BOT Chairperson