

Halcombe School Board of Trustees – February 2015

Last night the Board met and were joined by Brian Ahern. Brian is from the New Zealand School Trustees Association and upskills Boards regarding their 'Self Review' process. Brian spoke to us about the importance of knowing and understanding what it means by 'accountability' and knowing what we are accountable for at our school. He took us through the policies we should have and made several suggestions to the Board that will help improve our performance as Board members. It is always great to have external advice and it was a very worthwhile exercise.

In other matters:

- Megan Skiffington has been confirmed as Chairperson for 2015. Congratulations, Megan!
- Sue presented End of Year student achievement data and analysis in Reading, Writing and Maths for 2014. It highlighted how well our students are doing at Halcombe and also areas for growth.
- Megan Skiffington presented a revised version to our Portfolio Responsibilities (trustee duties). We will be looking at each of the portfolios and placing actions to these. Currently the portfolios are allocated as: Health and Safety - Megan Skiffington; Property - Kevin Darling; Personnel - Tamzin Darragh; Grants and Funding – Annie O'Fee; Finance – Anne Langtry. The review and development of portfolios will be happening this term.
- We currently have a Grants and Funding application in for some new basketball and netball hoops for the back courts.
- Our School Charter has been reviewed and is now in its final draft. It will be ready for submission to the Ministry at the end of this month.
- As part of this review, a 'Values' consultation has been sent home with this newsletter. We would love your feedback, so please take a moment to consider the Values presented, add your comments and return it to the Office.
- The next Board meeting is on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Anne Langtry for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees