

## Halcombe School Board of Trustees 2 November 2015

The Halcombe School Board of Trustees met on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 and welcomed two new trustees – Andrew Managh & Lisa Poulsen – who have been co-opted to the Board as part of its succession planning, given the Trustee Elections coming up in 2016. Congratulations to Lisa & Andrew for taking on this challenging & interesting role, and we thank them for their commitment to Halcombe School.

- The meeting began with the annual presentations by the Teachers of Halcombe School on their student target groups for the year, and the work they have done to lift student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics. Trustees were impressed by their professionalism, the wide range of teaching strategies being used, and the commitment shown to improve learning outcomes for the students. This is always a very interesting and enjoyable meeting for the Board as they get to connect with the teaching staff and see what is really happening in the classrooms!
- In other business, the Board confirmed that they will investigate an Enrolment Scheme for Halcombe School, given the rising roll and concern over lack of classroom space. A sub-committee will liaise with the Ministry of Education and consult with the school community, and full information will be available soon. Please be reassured that this does not affect the enrolment of any of our current students or their siblings.
- The Board also received reports on the special education programmes at Halcombe School, the “6 year net” reading tests (showing excellent results!) and the outcome of our recent survey of new families about their transition to our school (also very positive).
- Trustees reported back on ways other schools have reviewed their Health Curriculum, and how Halcombe School can approach this.
- Recent personnel appointments were ratified and a variety of property issues were discussed, including heat pumps, air driers, sandpit sand and guttering.
- The next Board meeting is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November (week 8).

*Kirsten Otter for the Halcombe School Board of Trustees*