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From the BOT Table

The Board had their first meeting on 20 February where Graham Hallett was re-elected as Board Chairperson for the coming year unopposed. Also elected to Committee Leadership roles are Maria Admiral – Policy Chairperson, Jason Chilcott – Property Chairperson, and Graham Hallett - Finance Chairperson.

The BOT members are:

- Graham Hallett – Parent Trustee
- Heather Gorrie – Principal
- Caleb Cradock- Student Trustee
- Rachel Scott – Acting Staff Trustee
- Mel Wilson – Parent Trustee
- Mark Spooner – Parent Trustee
- Maria Admiraal – Parent Trustee
- Jason Chilcott – Parent Trustee
- Julie Sweeney – Co-opted Trustee for HR and Governance
- Sandy Gwynne – BOT Secretary

BOT Co-option

The BOT also welcomed Julie Sweeney who has been co-opted onto the Board for her experience in governance and human relations.

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Interest Day Review

The BOT completed its review of operating structures from 2016 after a meeting and presentation from Senior leadership. The Board of Trustees and Leadership Team have made this decision based on the data and information review that Interest Day will be continued in a modified and restructured manner for terms 2 and 3, 2017 with regular reviews. The first review will be at the end of term 2. The BOT wish to acknowledge and thank parents for their feedback and the leadership and staff review team for the considerable work that has gone into the review process. A parent meeting is scheduled for Week 8 Term One for the roll out of interest day options and student choices. Please look out for the Review Summary which explains the findings in detail. The full review action plans are available on line or by request and further information will be sent to parents and caregivers in the coming weeks.

Communication

The BOT and School Leadership are committed to increasing communication around our school activities in 2017. We welcome your feedback on our contact systems and any suggestions you would like to see this critical area further improved.

Uniform Additions

At the request of the student body the College is investigating the possible addition of a school hat and or cap and girls short option. We will keep you updated on any decisions made.

Finance

The Board has worked to upgrade the school policies and procedures around course costs and charges for curriculum, sports and cultural areas.



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The updated policy will be on the school website in the coming days. In response to Parent feedback we are trying to ensure that parents are provided with clear outlines of expected costs in these areas and provide a variety of payment options to suit parent's needs.

Property Projects

Pool Heating Project.

We have done extensive work during the holidays to upgrade and install underground piping to the pool area. We are working with the Te Aroha Swimming Club to utilise the school boiler so that the pool swimming season can be extended for our swimmers. We have successfully managed to get grant funding to help with this project and are looking forward to it being completed.

Gym Upgrade.

Plans to upgrade our gym facilities are well underway. Tenders have been called and we are hoping to start the upgrade by the end of this term.

Painting Colour Change

The painting of the Hall and Administration block are nearing completion with considerable positive feedback on the colour change

Security Cameras.

The College is upgrading its security cameras and very soon we will have a much better system in place to keep our staff, students and property safe.

General

We welcome all feedback and should you have any concerns that our learning programmes and operations are not meeting the needs of your student, please come in and discuss this with the School. We look forward to working with you all in 2017 for student success.

Graham Hallett

Board Chair on behalf of the BOT