



Halswell School
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**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday 29 June 2021**

PRESENT

Rob Dixon (Chairperson), Stuart Cameron (Principal), Michelle Bishop, Natasha Buckby, Giarne Harrison, Anita Head (Staff Representative), Shaun Perrin, Ged Robinson

Apologies:

Guests: Emily Moore, Heather Baron

Meeting Opened: 6.00pm

ADMINISTRATION

Karakia, Welcome

Apologies: Rob Naysmith

PROPOSED ASTROTURF COURT PROJECT

Correspondence

Incoming correspondence from the community regarding the proposed Astroturf project was confirmed as reviewed by the board

Arborists Report

The Arborist report brought up additional considerations which changed the scope of decision making. Property subcommittee made a recommendation to the board to consider 2 options - Abandon the project, or move to community consultation.

Further details not provided in the arborists' written report were discussed, following a subsequent phone call with the property subcommittee. This included the effect of water on the trees, the future of the trees and lifespan should the astroturf project proceed, current and future health considerations for the oak trees, and further considerations regarding protecting the base of the trees from pedestrian traffic.

SIPS Funding

The Board confirmed that Ministry of Education SIPS funding needs to be committed to property projects by 31 December. This provides sufficient time to consult with the community regarding the proposed Astroturf project and either realise this project in Term 4 should the community vote in favour, or invest the funding in other property projects. Should the project proceed, the court area would need to be fenced off and made inaccessible to students as this would become a work site.

Community Consultation

The Board supports a best practice approach to consulting and polling the community regarding the Astro turf project. Recommendation was made to engage a market research specialist to ensure that information presentation, survey and data collection methods are as objective and meaningful as possible. Attention will need to be given to how students are involved in this process and their voice heard in a meaningful way. The Board delegated to the communications subcommittee to investigate and recommend a market research specialist in time for the next board meeting. Experience working with surveying children will be essential. The Board feels that clear and concise questions will need to be asked of the community - voting yes or applying SIPS funding elsewhere. A 75% affirmative vote from the community would be required for the astro turf court option before we would proceed.

Board Vote

Giarne Harrison records her vote of Option 1 - abandoning the Astro turf Project

7 votes in favour of Option 2 - progressing to community consultation

A Notice will be included in the newsletter going out tomorrow that a motion has been passed to move to community consultation.

Meeting closed: 7:30pm



CONFIRMED _____
27 July 2021

CHAIRPERSON

**MATTERS ARISING / ACTION SHEET
FROM THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021**

By Who	Action	Reference	Date
Property Subcommittee	Property committee to present alternative property investment projects at the next board meeting July		
Property Subcommittee	Property subcommittee to seek Arborists' view of the trees that should be planted, offering best value in terms of growth rate to maturity, carbon sink, reducing environmental impact		
Stuart	Stuart to secure an environmental impact report and work with Out of Space to get a copy of the planting plan, visuals of the planted trees and the court.		
Comms Subcommittee	Comms committee to recommend a Market Survey partner with specialist skills in surveying children/student communities.		
Comms Subcommittee	Notice to be included in the newsletter, a motion has been passed to move to community consultation (going in tomorrow's newsletter)		