

**Minutes from the Onewhero Area School Board of Trustees meeting held  
online (via Teams) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm**

Item #	Item <i>Kaupapa</i>
<b>1</b>	AshM welcomed everyone to the online meeting and advised that the nature of the meeting was as per the email sent out earlier. The Board needed to make a decision on what the school would do on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March as PPTA and NZEI have notified that both unions have voted in favour of taking strike action on 16 March 2023.
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Attendance <i>Tae-ā-kanohi</i></b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> Present: Ashlea Murphy, Graham Eskdale, Lei Clarke, Gayle Bovill, Amie Morgan, Rebecca Bills, Derwyn Fail.</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Apologies <i>Tuku aroha</i>: Owein Greaves, Corinne Anderson. Absent: Tania Orono.</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Declaration of conflicts of interests or pecuniary conflicts – RB declared a conflict of interest due to being a NZEI member, GB declared a conflict of interest due to being a PPTA member. Both advised they would not be taking part in any discussion or decision making/voting at this meeting for this reason. RB advised she was happy to answer any operational questions that the Board may have in order for the remaining members to make a decision.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Administration <i>Ngā Whakahaeretanga</i></b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Formal notification of strike action by area schools principals and teachers on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</p> <p>AshM advised that both PPTA and NZEI had notified the school that both unions had voted in favour of taking strike action on 16 March 2023. This therefore affected the whole school (both senior and junior school). AshM continued that as a board, they were required to decide on three options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To keep the school open.</li> <li>2. To close the school for instruction but supervise students who required supervision.</li> <li>3. To close the school for this day.</li> </ol> <p>After discussion around the above options, number of staff that were non-union members along with SLT availability to be onsite from a Health &amp; Safety aspect. There was further detail and discussion of how supervision would work from an operational point of view with RB giving guidance around this.</p> <p>After further discussion and consideration it was decided to go with option 2 in order to help support parents/whanau whereby their child/ren would require supervision that day.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION:</b> The Board agree to close Onewhero Area School for instruction but open for supervision, if needed, on Thursday 16 March 2023. This is due to strike action being taking by members of the PPTA and NZEI unions. This decision was made based on the recommendation of the principal taking into consideration the number of staff available to supervise child/ren on the day and the health and safety of any child/ren that attend for supervision only.</p> <p>M. Graham Eskdale <span style="float: right;">S. Amie Morgan</span></p> <p>AshM advised that she would prepare communication to go out to the community to advise the decision that the Board had made.</p> <p>RB advised that she would need to get families to register with her directly if their child/ren would need to be at school for supervision that day to ensure an adequate plan was put in place.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 2:02pm.</p>