

Summary of Zone Consultation Meeting held at Papakowhai School on Wednesday 30 May 2018 7.30pm

- Meeting attended by Principal, 5 BOT members, two MOE representatives and approximately 30 community members
- BOT described the background and process used to get to current point of consultation process. A paper outlining this was provided to all who attended. Part of that background was the information that Papakowhai School had had no notification or information from the MOE as to the outcome of the review of the Northern Porirua Schools or on whether there would be a school built in Aotea. The BOT acknowledged the timeframe and community wishes to have certainty of any zone change within six months of the changes coming into effect.
- The MOE at this stage then advised that in 6 weeks an announcement of a school in Aotea would be made. No further details were provided.
- Community feedback revolved around:
 - Why make changes now when MOE decision on Aotea is within 6 weeks- BOT advised that process entered into without this knowledge
 - Given that the change for 2019 is estimated to be 10 children why could the changes not be put off for another year-BOT need to consider longer than just 2019. Have been working through process for many years and no more classrooms will be allowed
 - If there was to be an Aotea School why can't additional temporary classrooms be provided on site until this occurred – BOT advised re other requirements including Council requirements. **Question raised as to whether the Council would waive such requirements if they would be of a temporary nature until a new school is operational**
 - Whether the numbers used were transparent – BOT explained process for gathering numbers
 - Had the BOT factored in current siblings who may leave zone whether before changes or as a result of changes – BOT explained that it did not.
 - Had the changes for Whitford Brown/Okowai Road been considered – BOT advised that PCC had been contacted but no reply
 - Could those made out of zone be provided some priority for balloting for out of zone places – BOT advised no decision had been made regarding out of zone places, and MOE requirements did not allow for that priority to be taken into account – MOE also provided feedback to advise that a priority for this reason would be against the Education Act
 - Why not reduce the zone considerably and then allow out of zone siblings in through a ballot- BOT advised that does not link with conservative approach and also no guarantees that those moving out of zone would get in. This causes additional uncertainty for a larger proportion of the community.
 - Would the feedback gathered in the consultation be released- BOT cannot release all as some is private and applies to individual circumstances a summary could be requested and information could be requested under OIA.
 - Would there be an extension to the four weeks' consultation period given MOE information – BOT concern is the timetable to ensure that the zone is finalised and can be advertised in time as is community wishes.

- If the BOT continues with 4-week period and then MOE information potentially changes things will the BOT reconsider its zone – as it is new information the BOT would need to consider as part of submissions.
- Had Board considered re-zoning some of those streets also zoned for Paremata- BOT proposed changes includes excluding Tirowhanga Rd. BOT did discuss Brora/Forth but given close proximity to school decided that not appropriate to exclude
- Comments made on why Fjord back in when others also close and have safety issues – can be considered as part of submission process
- Who will be involved in Formal Consultation – BOT advised current meeting part of this, Schools (in particular Rangikura and Paremata), Aotea Residents Association

Meeting ended 9pm