



Minutes of the Education West Coast Meeting held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 18 May 2011
at Karoro Learning, Tainui Street, Greymouth

Present:

Paul Wilson, Tai Poutini Polytechnic (Chair)
Jim Luders, Greymouth High School
Dr Rita Shelley, Tai Poutini Polytechnic
Annabel Schuler, Tai Poutini Polytechnic
Corrina Gestro-Best, WestREAP
David Stapleton, WestREAP
Cheryl Jackson, WestREAP
Desma Reedy, WestREAP
Peter Coburn, Industry Training NZ
Russell Nimmo, Karoro Learning
Miriam Rees, Karoro Learning
Jacqui Paterson, St Patrick's School
Lynette Crestani, Scenicland Pre-School and Nursery
Angela Sloane, South Westland Area School
Wayne Wright, Reefton Area School
Maureen Truman, Karoro School
Graeme Martyn, Ministry of Education
Kathleen Scott, Te Runanga o Makaawhio
Mandy O'Sullivan, Grey Main School
Peter Bayliss, West Coast Principals Association/Paroa School
Mary Pupich, Paparoa Range School
Joy Baker, Runanga School
Kathryn Cannan, Health Promoting Schools Co-ordinator, CPH
Dulcie Bell, Blaketown School
Lorrayne Alexander, Kaniere School
Lorna Lay-Flurrie, LEOTC, Shantytown
Phil Sharpin, West Coast Trades Academy
Nicholas McBride, Greymouth Star

In Attendance:

Raewin Tipene-Clark, University of Waikato
John Tait, University of Waikato
Karen Kennedy, Tai Poutini Polytechnic (Minute Secretary)

Apologies:

Nicky Cooper, Development West Coast
Joanna Lorimer, MoE ECE
Bradley Roberts, Karamea Area School
Peter O'Sullivan, Minerals West Coast
Dan Moloney, St Canice's School
Ferg Harding, Westland High School
Lynne Williams, MSD
Leigh Milmine, NZQA
Megan Rich, Granity Primary School
Harold Leask, John Paul II High School

Guest Speakers:***Raewin Tipene-Clark and John Tait, University of Waikato: He Kakano Strategy***

Raewin and John presented an interesting and informative overview of the project. Some of the highlights from the presentation included:

- aim of the project was to develop culture response leadership that results in improvements for Maori learner achievements
- 100 schools nationally were involved; Raewin and John look after the 32 South Island schools
- currently three West Coast high schools were involved
- the number of Maori young people in NZ is increasing a lot faster than non-Maori
- the process for 'in-school' support and activities was outlined, and the role the principals, senior management team, and leadership teams take in the process
- the He Kakano team's role was explained as being part coach, part mentor, and part answering awkward questions, and keeping the people focused on the task.
- participants of the project are involved in a mix of intensive cultural and professional learning and also mentoring and coaching support.
- the project is based on the GPILSEO model.

Paul thanked Raewin and John for attending this meeting and for their presentation.

Appointment of Chair:

Jim Luders agreed to take over the Chair's role from Paul.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:***Meeting held 16 March 2011:***

Amendment: Page 3, first bullet point - "Grey High School" be amended to read "West Coast High Schools".

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting as amended held 16 March 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Message from Nicky Cooper:

An email from Nicky Cooper, Development West Coast, was read out. Nicky thanked everyone for their support over the last five years and advised that she was available to help in any way she could in her new role with Westland Milk Products. Julie Kissell would now be the education contact at DWC.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Nicky thanking her for her work and support during her time at Development West Coast.

Action Point: Chair

University of Canterbury Training:

Desma informed the group of three Early Childhood PD Workshops being held in June and advised that new entrant teachers in particular would find the transitions workshop very useful:

- 10 June, WestREAP, Hokitika: Learning Stories as an Assessment Tool.
- 11 June, Karoro Learning, Greymouth: Transitions from early childhood education to school.
- 11 June, Karoro Learning, Greymouth: Curriculum and What It Means.

Further information is available from Desma at WestREAP.

What's On Top:***Greymouth High School:***

- West Coast Trades Academy was progressing.
- ERO visit next week.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic:

- External Evaluation Review scheduled for October.
- Looking at Investment Plans for 2012 and 2013.

WestREAP:

- Have purchased the Kip McGrath Education franchise.
- TPP closed its Hokitika Campus last year and is now sharing WestREAP's Hokitika office space. A subsidised bus service is available for TPP's Hokitika-based students to travel to Greymouth.

Karoro Learning:

- 500-600 community education places are being offered between now and the end of the year. The ACE-funded programmes are listed on the Karoro Learning website.

West Coast Principals Association:

- Peter advised that the West Coast Way PD initiative is under way this year with 114 teachers attending a course at Shantytown and 35 attending a Lead Teacher day on Monday.
- ICT Project obtained funding from DWC for hardware for the schools.

Te Runanga o Makaawhio:

- Doing exciting work with Westland High and South Westland Area Schools.

Ministry of Education:

- Three local primary schools had been recognised at a recent conference in Nelson for the standard and type of work being carried out within their respective schools. Congratulations to Karoro, Paparoa Range and Grey Main Schools.
- Following a reshuffle, Graeme will now be first contact for all West Coast schools.

Shantytown School:

- Lorna thanked the people who had filled in the survey forms and advised that those who said Yes will be contacted for a third interview.
- School laptop has broken down and Lorna asked if anyone has a spare to donate that would be suitable for USB Microsoft and Powerpoint presentations, she would be most grateful.

WestREAP:

- Have another 50 computers for the Computers in Homes programme. Priority is given to families with young children attending school who don't have a computer.

Scenicland Pre-School and Nursery:

- Lynette advised that the MoE has advertised for levels of interest from organisations involved in early childhood to find a viable use for the new centre in Cobden that is no longer Barnadoes. Registrations due by 7 June.

Meeting closed: 3.30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 17 August 2011 (venue to be confirmed)