

**Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School, Special Board Meeting**  
**2 November 2021, 6.30pm**  
**Eurythmy Room**

**Attendees:** Andrea Wakelin (Chair), Janet Molloy, Karyn Gray (Principal), Christine Nicholls, Tim Angus, Leah Henderson, Lara Plunkett  
**Apologies:** Kyle Gibson  
**Conflict of interest:** Kyle Gibson  
**Attendees:** 16 attendees from the community.

**Alert Level 2 Requirements**

The Chair requested that the meeting be run with Alert Level 2 regulations in place: masks be worn, that chairs be kept 1 meter apart, and mentioned the sign-in facilities at the bottom of the school gate.

**Verse - read by Tim**

Whakaūtia keo ki te mana o te hinengaro  
Kia maia ki te pono  
Whakakoitia oū whakaaro kia pūmau ki te wairua.

Imbue thyself with the power of imagination  
Have courage for the truth  
Sharpen thy feeling for responsibility of soul

**Purpose of this meeting**

The Chair explained the purpose of this meeting:  
The Board received a request from a group in the community (Parents Unite) to address the Board with their concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. It was clearly stated that the Board's role is to ensure Board strategy is implemented, that the law is abided with, and that it is ultimately responsible for student outcomes. The Board can't and won't instruct the Principal to work against the law. However, given these extraordinary circumstances, the Board is happy to offer an opportunity to be heard. This offer has been made available to the wider community too, following this meeting request.

**Timing of the meeting**

The meeting has been set up at short notice due to availability of Board members and therefore the ability to hold a meeting with a quorum.

**Format of the Meeting:**

The Chair explained the format of the meeting as thus:  
This meeting will be run according to Board meeting regulations. It is a public meeting, not a community meeting, and open for anyone to attend but only those invited to speak can do so. Questions asked will be taken away from the meeting, and replied to in writing in due course.

**Speakers:**

Peter Bink spoke on behalf of Parents Unite - see attached document.

Fiona Houston also addressed the board and raised her concern for immunocompromised children.

Public part of the meeting was closed.

**In committee section of meeting:**

These minutes are normally kept confidential. But the Board has chosen to share them as there was nothing particularly sensitive discussed.

The questions posed to us from Parents United were discussed. Karyn to draft a response in the next few days and respond to Parents United by the end of the week.