

Summary of NZEI Principals' Council February 2010 Meeting

The Council met at NZEI National Office, Wellington, 26 – 27 February 2010.

Main items discussed during the meeting included:

- **NZEI Campaign to Trial National Standards**
- **MoE National Standards Resources**
- **The Ariki Project**
- **Primary Principals Collective Agreement**
- **Election of Principal Council Officers for 2010**

NZEI Campaign to Trial National Standards (A joint NEAG session)

The National President stressed the importance of raising public awareness about the need to trial the standards. It was also important for individual principals to consider all information before establishing a position on the National Standards.

The National Secretary outlined the political features of the campaign and provided an overview of the wider political scene.

MoE National Standards Resources

Malcolm Hyland and Darren Gammie presented an overview of the MoE resources to support the implementation of the National Standards and answered questions.

Resourcing that is/will be available includes: workshops for principals and lead teachers around understanding and embedding the standards, using the 'self review tool', on line modules to support the different needs of learners.

The Council felt that there were still many questions that remained unanswered around aligning existing resources with the standards, consistency of practice and moderation, sufficient time and funding for PD.

The Ariki Project

Dr David Stewart provided an outline of the Ariki project. The project promotes practice with accountability and a network for school development and improvement. It is based on four values:

- Schools are places of collegiality and work as teams.
- Schools are places of reflective inquiry, thinking and discussion
- Discussions should be based around evidence based practice.
- Notion of professional discretion.

NZEI Primary Principals' Collective Agreement (PPCA)

Neil Hammond, NZEI Campaign Manager and PPCA lead advocate, spoke about the proposed claims for the Primary Principals' Collective Agreement and the upcoming round of the principals' paid union meetings (PUMs) to discuss and vote on these claims. The teachers' PUMs had been postponed due to the number of other important issues that were happening at this time.

NZEI Principals' Council Election of Officers for 2010

Chairperson – Jan Tinetti

Deputy Chairperson - Peter Verstappen

Standing Committee – Sandra Jenkins and Janice Shramka