

SUMMARY OF NZEI PRINCIPALS' COUNCIL MEETING, 28 - 29 MAY 2010.

The NZEI Principals' Council met at NZEI National Office, Wellington 28 – 29 May 2010. The following is a summary of matters discussed during the meeting.

The PPCA Claims for Bargaining

PPCA claim presentation to the MoE on Monday 24 May.

Discussion of Karen Sewell letter sent to board chairs re principals and staff representatives not being present when contracts discussed at board meetings.

The NZCER National Survey

The Council provided feedback and suggestions to Cathy Wylie about this year's NZCER wide ranging survey which includes a new section on National Standards.

NEMP

The retirement of Terry Crooks and Lester Flockton was noted. The Council agreed to send Terry and Lester messages of thanks and a small gift to each of them acknowledging the service they have provided to education over many years. The 2010 programme will be an amalgam of the NEMP and preparation of resources to support teachers to assess consistently against the standards.

NZ Teachers Council

Pat Newman, the principals' representative on the NZTC, provided an update on a range of Council activities that included:

- The increase to practising certificate fees
- Developments around initial teacher education
- Induction and mentoring pilots
- Registered Teacher Criteria (RTC) and feedback from the NZTC workshops
- NZTC processes for handling complaints
- Data matching of MoE payroll and TC register to identify those in teaching positions without current practising certificates and or LAT
- Changes to non-teacher police vetting (See MoE circular 2010/09)

Reports

Reports received and spoken to:

- External Policy Group – Jan Tinetti
- Rural Education Reference Group – Tony Hamilton
- National Executive work and activities - Karl Vasau
- Summary of the work of the Principal Support Officers - John O'Shaughnessy, Principal Support Officer
- School Property update - Brian Bell, Executive Officer

NZEI Hui on National Standards

The hui was held on day two of the National Executive Advisory Group meetings to discuss further NZEI activity on the government's policy and implementation of the national standards. The hui programme included presentations by the national executive advisory groups and addresses by both the National President and the

National Secretary. Area Councils worked in groups developing their own strategies and planning activities to take back and implement in their respective areas. The Principals' Council presentation at the hui was based on the results of the NZEI survey of principals on national standards linked to comments in the Council reports. The presentation highlighted that many principals were feeling concerned, confused and frustrated about implementing the standards.

Advice to the National President

The Council provided advice and information to the National President on:

- The distribution list for the Principal to Principal ezine;
- Support required for schools to effectively implement the NZ curriculum;
- Clarification of the role and status of the principal as a board member following letters from Karen Sewell to BoT chairpersons.