

Summary of the NZEI Te Riu Roa Principals' Council meeting held at National Office 27 – 28 May 2011.

Plenary Session –

- Christchurch - The National President Ian Leckie provided an update on the situation in Christchurch and the support and advocacy being provided by NZEI.
- New York Summit - Ian Leckie reported on his attendance at the OECD and EI sponsored 'International Summit of the Teaching Profession' and overviewed the four themes that shaped the programme.
- NZEI's Political Strategy - The National Secretary Paul Goulter briefed the group on NZEI's political strategy and campaigns for advancing quality education and moving an already great system to one that is excellent.

Following the plenary the four National Executive Groups (NEAGS) returned to their respective meeting venues. The Council's agenda included the following:

NZEI Subscriptions – Darrell Ward briefed the Council on the proposal to increase members' subscriptions that will be presented to Annual Meeting.

Advancing Quality Public Education (AQPE) – Jane Porter facilitated a session that looked in more detail at the AQPE as the guiding vision for implementing NZEI campaigns and activities including National Standards, the way forward for Maori education ([Whakahau](#), [Whakamana](#), [Whakahihi](#)), the election and encouraging 100,000 conversations re education, Early Childhood Education and, the Term 2 meetings with principals.

Principals' Council meeting with the Support Staff National Caucus – this joint session was arranged to provide an update on the support staff collective agreement bargaining and a briefing about the recently launched report on the Support Staff Workforce Strategy. (Link to be added)

[School is Cool Competition](#) – NZEI initiative to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the New Zealand Education system.

MoE Schools' Property Infrastructure Group - Jerome Sheppard (Policy Manager) and Wayne Tacon (Service Delivery Manager) outlined some of the recent changes within the Ministry following the restructuring review. They explained the role change from funder to asset manager designed to create a greater focus on management of assets, clarity around priorities and differentiated property services to schools. They also provided an update on recovery work following the Christchurch earthquakes.

RTLB Translation – Further to the update on the RTLB translation provided by Paul Potaka and Susan Elliot, Ian Leckie and Paul Goulter briefed the Council on some of the complex industrial issues that still had to be resolved. Arrangements have been made for Paul Goulter to meet with Karen Sewell to discuss this.

Other matters discussed:

Principals' Council support for NZEI Campaign re National Standards – John McKenzie

Public Private Partnerships – Ian Leckie and Paul Goulter

Development of NZEI Professional Development 'Arm' – Paul Goulter

Whakahau, Whakamana, Whakahihi – July McLean and Meri August

National Executive, report – Louise Green

NZPF Conference report, – Jan Tinetti

Advancing Science for the 21st Century forum, report – Janice Shramka

RERG Meeting, report – Brian Bell

Teachers Council Elections – Louise Green

Meeting with Minister re Bullying, report – Louise Green

Principal Support Officers' Report – Brian Bell