

Response to Unconfirmed School Education Review Report

Name of Institution: Little River School 3418

Chairperson, Board of Trustees: Mr M O'Donnell

Please complete either section 1 or 2.

Section 1

The unconfirmed Education Review Report has been received and there are no errors of fact.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Section 2

The following errors of fact are noted. The original report and supporting documentation are attached. (Please note on this page if you have used additional pages.)

On the basis that the Board of Trustees anticipate that this report will be read by (or at least made available to) our school community, there are some comments in the report that, without further context, do not fairly represent what we discussed and agreed at our follow-up meeting.

Our request/suggestions are as follow:

This comment in section 2.2 could easily be read as a systemic failure and the terms 'urgent' implies no work has been done toward a school-identified development area.

ERO's comment under sections 1.1 and 1.2 refer to the school's ability to track and monitor specific children and their progress and that there is a good starting point for further development and improvement with school wide tracking processes.

The term 'transparent infrastructure' is too ambiguous in this instance:

There is an urgent need for trustees and leaders to ensure that the school has an efficient, effective and transparent infrastructure that enables teachers to track, report and evaluate student wellbeing and learning progress and achievement.

Our suggestion:

The school has shown it is refining a suitable tracking system in order to chart progress and evaluate achievement for all students, through recent work with a Ministry of Education Student Achievement project and the trial of a model system aimed to improve shared data analysis and employ the power of its current Student Management System.

Regarding the second bulletpoint comment at the end of section 3, the Board of Trustees understand that this comment refers to the need to record 'in committee' meetings and discussions – we accepted it as a valid and constructive comment that requires action. However, again it implies we do not run and record our regular meetings adequately:

Areas for improved compliance practice

To improve current practice, the board of trustees should:

- improve documentation of some compliance and health and safety procedures
- ensure documentation of meetings meets good practice requirements.

Our suggestion:

Although Little River School Board of Trustees was able to share detailed minutes of standard monthly meetings, they are understood to have held in-committee meetings to address specific incidents involving students and regarding their multi-agency support and welfare, and property/redevelopment meetings. These have not generally been recorded and need to be in future.

Signed:



Date:



Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Please sign and return to the office no later than 04/07/18.

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