

Community Consultation Policy

RATIONALE:

Students are better able to attain their highest levels of engagement, progress and achievement outcomes when the school and community are working together.

PURPOSE:

- To enhance learning by maintaining a responsive and effective partnership with the school community.
- To ensure the school is responsive to the needs and wishes of the community by seeking school community involvement in establishing and reviewing school policies, charter and visions

GUIDELINES

- Parents and caregivers will be welcomed, and opportunities provided for involvement in school activities.
- Arranged visits to the classroom will be welcome and encouraged and will be conducted to ensure the least disruption.
- The school will communicate and consult with its community by:
 - Regular newsletters from school, Board of Trustees, PTA and Whanau Tahī.
 - By arranging meetings / workshops e.g. workshops for curriculum and other school activities.
 - **Student led conferences**
 - West End School Policy & Procedure Handbook will be held in the Office for parents / caregivers to view and obtain copies.
- The school community will be involved where input is required eg Strategic Plan / Policy, with a view that consultation should be an on-going part of school life rather than a series of unrelated additional tasks.
- Tangata Whenua and parents of children who are Maori will be encouraged to guide and assist in school activities to acknowledge the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Other cultural groups will be encouraged to guide and assist in school activities to acknowledge the importance of their cultures in the school.
- The important roles of the PTA/ Taneurangi ki Manawatu in the West End School community is critical and will be encouraged.
- **The school will be responsive to changing methods of communication.**

CONCLUSION

Consultation is a continuous, long term process which should aim to establish a genuine level of communication between the school and the community and a mutual sharing of viewpoints on a two-way basis.

Signed:  (Board Chair)

Name: 

Date: 

Review Date: