



Candidate Statements

RACHAEL FINDLAY-CLARKE



My name is Rachael Findlay-Clarke. I am a teacher (and Team Leader) at Sunnynook Primary School but more importantly I am passionate about Education and Community. I joined Wairau Board of Trustees in Sept 2017. I have worked hard

with the last BOT and the Principal to achieve a positive ERO report and establish a new school website, amongst other achievements. I would love to continue my work for Wairau Intermediate. My key beliefs; * Relationships are the keystone of education. Trust, communication and integrity are paramount, whether the person is a child, parent, community member or colleague. * Effective teaching practice, driven by the desire to improve students' achievement, reflects the qualities of an

active, life-long learner with a growth mindset. * Collaboration brings together everyone's strengths and bridges weaknesses. * I believe in creating an environment where children and young people are at the center of their learning. Not only are their ideas, interests and experiences valued, they are motivators and pathways to learning. * All children deserve a passionate teacher who values education and new opportunities. * Be part of the solution. I believe in being proactive; identifying and responding to needs. This is a value I take into everything I do and is evident in roles I take on in the community and in my professional roles. I believe this attitude reflects my ability to see the big picture.

MICHELLE WEBB-ATKINSON

My name is Michelle Webb-Atkinson and my youngest son has just started year 7 at Wairau Intermediate. My oldest son had an enjoyable two years, at Wairau, where he had a lot of opportunities to participate and new experiences. His learning at Wairau equipped him well for college where he is doing very well in year 10. The relationships I have established during the last three years mean I am familiar with the school and its strategic direction. I am a current trustee and during my term on the board I have been involved in the completed ERO review, empowering staff professional development and I am currently on the finance subcommittee. I have enjoyed my time as a parent representative and believe I have contributed in a positive way. I feel my skills, experience and the consistency of board members would benefit the school community. I understand the responsibilities of being on a board and would relish the opportunity to continue to share my knowledge and expertise with our school for the benefit of the students, teachers, support staff and school whanau. Outside of my board commitments I am involved in several other

community groups. I am a trustee on the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust and president of the Haven Netball Club. I have just completed my second term as a trustee on the BOT at Bayview Primary School. I am also a Life Member of Onewa Parents Centre and have been a member of the following committees; Labten Netball Club, Mayfield Scouts, Sharks Netball Club, Shephards Park Squash Club and was a member of the Netball North Harbour Executive for two years. I work part time for Heart Kids NZ, as the National Grants Fundraiser. Heart Kids is a charity supporting children born with a Congenital Heart Defect. The skill set I bring to the board is organisation, efficiency and experience. I am committed to being involved in my children's schooling, supporting Wairau and I would appreciate your vote.

MELISSA JACKSON



As a former pupil of Wairau Intermediate School, I would like to be an active leader on the Board, having the skills and experience to contribute with the importance of preparing students for life beyond school. I am passionate about education and would value working with a team of people that share a common purpose of ensuring all students receive

the best possible education, respecting the strengths and diverse range of knowledge and skills each Board member brings to the table. I am a confident person with an enthusiastic attitude including strong administration and communication skills. I have strong attention to detail and documentation skills as well as excellent time management and the ability to work in a fast-paced and high-pressured environment. • 10 years+ EA experience in a corporate environment • Experience in dealing with senior employees and the ability to communicate with ease • Someone who is flexible and happy to assist where needed • Well organised and able to communicate clearly and effectively and relate well to a wide range of people in both oral and written format and excels at listening effectively • Able to identify problems and logically develop and provide solutions, involving others where appropriate • Take responsibility for own actions and makes decisions • Seek opportunities to improve work procedures • Self-starter and take initiative • Have the ability to work successfully with people of all views and preferences, recognising and respecting differences • High attention to detail and the ability to multi-task

BENJI POTVIN



I have been involved in school boards for the last 6 years, as I have 4 kids that have gone through from primary school through High school. I currently have 2 boys that are at Wairau Intermediate. I have significant knowledge in Board governance, as I was the Board Chair at Sunnynook Primary for the last 6 years. Managed to achieve several milestone, new Principal appointment, shade structure and completed all of the property projects under the 10 year property plan. We also achieved tremendous learning achievements through diligent reviews of student performance. We as a board also contributed significant funding towards improving students achievements of specific non performing clusters. Personal experience, I am a chief financial officer, civil engineer and company director and can bring a wealth of expertise to the board from a professional perspective. Regards, Benji Potvin.

NATALEE SCRIPPS-HAWKINS

My son will be attending this school in 2020 and I would love to able to assist the school continue to grow and develop into a top school for the area. I would also be able to provide extensive experience in Health, Safety and Wellbeing with 14+ experience plus holding senior management roles within multiples industries in NZ. I am also a passionate person who loves seeing people grow especially our younger generation.

JONATHAN STIRLING

Hi, I'm Jonathan. I have lived on the North Shore for the past 20 years. I am married and have 2 children who have gone right through Sunnynook primary and now are both attending Wairau Intermediate, one in Year 7 and the other in Year 8. I am an engaged parent, attending and/or assisting where possible for school events, including school camp. As

such, I have seen both the good aspects as well as the areas that need improvement at Wairau Intermediate, and would like your support to help lead Wairau forward. As a Consultant Engineer, I am comfortable engaging and working as part of a team, and am not afraid to ask the hard questions to keep the Board and the School accountable to their responsibilities of educating our children. I look forward to putting my passion, energy and skills to work to realise the potential of Wairau Intermediate.

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