

DEAF CHILDREN NEW ZEALAND

Tamariki Turi O Aotearoa



Minutes of the Executive Committee of Deaf Children New Zealand

Date	Sunday 14th June, 2020
Venue	Online Zoom Meeting
Meeting opened	7.10pm
Present	Kate Whale, Dana Cook, Gill Bonnett, Katie McMenamin, Karen Dobson, Meg Melvin
Apologies	Brent Burcher
Previous Minutes	<p>MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting dated 7th March, 2020 be correct.</p> <p>MOVED: SECONDED: CARRIED</p>
Critical General Business	

President's Report	
Current situation	With the Covid-19 situation turning the whole world upside down, the last few months have been very quiet for us. We are all still working our way through our new normal, so we have to have patience and a bit of kindness to ourselves when working out our roles.
FCEI	This has been postponed to the same time next year. Hopefully Kate will be able to get a flights refund and be able to rebook for next year, but currently we have no idea what will happen there.
Contact from families	<p>There have been a few conversations happening with families around the country, primarily around the services provided by the Deaf Education Centres. These have included a lack of clarity around what they new merged school will provide, and what happens to ORS funding when a child isn't receiving service from one of the DECs. This is an ongoing conversation, and one that needs to be dealt with both with the DECs and with the Ministry of Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm still trying to work out a time to meet with the new CEO/ Principal of the new school, and put some of these questions to him. - I would like to find out from families who have done it, what the process is around removing ORS funding from the DECs and using it for services for individual children.
Family Kits	Haven't been able to be sent out over lockdown as we need more resources for the Kits that we couldn't access. Hopefully these will start going out soon.

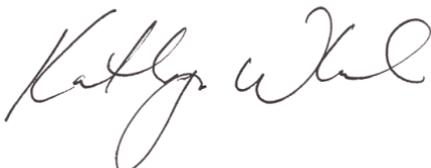
MOTION: That the President's report be received/accepted. MOVED: Kate W		SECONDED: CARRIED
Actions from President's report	Nil	

Secretary's Report (No report)	

MOTION: That the Secretary's report be received/accepted. MOVED: Brent B		SECONDED: CARRIED
Actions from Secretary's report	Nil	

Treasurer's Report (See report)		
MOTION: That the Treasurer's report be received/accepted. MOVED: Justin F		SECONDED: CARRIED
Actions from Treasurer's report		

General Business	
Camp 2021	<p>We are looking at a tentative date of the 12th to the 14th of February next year, in Auckland.</p> <p>Lots of conversation around how best to run a camp without destroying the committee in the process (last camp broke many of us, and that isn't sustainable.) We will look at funding an events manager to run the camp, and the option of having the camp do all the cooking and cleaning in order to free the committee up for other tasks. Potentially we will also roster one member</p>

	<p>from each family for a job over the weekend, so everyone has an opportunity to help.</p> <p>Meg will apply for funding, but we won't find out until September, at which point we will put out a 'Registration of Interest' for us to get an idea of numbers. We will need to put in place a priority list, for example those who haven't been to a camp will be prioritised over those who have been to two camps already.</p> <p>We discussed potentially changing the way we run these events, e.g. a regional day event but decided to stick with the camp. However, the February 2021 Camp will be the decider as to whether the long-term benefits of the camp outweigh the cost and effort.</p>
Community Manager Role	We are applying for funding to continue the role of Community Manager for approx. 10 hours a week. This role is essential to the successful running of DCNZ, and we hope this will come to fruition.
Meeting Closed	
Next Meeting	
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

POSITION: President	COMPLETED BY: Kate Whale
Period this report covers: Nov 2019 - March 2020	Date: 3rd March, 2020

Contacts			
Email	Phone	Face to Face	Other
46	22	0	1 Zoom meeting for GPODHH

Item	y/n	Attention required
UPDATES - ACTIONS (Cut and paste from 'To-do' list)		
POINTS OF DISCUSSION FOR EXEC		

Topic	Summary
FCEI 2020	There looks to be some issues around whether this will go ahead due to health issues globally. I will need to look into whether this is something that can get insurance to refund costs or not. Looking dodgy.
NZSL Funding	Meg will talk about this further, but so far she is doing an amazing job wrangling contact and registration from families, NZSL tutors in each region and the financial side of things as well. Amazing work from Meg.
GPODHH	I was unable to attend the last GPODHH Zoom meeting as the international time conversion meant that it happened while I was at work. I have attached the minutes for those who are interested.
Extension of the Community Manager role	Meg is looking for funding to continue the Community Manager role as having someone who can focus time and energy on DCNZ tasks has ensured that things are being completed where before they weren't. Ideally if we could continue this role for another two years it would open up a lot of possibilities in terms of how we collect and use data on our families, as

	well as how best we support them.
Database	Our current database is outdated and pretty much useless in terms of accessing data. Meg has a solution that she and I have talked through, and she will talk about this in her report.
Committee Responsibilities	<p>A year or so ago, I talked about the expectations on the committee in terms of checking and replying to emails. With new committee members, I need to reiterate this again.</p> <p>We often need fairly prompt replies for things, and we we have a quorum of 5 (? committee members needed for decisions. However, I am finding that on quite a few occasions, we have the same few people replying and no feedback from others.</p> <p>I understand that we all have prior commitments, but 15 minutes once a week is not a massive undertaking. It is part of being a committee.</p> <p>Please can everyone commit to one evening a week (let's all agree on the same one) at least to check emails and complete DCNZ tasks.</p>

**SIGNED
POSITION**

Kate Whale, President.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

POSITION: Family Kit Coordinator	COMPLETED BY: Kate Whale
Period this report covers: Nov 2019 - March 2020	Date: 3rd March, 2020

Contacts			
Email	Phone	Face to Face	Other
2	0	2	0

Statistics		
By gender	Boys	34
	Girls	27
	Other	1
By age	Under 2	14
	2-5 years	22
	6-9 years	15
	10-12 years	3
	Over 12	8
By region	Northland	2
	Auckland	8
	Bay of Plenty	1
	Taranaki	3
	Hawkes Bay	3
	Waikato	4
	Wellington	10
	Canterbury	13
	South Canterbury	1
	Otago	4
	Southland	8
	Other	5
Total Registrations	62	

Topic	Summary
Ages and Stages	Meg and I have been working on a way to make the database work for us in order to send out specific Kits for ages and stages of our kids. This has been a work in progress for a while now, but we are still working out the best way to make this happen.

Resources	Again, I am still seeking resources to put into our Family Kits, including specifics for each age and stage. Resources include but not limited to... <ul style="list-style-type: none">- books, toys and games- specific D/deaf/HH books- Parent stories and shared information- Hints and Tips for teachers- Hints and Tips for parents
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