

Waiheke Island Steiner School Development Update

At our last presentation to the Local Board in November 2015 we reported to the board in regard to our business plan, media presence, buy-in and support from the Ministry of Education and Michael Park school in Auckland, and the interest of parents and teachers. We continued this work and developed further details for the set up of the school including its governance structure.

The key next step is to find a venue. Currently we are following up a range of options, including short and long term possibilities.

We are still interested in exploring the option to use Surfdale hall as a temporary venue. We understand that the Local Board will discuss at their meeting tonight the utilisation of community halls on the island and that there is a need for an improvement in this space.

Our previous proposal to the board included taking over responsibility for the management of Surfdale hall as well. We understand this might not be a straight forward process and hence want to put forward a proposal to the board to just hire the hall on a regular basis.

The following is an outline of our needs what we can offer as a regular community group using the hall:

Rental terms

We would like the use of the Surfdale Community Hall for 4 -5 days per week (Monday-Friday), during school term. There would also be some evening meetings each term.

We would like to start at the beginning of Term 3 (25 July 2016), bearing in mind that we need to allow at least 3 months for Ministry of Education registration and Auckland Council consents.

School hours 8.30am - 2.30pm, with the potential to finish earlier on one day per week on a regular basis or occasionally (eg once a month), if required.

We would like to have a 2 year rental agreement, with the option to renew it for 3 more years i.e. 5 years maximum. We expect we would outgrow this location within 2-5 years. In anticipation of this we are already in discussion with some landowners about a long term location.

The school

Primary school, made up of 2 -3 classes, of around 25 – 35 children in total.

Packing up & storage

Desks, chairs and a movable dividing wall will be moved to the sides of the room, as required.

Full pack-up will be undertaken at the end of each term, and also on occasion for special events so that the hall is completely cleared for use.

We would like to have a small amount of secure space for storing teachers' resources (e.g. books and art supplies).

Cleaning

We would ensure the space is kept clean and tidy for other users and, in addition, there could be a deep clean each week.

Budget

We are willing to negotiate a weekly or yearly payment.

If our proposal sounds like a possibility to the Local Board, we would like to engage in further discussions.

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