



**Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting of
MONTESSORI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
Held at Convention Centre, Napier
Saturday 7th July, 2018 5.15-6.15 pm**

1. WELCOME, KARAKIA AND WAIATA

MANZ President, Gillian Somers, welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

2. APOLOGIES

Carol Potts, Jan Gaffney, Lucie Hyett, Diane Bhana, Rachel Dawson, Karen Hudson, Vicky Lumsden

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

MANZ Council (1 vote)

Gillian Somers (President), Anne-Marie Love (Treasurer), Rose Phillips, Mamira Ali, Louise Booth, Michela Homer.

MANZ School Members (1 vote worth 5)

Cambridge Montessori, Daisy Cottage Montessori, Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School, Kauri Montessori Pre school, Lil Champs ELC & Montessori Preschool Mission Heights and Papatoetoe, Little Einsteins Montessori, Little Steps Montessori, Little Sweethearts Montessori, Manaaki Montessori@Tawa Primary, Meraki Montessori, Montessori@Arataki Primary, Montessori@Bellevue Primary, Montessori@Berhampore Primary, Montessori@Howick Primary, Montessori@Matakana Primary, Montessori@Otari Preschool, Montessori@Sout End Primary, Montessori@Moturoa Primary, Montessori@Port Ahuriri Primary, Montessori Bethlehem, Montessori Blenheim, Montessori Children's House Wanaka, Montessori House of Children, Montessori Invercargill Children's House, Montessori Kapiti, Montessori Milestones Preschool, Montessori St Albans, Nelson Montessori, New Plymouth Montessori School, Stoke Montessori Preschool, The Tree House Bilingual Montessori Preschool, Wa Ora Montessori School

MANZ Individual Members (1 vote)

Andrew Carter, Bronwyn Norman, Dimitra Pantazis, Lois McConnell, Pam Shand, Roberta Coutts, Tania Gaffney, Todd Rigg Carriero, Rose Phillips, Gillian Somers.

Other people in attendance

Cathy Wilson (MANZ Executive Officer), Charmaine Brown (MANZ Accounts and Administration Officer) Jessie Levendis (Scrutineer) Paula Crisp (Otari School), Kishni Mendis (Montessori Children's House Wanaka), Michael Conroy (DMS Victoria Australia), Marie Finkle (Wa Ora Montessori), Jackie Kirk (Wa Ora Montessori), Dannielle King, (Wa Ora Montessori), Krista Kerr (Wa Ora Montessori), Sharon Udy (Wa Ora Montessori), Thomas McGrath (Wa Ora Montessori), Robin Wilkins (Wa Ora Montessori), Rachel Ammundsen (Moturoa School), Janice Wahapang, (The Tree House),

Proxy votes

Gillian Somers for Fountain City
Gillian Somers for Montessori Rangimarie
Gillian Somers for Totara Hill Montessori
Michela Homer Montessori Rongotai
Michela Homer Montessori Kilbirnie
Mamira Ali Waikato Montessori Education Centre
Roberta Coutts for Aroha Montessori
Deborah Sorrenson for Montessori Primary@Otari School Wilton Montessori Education Trust

4. CONFIRMATION OF 2017 MANZ AGM MINUTES

Moved that the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved:Tania Gaffney
Seconded:Susan Watson
All in favour, carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2017 MINUTES

None

6. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Gillian Somers, MANZ President, gave a brief outline of her report which was in the 2017 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Moved: Gillian Somers
Seconded: Roberta Coutts
All in favour, carried

7. REPORT ON MANZ STRATEGIC AIMS (2015-19)

Cathy Wilson, Executive Officer, gave an outline of the progress made against the Strategic Aims as reported in the Annual Report. This was made available to members prior to AGM.

Moved: Tesmeen Couper
Seconded: Jo Radley
All in favour, carried

8. 2017 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2017 BUDGET

Anne-Marie Love, MANZ Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the 2017 Annual Financial Statements from the 2017 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Anne-Marie Love asked that the 2018 Budget be accepted.

Moved: Anne-Marie Love
Seconded: Rose Phillips
All in favour, carried

9. AGM REMITS

There were two constitutional remits that were circulated to members in the 2017 Annual Report. Gillian Somers gave an overview of the remits as proposed in the Annual Report:

Remit 1

Delete

10.2 The total membership of the Council will be between six (6) and nine (9).

Replace with

10.2 The total membership of the Council will be seven (7).

Delete

10.2.2 Six (6) to nine (9) Council members elected by the Membership.

Replace with

10.2.2 Seven (7) Council members elected by the Membership.

Delete

10.2.3 Of these six (6) to nine (9) positions at least four (4) will be Montessori early childhood teachers and at least one (1) will be a Montessori primary teacher.

Replace with

10.2.3 Of these seven (7) positions at least four (4) will be Montessori early childhood teachers and at least one (1) will be a Montessori 6+ teacher.

Remit 2/

Add

10.9 Where a vacancy occurs on Council within the elected members during their term of office, Council has the power to co-opt. Such person will hold the position until the next Annual General Meeting.

10.10 In addition to the power to co-opt to fill vacancies within the elected members under the provision of Rule 10.9, the Council shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional persons for special projects.

10.11 Such person or persons may be co-opted for fixed terms which shall expire no later than the next Annual General Meeting. However, nothing shall prevent a subsequent Council from co-opting such person or persons for additional terms.

Scrutineers: Charmaine Brown and Jessie Levendis

Nominated: Gillian Somers

Seconded: Roberta Coutts

Carried

Results of Remits:

Gillian Somers announced the results of the remits.

Remit 1:

10.2 **Passed**

10.2.2 **Passed**

10.2.3 **Passed**

Remit 2:

10.9 **Passed**

10.10 **Passed**

10.11 **Passed**

10. Nomination for Honorary Member

Dr Nicola Chisnall Nominated: *Roberta Coutts* / *Seconded: Steven Arnold*

Beth Alcorn Nominated: *Roberta Coutts* / *Seconded: Pam Shand*

Gillian read out the nominations for both nominees. Both were **accepted** by the membership. These will be presented at MANZ AGM 2019.

11. NOMINATIONS TO MANZ COUNCIL

Diane Bhana nominated by Lisa Townsend

Todd Rigg Carriero nominated by Karin Waechter

Victoria Denyer nominated by Louise Holmes
Jackie Kirk nominated by Krista Kerr
Michaela Homer Rotation/re-election for Council
Mamira Ali Rotation/re-election for Council

Four Council positions available. Elected: Michela Homer, Mamira Ali, Victoria Denyer, Jackie Kirk

The above four were congratulated.

Diane and Todd were thanked for being prepared to be nominated.

12. Open Forum

- Kelly Norton asked if MANZ was able to support the wellbeing of teachers. Cathy acknowledged that there was definitely an issue with teachers wellbeing and she was well aware that many Montessori kaiako in Units were under pressure from the schools they were in. She mentioned about the *Primary Montessori Unit Guidelines* which she had been working on with the Ministry since June last year. These are now out with a few people for final review and once complete will be sent to ALL principals, trust Board of Trustees and Montessori primary teachers. She is hopeful that these will give support to teachers. She also mentioned that the government's budget for 2019 was actually being called 'Wellbeing Budget' so for all of us it will be interesting to see what comes of this.
- Cathy was thanked for coming to visit Little Steps, Auckland and how much it had been appreciated. Cathy expressed her appreciation of the comment and said it was one of the most enjoyable aspects of her position - being able to visit schools and services.
- Suggestion for conference in the South Island. Gillian responded expressing though it would be nice to take conference to the South Island, unfortunately for a number of years it was a struggle to run workshops in the South Island so there was concern as to whether it would possible to run the conference from there. However, it is a possibility for 2021.
- Eve Scott raised a questions as to why Montessori services were being forced to have cots for young children to sleep in. Cathy said she was not aware of this happening and that in fact there were a number of services who had young children on beds low to the ground or mattresses on the floor. She suggested that Eve talk to Mamira Ali from Montessori House of Children in Hamilton as she has low beds for tamariki at her service. Cathy had also received an email from the Ministry just this last week on the review of cot/bed guidelines asking for feedback, which she hadn't opened yet. She will be addressing it next week and will advise services
- Dimitra Pantazia asked if MANZ had a relationship with NZEI regarding the Montessori Primary Units and if MANZ knew what NZEI thought of them. Cathy said that MANZ did have a relationship with the person who oversees ECE and did know the person who oversees the primary and secondary schools but did not have more than a passing relationship with her. This was something that Cathy was working on developing - but did feel that these things do take time.

13. MANZ nominated Ashton Wheeler to review the accounts for 2018.

Moved: Anne-Marie Love

Seconded: Roberta Coutts

Signed by MANZ President as a true record of the meeting.

Gillian Somers

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