



**Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting of
MONTESSORI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
Saturday 10th July, 2021**

Agenda

- Apologies
- Confirmation of Voting Members
- Confirmation of 2020 MANZ AGM minutes
- Matters Arising from the 2020 Minutes
- MANZ President's Welcome and Introduction
- Report on MANZ Strategic Aims (2020-2024)
- 2020 Annual Financial Reports
- 2021 Budget
- AGM Constitutional Remits 2021 - No remits
- Nominations/Voting MANZ Council 2021
- Open Forum

1. WELCOME, KARAKIA

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

2. APOLOGIES

Schools: Peace Experiment

Individuals: Tania Gaffney, Jan Gaffney

Moved: Gillian Somers
Seconded: Rose Phillips
Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

MANZ Council Members 7 Attendees (1 vote)

Gillian Somers (President), Anne-Marie Love (Treasurer), Rose Phillips, Michela Homer, Victoria Denyer, Krista Kerr, Mamira Ali

MANZ School Members (1 vote = 5)

School Members 35

BestStart Arrowtown, BestStart Kilmarnock St, BestStart Montessori Bethlehem, BestStart Montessori Flagstaff, BestStart Montessori Johnsonville, BestStart Montessori Kilbirnie, BestStart Montessori Mosgiel, BestStart Montessori Otumoetai, BestStart Montessori Rongotai, BestStart Montessori St Albans, BestStart Montessori Taradale, BestStart Montessori The Children's House, BestStart The Gardens, Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School, Keystone Montessori Primary School, Little Earth Montessori Kapiti, Little Engines Montessori, Marshwood Montessori School, Meraki Montessori School, Montessori@Te Kura o Otari, Montessori at Moturoa Primary School, Montessori Children's House Wanaka, Montessori House of Children- Wairere Dr, Montessori@Arataki Primary School, Montessori@Bellevue Primary School, Montessori@Berhampore School, Montessori@Howick Primary, Montessori@Malfroy School, Montessori@Otari Preschool, Montessori@Pakiri Primary School, Montessori@Port Ahuriri Primary School., New Plymouth Montessori School, Nova Montessori School, Totara Hill Montessori, Wa Ora Montessori School, Wairarapa Montessori Preschool

MANZ Individual Members (1 vote)

5 Attendees

Dimitra Pantazis, Gillian Somers, Lois McConnell, Michael Conroy, Rose Phillips.

MANZ Organisation Membership (1 vote)

Te Rito Maioha

Other people in attendance (22)

Cathy Wilson (MANZ Executive Officer), Charmaine Brown (Admin & Accounts), Marie Finkle, Glenda Henderson, Kelly Norton, Abbie Meredith, Leanna Mitchell, Ashleigh Millar, Suzanne Pope-Mayell, Guy Pope-Mayell, Sharon Walker, Pauline Matsis, Anna McLean, Helen Ramsdale, Karena Ngati, Sola Freeman, Clare Czrylle, Janet Brighthouse, Suzanne Eaddy, Karin Waechter, Marielle Esendam, Lee Martin

Proxy votes

Robin Wilkins for Tania Gaffney

4. CONFIRMATION OF 2020 MANZ AGM MINUTES

Moved that the minutes of the 37rd Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Florence Coram

Seconded: Anne-Marie Love

Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2020 MINUTES

None

6. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Gillian Somers, MANZ President, gave a brief outline of her report which was in the 2020 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Moved: Gillian Somers

Seconded: Rose Phillips

Carried

7. REPORT ON MANZ STRATEGIC AIMS (2020-2024)

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: Carol Potts

Seconded: Karin Waechter

Carried

8. 2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2021 BUDGET

Anne-Marie Love, MANZ Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the 2020 Annual Financial Statements from the 2020 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Moved: Anne-Marie Love moved the 2020 Annual Report to be accepted.

Seconded: Rose Phillips

Carried

Moved: Anne-Marie Love moved the 2021 Budget.

Seconded: Pauline Harter

Carried

9. MANZ nominated Ashton Wheeler to be appointed to review the accounts for 2022.

Moved: Anne-Marie Love

Seconded: Rachel Dawson

Carried

10. AGM REMITS

No remits for 2021

11. NOMINATIONS FOR MANZ COUNCIL

Michela Homer

Victoria Denyer

Mamira Ali

Kerry Pratchett

Michela Homer, Victoria Denyer, Mamira Ali elected. Kerry Pratchett was thanked for standing.

12. Honorary Membership

Pam Shand - approved

13. Open Forum

Helen, Montessori@Malfroy thanked Cathy. She can see from all the emails all the work that goes on - hours and hours. She also appreciated visits and connections from Cathy.

Cathy thanked Helen and also congratulated Helen on the work she was doing in the science arena. Cathy spoke of the ERO forum she had attended on the latest ERO science findings stating that out of three speakers, outside of ERO, two were Montessorians - Helen and Sola Freeman.

Dimitra asked "what is happening with primary schools around the country?"

Cathy: Montessori units: there have been a lot of challenges with regards to adhering to the Education and Training Act enforcing Units not being able to charge fees. Some Units are struggling now due to parents choosing not to pay donations. Really important to get parents buy in explaining where the donation money goes to.

There is still growth in the primary sector. We have people driving the establishment of schools in Auckland, Nelson and possibly further South. We also have interest in a high school in Christchurch and last week an inquiry to establish another high school in Auckland.

Gillian: For a long time we have been doing our own thing, but now the question is how do we do our own thing as a system. How do we not squash down what we are doing but rather use this forum to uplift the standard of others around us. Think bigger than our classrooms, a way for the sector to grow.

Pauline Harter: In Carterton, there is a Montessori primary stream in State school and they outnumber the State school students. Lots of great work in Earth School (beekeeping etc, no one wearing uniforms so no difference in appearance between tamariki in two streams). Great feeling of excitement, great that parents are choosing Montessori, kids working together – a true reflection of Aotearoa NZ.

Abby Meredith, Meraki Primary School: Thank you for your work. Asked about Cathy's work for primary in MoE work – is the focus on getting voice heard, building relationships, or is the focus more on ECE?

Cathy: I sit on advisory groups for ECE, primary and high schools. An example: NELP Group. This covers all three sectors and is independent from MoE, ERO and Teaching Council. A place where there is more 'free talk' which turns into letters to the Minister. I have a good relationship with Iona, and this is one avenue where we can promote change and be heard. Gillian and I have a relationship at primary head office and discuss factors happening in the primary. For example: Southend in Carterton contacted Cathy and was able to help out with issues there. Baby steps in this area.

Elena: Thank you everyone for coming together and all the work that you do. Suggestion: there is a lot of interest about trying to set up a new Montessori. Is it possible to get a group set up so that they can share this interest together, for support.

Gillian: We were scheduled to award two honorary memberships (Dave Stott, Jan Gaffney) at Conference 2020 but as this was virtual the decision was made to carry this over to this year. Will be presented at Nibbles and Natter (following AGM).

Money to charities: instead of gift

Kids Can: \$545

Variety Children's charity: \$380

Kaibosh food rescue: \$390

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Somers', written in a cursive style.

Gillian Somers

Date *10th July, 2021*