



**Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of  
MONTESSORI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
Saturday 1st July, 2023**

## **Agenda**

- Apologies
- Confirmation of Voting Members
- Confirmation of 2022 MANZ AGM minutes
- Matters Arising from the 2022 Minutes
- MANZ President's Welcome and Introduction
- Report on MANZ Strategic Aims (2020-2024)
- 2022 Annual Financial Reports
- 2023 Budget
- AGM Constitutional Remits 2023 - No remits
- Nominations/Voting MANZ Council 2023
- Open Forum

### **1. WELCOME, KARAKIA**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

#### Schools:

#### Individuals:

Dimitra Pantazis, Robin Wilkins, Heather Skelton

#### Others:

Clair Edgeler

Moved: Rose Phillips

Seconded: Steven Arnold

*Carried*

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

#### **MANZ Council Members 6 Attendees (1 vote)**

Gillian Somers (President), Anne-Marie Love (Treasurer), Steven Arnold, Michela Homer, Victoria Denyer, Krista Kerr

#### **MANZ School Members (1 vote = 5)**

##### **17 School Members**

BestStart Montessori Bethlehem, BestStart Montessori Johnsonville, BestStart Montessori Kilbirnie, BestStart Montessori St Albans , Birkenhead Point Montessori , Cool Kids Montessori ELC Lynfield, Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary , Glendowie Montessori Preschool, Grey Lynn Montessori Preschool, Marshwood Montessori School, Montessori at Moturoa Primary School, Montessori Children's House Wanaka, Montessori @ Arataki Primary School, Montessori@ Bellevue Primary School, New Plymouth Montessori School, Peace Experiment, Wā Ora Montessori School

#### **MANZ Individual Members (1 vote)**

##### **6 Attendees**

Carli Hausler, Carol Potts, Gillian Somers, Michela Homer, Rose Phillips, Tania Gaffney

#### **MANZ Organisation Membership (1 vote)**

Nil

#### **Other people in attendance (19)**

Cathy Wilson (MANZ Chief Executive), Laurel Kerr (Admin & Accounts), Debbie Senoff Langford (Honorary Member), Rachel Ammundsen, Claire Gribben, Linda Downey, Lee Martin Anna McLean, Michelle Hazlehurst, Anna Mitchell, Karen Ogilvie, Elaine Hubbard, Kerry Pratchett, Katy Cottrell, Suzane Eaddy, Marie Finkle, Deepika Liyanaarachchige

#### **Proxy votes**

None received.

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF 2022 MANZ AGM MINUTES**

Moved that the minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Rachel Dawson

Seconded: Anne-Marie Love

*Carried*

### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2022 MINUTES**

None

## 6. **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Gillian Somers, MANZ President, read her report which was in the 2022 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

### Questions:

Steven

Do you see Montessori in good heart?

*Answers*

- Exciting initiatives, meeting the needs of our organisation.
- Using NZ speakers - MANZ growing up and taking the next stage of leadership. Need to be thinking of succession.
- Need to be bringing younger people into working groups and on MANZ.

Asked Debbie Senoff Langford, "How is Montessori internationally"?

- Congratulations that MANZ is celebrating its 40 year AGM.
- Need to reach out to the public sector.
- Professional development needs to reach out to the sector.

Does MANZ have any Special projects?

- Looking at supporting the Montessori Masters papers
- Need to look at succession planning for the organisation

Moved: Gillian Somers

Seconded: Kerry Pratchett

*Carried*

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

Cathy Wilson, Chief Executive, 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 the AGM.

### Questions:

How many schools do we have: *At the end of 2022 122 school members. 4238 families*

How many have we lost through finances: *One through the 2022 year.*

Do most members attend conference: *About 2/3 of our member schools attend.*

Does Cathy know how many NZers are going to the Thailand congress? *12*

- *Presenting: Carol Palmer (non member), Arapera Herewine-Card and Cathy Wilson, Nik Parkin (Peace Experiment).*
- *Cathy is on the organising committee*

What review is happening with the primary Units? *MOE requested review of Montessori Unit Guidelines to update in line with the Education and Training Act. It has been a very slow process with this now nearly completed. All Units will receive a copy of the revised changes when completed. Gillian mentioned we are keeping communication open with MOE.*

Why doesn't the MoE want Montessori?

- *The MoE prefers mainstream as it is easier to manage 1 stream when assessing equity & excellence. Principals have a large impact on the Units.*
- *If a principal changes, it is often challenging with a new principal who doesn't understand Montessori.*
- *The micro level work with MOE is positive although there are different experiences in different parts of the country*

Moved: Tania Gaffney  
Seconded: Anna McLean  
*Carried*

**8. 2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2023 BUDGET**

Anne-Marie Love, MANZ Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the 2022 Annual Financial Statements from the 2022 Annual Report. This was made available to all members prior to the AGM.

Anne-Marie Love moved the 2022 Annual Report to be accepted.  
Seconded: Steven Arnold  
*Carried*

Anne-Marie Love moved the 2023 Budget.  
Seconded: Rose Phillips  
*Carried*

**9. MANZ nominated Ashton Wheeler to be appointed to review the accounts for 2024.**

Moved: Anne-Marie Love  
Seconded: Victoria Denyer  
*Carried*

**10. AGM REMITS**

No remits for 2023

**11. NOMINATIONS FOR MANZ COUNCIL**

No spaces available.

**12. Honorary Membership**

None proposed

**13. Open Forum**

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



Gillian Somers

Date: 6 July, 2024