



PTA Consultation

Terri Johnstone attended the Sumner School PTA meeting on Monday the 20th of August to gather feedback on what the PTA would like to see in the new Principal. 6 PTA members were in attendance.

The PTA would like a Principal who...

- Is flexible.
- Runs a tight ship.
- Is part of the PTA and helps to coordinate fundraising events.
- Is a good communicator e.g. fronting the community and assemblies, and through written mediums such as the newsletter.
- Not only consults with parents but listens and takes on board what they have to say.
- Fosters a school-wide curriculum that includes sport, Arts, and languages with an emphasis on Te Reo.
- Knows who the children are and is present around the school.
- Understands best practice and uses this as a reason to drive change.
- Models physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.
- Continues to foster business connections throughout the community.
- Maintains the character and values focus of the school.
- Relates well to children through play, ensuring personalised learning.
- Encourages children's love of learning and the ability to learn with others.
- Enhances the school curriculum through utilising the environment and hooking into parental value systems such as Enviro-schools.

The PTA believe that suitability traits above are as important as eligibility traits such as Principal experience. The fit with the community is very important to this parent community.