

HASTINGS GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BOT MINUTES APRIL 2020

Date:	Wednesday 13 April 2020	
Time:	5.16pm	
Location:	Via Zoom	
Minutes		
1	Online meeting etiquette	Hannah Portas
2	Apologies, New members and declarations of interests	Hannah Portas
3	Phones and data plans	Hannah Portas
	<p>Background:</p> <p>Prior to lock-down the MOE contacted us to find out about student access to devices and data. We took a count at our last assembly, then narrowed it down. We felt that we were close to what we needed. Emma, Catherine and Glen, prepared devices in the week prior to lock-down. We had 90 devices ready to go at the time of lock-down. We knew some girls wouldn't have data at home. The MOE are looking at modems but we were able to purchase cell phones with data, which could be used to hotspot. We are short, and need to supply more. Because we are a fees free school, and due to our curriculum now being delivered online, we are obligated to support our students to access the information. With the MOEs help, we will have 100% of our students online. We believe that we will have 35 students that need data. Catherine proposes that we provide data to those identified students for the remainder of the school year. The figures come from the data provided at the time of the lock-down.</p>	Catherine Bentley
	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Jason: The school is in a good space.</p> <p>Jacqui: Monthly cost is \$45 per month, unlimited data. Concerns raised in email, are due to human behaviour and people feeling that they should have access to the same resources as those who are receiving it. Catherine understood Jacqui's point and felt that if we could be firm on the criteria, and that is was based on what happened at the time of lock-down. Jacqui is concerned that due to the lock-down, families have lost income and will now be at a disadvantage, and how do we make it fair for everyone. Jacqui and Anna felt that the option should either be available to all students who need it. Grant understood Jacqui and Anna point of view, however, felt that we should be asking the MOE what support they can give us. Grant wanted to clarified, that \$14,000 was for the whole year for data including phones. What is happening with the suppliers regarding data? Catherine to ask when speaking to Vodafone. Jacqui expressed a need for an application process for those who will need it in the future. Emma, said there are 10 that need data and possibly another 5 have recently come forward. When we move to level 3 we will be able to supply more devices. Emma felt that unlimited data, also supports sibling in those same households who cannot access their schooling. Hannah asked Catherine what the MOE are doing to supply modems. Catherine didn't know what was happening. Catherine understands that the MOE have split the project into two teams: Devices and Data. Anne Milne is doing a webinar tomorrow on Facebook at 11am, which is around what we are talking about here. Catherine is going to get Juliet to have another look at the budget with a new lense. Hannah as what we are doing to ensure that students are using the devices responsible. Catherine said that we are operating in this manner already. We cannot monitor what the students are doing on the devices or the phones. Grant asked if the MOE devices are ours. Catherine clarified that the MOE devices are the MOE's but the phones are ours. Hannah asked if parents would feel responsibly/stress for the devices. Catherine didn't</p>	

	<p>believe so. Hannah asked if Catherine would be comfortable with extending to end of Term Two then review for Term Three. Catherine said yes, she just felt that if due the struggles that girls are facing, that it would be a nice thing to do. Plus this has pushed us into a new way of work that will likely continue for our staff/students.</p> <p>Jordan as if the phones were going to be one per student, for those who at the beginning at the lock-down Jordan agreed to provide data until the end of the year, but felt that there should be an application process for those that need the access after the fact.</p>	
	<p>Motion to purchase an additional 39 unlimited data plans, and 10 new phones.</p> <p>Moved by Hannah Portas Seconded by Jacqui Davis</p>	
	<p>Hannah called for a voted to provide data to those already identified until the end of the year.</p> <p>All agreed</p>	
	<p>Motion that SLT design an application process for providing data, including access to resources at school, such as free wifi at school.</p>	
	<p>Motion that this be reviewed at the end of Term Two. With an update for the BOT at the next meeting, via the Principals update.</p>	
	<p>Add updated budget to the next agenda</p>	
4	General Principals update for the Board	Catherine Bentley
5	Any other business	
6	Preparation for next meeting	