

MINUTES Advisory Group on Charter Schools 10 December 2018

Location	Auckland Regional Office, Ministry of Education, Auckland		
Board Attendees	Bruce Adin (Chair) Bernardine Vester (Deputy Chair) Murray Jack Jason Swann		
Apologies	Moe Milne Te Rau Kupenga		
Ministry Attendees	Jackie Talbot, Group Manager, Secondary Tertiary and Partnership Schools (morning only); Simon Laube, Senior Manager; Principal Advisor (minutes)		

s 9(2)(a) OIA Item Actions **Due Date** 1. Welcome / Apologies The Chair welcomed members and noted apologies from Moe and Te Rau. There were no updates to the conflicts of interest register. Draft minutes from the 30 August, 9 October meetings, Ministry to finalise and meeting notes from the 28 November teleconference minutes ready for were considered. Final minutes were approved. inclusion in proactive release 2. Termination update/update on behalf of the Deputy Secretary Jackie Talbot noted that Ellen MacGregor-Reid sent her Noted apologies as she had a prior commitment. The Advisory Group On behalf of the Deputy Secretary, Jackie provided an asked Jackie to pass on update on the termination of charter school contracts and their thanks to Ellen progress with transition arrangements as schools open as either state integrated or designated character schools in 2019 and 2020. The Advisory Group was advised that the Waitangi Tribunal was considering whether or not to grant urgency to the charter school claim (Wai 2770). The claimants do Noted not include any charter school sponsors. The Tribunal's decision is expected in early 2019. Noted s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA, s 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA Noted

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4.	Disengagement plans an	d reporting requirements		
•	school contracts. The plan required to bring the contra successful transition to the complete these activities b	uired for all terminated charter is set out the activities that are act to an end and to support a new school. Sponsors must efore they can invoice the settlement payment. Most	Noted	
•	agreement (MTA), and spo	ed, unless otherwise requested	Noted	
•	In all cases sponsors are r Q4/annual reports.	not required to submit	Noted	
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5.	2017 Assessment Review	vs Update		
•	The Ministry submitted its Education Report to the Minister on 7 December 2018, together with a letter from the Chair and copies of the proposed Advisory Group letters to each sponsor informing them of the outcome of their 2017 assessment reviews.		Noted	
•	The Ministry will update the Advisory Group once the Minister's decision is known.		Ministry to update Advisory Group as and	
•	Performance Assessment confirming the decisions, a relating to the review of as	sessment decisions will be dy for proactive release in early	when possible Ministry to update Advisory Group on the proactive release at the Feb 2019 meeting	
6.	Administrative matters			
•	Members were reminded to submit invoices to the Ministry for payment, and relevant tax information (e.g. WHT Exemption certificates) as soon as practicable.		Advisory Group members to submit outstanding invoices and relevant tax material to Ministry for	
•	and confirmed as procedu	eting schedule was updated re:	payment.	
	28 October 2018 (teleconference)	1 x daily rate (0.5 preparation and/or follow-up 0.5 meeting)		
	School visits	0.5 x daily rate		
	10 December 2018	2 x daily rate (1 day preparation and/or follow-up 1 day meeting)	Agreed	
•	For non-scheduled Advisory Group activities, these could be charged on the standard hourly rates.		Noted	

•	The next scheduled face-to-face meetings are in 2019. They are:	
	 11 February 2019 (Wellington) 	Noted
	 12 March 2019 (Wellington). 	
•	The work plan for the Advisory Group will be updated to reflect the supplementary reports that are expected; clearly identifying where activities will be undertaken by the Advisory Group or the Ministry (if after the Advisory Group is wound up).	Ministry to action and include in papers for Feb 2019 meeting
7.	Quarter 3 (2018) monitoring update	
•	An overview paper on Q3 performance monitoring was tabled. It set out the reporting that had been received and what was still expected to be received.	Noted
•	The Ministry had held Q3 teleconferences with most sponsors. Further meetings were planned before Christmas. Routine performance issues were identified and follow up requested of sponsors.	Noted
•	The Ministry has contracted Dr Kane Meissel to analyse sponsors' National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori student achievement reporting, with Dr Meissel's analysis expected to be considered by the Advisory Group for its 2018 assessment report.	Noted
•	The Ministry advised that Dr Meissel had also been commissioned to produce a supplementary report for the Ministry on student achievement progress at Villa Education Trust's (VET) two charter schools. This work was undertaken in accordance with a separate undertaking the Ministry had given to VET in 2016.	Noted
•	VET submitted individualised student achievement data for e-asTTle to the Ministry. Dr Meissel will analyse this data against VET's contracted performance standards. VET will be responsible for final sign off of their performance results against their schools' performance standards.	Noted
8.	2018 Assessment Process	
•	The Advisory Group considered the initial draft of its 2018 assessment report.	Noted
•	The Advisory Group's 2018 fast-track report is expected to include making final assessments of school performance on the following contract standards: Student achievement (Years 1-8 only) Student engagement	Noted
	 Priority Learners 	
•	Indication of the financial reporting would be included based on self-reporting, but no assessment would be undertaken as audited accounts were not available. The Ministry was considering whether a supplementary report	Noted
	would be required. Any supplementary report (if required) would be completed after the conclusion of the 2018 fast-track process.	Noted
•	Student achievement (NCEA school leavers) would not	

	be assessed but would be reported by the Ministry once available in late 2019.	Noted	
9.	Any other business		
•	The Chair thanked Advisory Group members and Ministry attendees for their attendance and contribution.		

Meeting closed 2.35pm