Board of Trustees Opinion

The board values student achievement and feels that this is the core role of Freyberg.

- The school has the goal of improving student performance, and the board feels that spending money on the school network would be the best ways to do this.

- Giving students quick and reliable access to computers wold help to improve students ability to get information and therefore gain better grades.

- Feel that is would help internal assessment results as students would be able to better use their time in class as logging on would become quicker.

- The board is at present unable to afford to upgrade the network and so using the donation would help to make this happen.

- With NCEA level 1 external examinations going to be assessed by computer in the future a reliable and quick network will be necessary.

Compromise.

Could only upgrade parts of the school most used for computing which would cost $60,000 and use the rest of the money to help with sports uniforms which also meet the goals of providing extensive opportunities outside the classroom.

Sports Coordinator Opinion

Values looking after the whole student – which means that she feels that students should not only focus on academic areas of the school but also on culture and sports, which fits into the school goal of providing opportunity outside the classroom.

- Feels that the money should be spent on sports uniforms.

- Thinks that by supporting extra-curricular activities overall student performance will increase as students feel part of the school community and so are more likely to achieve better.

- School sports uniforms are not in good condition and in desperate need of replacement. Would also spend money on culture uniforms.

Compromise

Could buy new uniforms for only the top teams and pass the uniforms still in acceptable condition onto lower sports teams. This would cost $40,000 and the rest of the money could be spent on the upgrading of the network as she feels that this is important also.

Staff.

Value student performance and ability to work well in the classroom without being affected by slow network.

- Often frustrated with the slowness of the network can take students 10 minutes or more to log in – using up valuable class time.

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- Feel that is would help internal assessment results as students would be able to better use their time in class as logging on would become quicker.

Compromise

Could make do with only some of the network being upgraded, especially in areas where computers are used a lot such as the library and E3 and E4.

Feel that 60,000 or 70,000 could be spent on computers and the rest on seating for students, as they feel that students would be more focused if they had better rest areas for interval and lunch.

Students (from student's rep on board of trustees who interviewed students.)

Value being comfortable at school and being able to spend time with friends at lunchtime and interval. Meets goal of providing a safe and supportive environment.

- Feel that places for students to hang out during breaks are limited and during bad weather there is not many places for the students to go.
- Feel that being comfortable would help students attitude towards the school and so help improve student performance.
- Desperate need for more seating and tables for students to eat lunch as at present nowhere near enough.
- Would help students to feel positive about the school.

Compromise
Would be willing to have seating only around café and shelter in concourse, as these are the places most students hang out. This would cost $45,000 and the remainder should be split evenly between uniforms and upgrading the network.