

To	Executive	HX20/077
	Te Huarahi	Strategic Plan Ref: Voice
		24 September 2020
From	Jack Boyle, President	

Recommendation:

1. THAT the report be received.

Presidential Team Report

It's been both busy and painfully slow over the last few weeks. Things that require Ministerial involvement – such as signing off the plan for spending the \$16 million appropriated for teacher and principal wellbeing – have been like waiting for an old-fashioned web browser to buffer.

Other things are fair rollicking, with all the NCEA change pieces from the PAG to sub-groups, working groups, phone calls and submissions and even naff little videos involving rugby balls as a visual motif for teamwork, occurring almost daily.

I visited Nelson and got an insider's view on the potential carnage that could result in a number of schools who have lost their international student revenue – in some places, the size of the fiscal hole would make even National Party Finance spokesperson Paul Goldsmith blush. And, of course, the ensuing prophecy of doom in the NZ Herald, Newstalk and RNZ has shone a light on the potential impacts for teachers' jobs. (Scott Haines from SPANZ decided to go public with a view it could be in the hundreds, while MOE data suggests only a small percentage of schools who will face a double whammy of reduced roll and reduced revenue from Internationals have them on permanent contracts, so why should they worry overmuch??)

Nevertheless, given the media fisticuffs, Secretary Iona Holsted described a keenness to look at a "more surgical" way of managing the potential staffing impacts than a full CAPNA process.

In other news, NZPF's Perry Rush has been in the naughty corner for suggesting principals are pro-cannabis reform, Claire Amos is talking up the reduction in NCEA credits received by NZQA this year as validation of her school's "assess less" regime and David Seymour is being noxious.

It must be an election year.

Campaigns

It's not widely known yet but the NZEI don't seem as excited by our political ask about the functions of the Teaching Council as what we might have hoped. (Given that the current Minister is less likely to move on issues the unions don't have a shared position on, this isn't the best news as we count down to an Election.)

Meanwhile, we are back on the removal of appraisal working group and have been sent information about where the brains trust have got to thus far on the annual certification work, so it's snakes and ladders for this campaign at the moment.