

From the desk of the chairman

Good day parents and guardians, teachers, and learners

Board of Directors

The board of Directors had a strategic planning session to assess the current position of the school and to strategize on the best way forward, which will be beneficial to all stakeholders in WPBHS.

This means that a restructuring will take place in certain areas to ensure that the school is not top heavy and are running more streamline.

Curro

There were discussions between Curro Namibia and WPBHS, Walvisbaai Laërskool and Dolphins for Curro Namibia to take over all 3 schools and form a totally new school with a completely new identity. The School will then be managed by Curro Namibia (Collette Rieckert) and they will invest 100 mil into the schools (WPBHS & Laërskool), Upgrade facilities and classrooms: ablution facilities on sport grounds, Astro turf Hockey field, new netball courts and upgrade athletic track (Tartan). The net effect of this is that school fees will increase from 1 January 2021 to

Secondary school N\$ 4500 per month

Primary school N\$ 3500 per month

Pre-school N\$ 2500 per month

Teaching staff will be accommodated as far as possible but only on a yearly contractual basis

Board decision / recommendation: *Not to go with Curro but improve our service delivery to make WPBHS the school of preference at the coast. This way we as parents and stakeholders have a much better input and contribution in our school and our teaching staff have job security going forward. The school fees will not shoot up dramatically but will remain as is for 2021.*

Merging with Walvisbaai Laërskool

We also investigated via a 3rd party the feasibility of merging the two schools and after discussions it was decided to put this project on the back burner for the time being.

Face to Face education

I am glad that face to face learning have resumed for most of the grades and soon all grades will be able to return to school. It was very tough, with the constant changes in regulations as to when and what grades can resume. I want to give all parents / Guardians as well as teachers the assurance that we will maintain a high level of Covid rules to ensure that we keep our environment as safe as possible. Therefore, we still have the grades split in two with face to face learning and if we continue in this fashion, we will still be able to complete our curriculum on time. Only when we are 100% satisfied with the safety of our scholars shall we implement full classes. I understand that some parents do struggle with this arrangement but please bear with us, it is for your own child's safety.

Way forward

Amidst the current economic climate and all the challenges of a new school (Curro) opening in Walvis Bay we must think smart, act swiftly and responsibly to improve our school so that WPBHS becomes the preferred school at the Coast. This means that all stake holders must step up on all fronts of our school for us to achieve our goals. Therefore, I want to ask every stake holder to take hands, work together and to work very hard so we can make WPBHS "THE PREFERRED SCHOOL"

I ask God to bless our School in this new phase, to keep us safe and to protect each and very stakeholder in WPBHS.

*Thank you
Pierre Marais*