

Strategic Discussion: Partnerships & Collaboration: Vibrant working relationships with a wide range of community and national agencies

Statement: The Board values the relationships we have with a wide raft of community groups and agencies. Developing and maintaining these relationships means we are able to access support or appropriately refer families as needed. In the Board's view, a vibrant relationship can be said to be operating when there is two way communication and collaboration occurring that works for the benefit of all, including children and families. It is desirable these relationships be strong, effective and positive – achieving outcomes that are beneficial for children in particular.

Area	Ensure:	Further Initiatives to be explored
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster relationships with reputable organisations that offer quality support services • Where appropriate agencies and organisations have the opportunity to attend or showcase their services at NKA conferences • Families and children operate within the context of their community settings – it is important we understand and connect with their community • NKA has a strong reputation for professionalism • Recognises the importance of networking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development of relationships with local marae
Board engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members are aware of the many organisations our staff come into contact with • Board members engage with kindergartens via visits to kindergartens, attendance at AGM's and conferences and newsletters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board would like another opportunity to meet with PAFT Educators
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff regularly liaise with a wide variety of organisations and agencies • Staff understand the obligation to maintain confidentiality in their dealings with other agencies • Staff mentor and support ECE students studying for their degrees 	
PD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate provision is made for PD, including opportunities for teachers to attend PD on areas of interest 	