



Stratford High School Board

Minutes of Board meeting

Tuesday 25 February, 2025

Present:	Cameron Stone, Jason Loveridge, Jane Tobin, Wendy Single, Brendon Gernhoefer, Matthew McCallum, Brad Gibbons, Carl Triggs, Dan Kerr.
Late:	
In Attendance:	Amanda Hill
Apologies:	

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Member				
Brad Gibbons	N			
Cameron Stone	N			
Dan Kerr	N			
Matthew McCallum	N			
Jason Loveridge	N			
Wendy Single	N			
Carl Triggs	N			
Jane Tobin	N			
Brendon Gernhoefer	N			

Administration

Confirmation of minutes <i>Moved Loveridge that the minutes from the previous meeting are approved. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	Minutes were discussed and signed. Moved Jason Loveridge Carried: All
Matters Arising:	Hallway cameras are here, but not yet set up. Tow bar is all sorted – just need to pick up the sticker. Neil still has to do his exam. <i>Cam will confirm with Suzie about the farm account being closed.</i> Vape detection for toilet blocks still needs to be looked into. Carpark exit – Dirk is the traffic warden while the buses are parked up at the end of the day. Hole in the basketball court has been fixed – was going to get concrete bolts to fix this in place. <i>(Cam to check with Neil)</i>

Board Reports:

Principal Report: <i>Moved Stone that the Principal's report is accepted. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	<i>On Teams</i> 654 is our current roll. 170 year 9's – largest cohort since the 60's. Lot's more bodies around and this is noticeable. 24 new students that are not in year 9. Staffing – we might get two more staff members. A primary teacher who could teach across the curriculum would be beneficial. Continually growing as we have more diverse students. A lot of challenges. UDL - understanding who is in front of you and what the barriers are. Pouches seem to still be working for phones – but there are always a few, but these phones are removed from the student. Started positively with the new Puawai and electives. Engagement has been really high, a few things to iron out, but is going well. A big push this year – new careers advisor (Tiffany Radich) Looking at careers across the curriculum and start to market this. Need to introduce students to new options and giving them more purpose to be here. Happy with the new staff we have this year. NCEA results 2024
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<i>Motion Stone that basketball shooting machine be purchased. Seconded Gernhoefer.</i> <i>Motion Stone that ID card only given if \$20 admin fee has been paid. Seconded Loveridge.</i> <i>Motion Loveridge that Compliance Summary be accepted. Seconded Stone</i>	Not currently where we want to be, but we have been above the national average in all levels, but we still do have work to do. Of the pass rates for Yr 13 90% girls passed 50% boys. Generally, across the board, Maori students not achieving – need to reflect on this as a school why and how to change this. This is the same with the discrepancy between male and female results. The low results for level one – don't believe that this will have an impact on this year's level 2. The structure of level one is quite different to level 2. Recommendations: basketball shooting machine – students would use this and grow a commitment to the sport. This is a reasonable investment in our students. Unsure of the maintenance on this. The PTA said they will pay half of this. <i>Cam to put a letter together for local businesses regarding donations/sponsorship, from PTA and the school.</i> PGC entitlement use from Cam – put forward. \$20 donation/admin fee – have decided that ID Cards will only be given if this is paid for. Coffee machine prices – Cam will email this through. It is quite costly – will triple the current cost. Mufti Fridays for year 13's has been approved. Same rules on nails and piercings as last year. Compliance summary accepted.
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Student Report: Matthew McCallum <i>Moved McCallum that the student report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.</i> <i>Motion McCallum that year 13, Friday mufti starts. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Swimming sports last week and had athletics day today. Board is okay with the Friday mufti for year 13's. They asked for full colour nails or French tips – Year 13's already do get perks – Friday early, mufti, lounge etc... They need to roll-model and maintain the high standard we set. 1 nose stud and 2 earrings allowed.
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Staff Report: Dan Kerr <i>Moved Kerr that the staff report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	To trial a monthly report about what staff are doing, eg: ToD's and main events.
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Committee reports: ideally a written report is circulated with the agenda.

Finance: Triggs & Gernhoefer Accounts: The Board must approve the month's accounts, as recommended by the Finance Committee which has scrutinized them. Minutes: Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting are received. <i>Moved Gernhoefer that the Board approve the</i>	<i>On Teams</i> We have a large surplus due to our increasing roll and the funding that comes with it along with some underspending. This will not impact future funding through the operational roll. A few payments were brought up – extra \$25,000 for painting, but they did a huge job. We seem to be on track for a surplus this year of \$3,912. Relief teaching – the difference was allocated to other areas. Electives \$40,000 – there are some set up costs and travel expenses. This is a significant investment for this year, but won't be as high next year. Health and Safety – will be lower this year due to no testing necessary this year and Lock down processes already done. Teacher Aides – \$250,000 above income – this is not sustainable. What we receive for a student doesn't cover the teacher aide pay. We get \$23 per hour, but we pay \$25 – \$32 per hour. If we don't do this, we can't cover the hours the students are allocated. The relief teaching money would be helping with this.
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<i>payment of the accounts. Seconded Tobin.</i> <i>Moved Stone that 2025 budget be accepted. Seconded Loveridge.</i>	Van – Back to square one with this. They weren't allowed to sell the van or they would lose their funding. <i>Cam is going to talk to Toyota in New Plymouth about a sponsorship deal.</i> 2025 Budget – Cam displayed this on-screen and all approved.
Health and Safety: Jane Tobin <i>Moved Tobin that the Health and Safety report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Rekeying of the school and toilet numbers. Have never seen a line of students waiting for the toilets. All Blocks open for toilets and are available. Tech kids know the library toilets and then use them instead of going to others. Stadium isn't open sometimes. A Block open, T block open, B Block and Cleland block all open. No email has been sent by parents, students have not complained. If this was a significant issue, it would have been brought up: A lock down practice will be run.
Property Report: Brad Gibbons <i>Moved Gibbons that the property report is received. Seconded Stone.</i>	A lot of work over the holidays. B Block upgrade looks amazing and teachers pleased. New stage lights are in and working well. The new front doors look amazing. A lot of door closes have been put in to stop doors slamming. Painting of the TPU and Kindy has been finished. Most of the school painting has now been completed. The new door has been placed in the music room and the blind is up in the Nurse's station. New CNC has now arrived and is in place. Electrician has most of it in. We have the most sophisticated router in a school in NZ. Staff will have to do modules first before students can use it. All the stumps have been removed. Colours have been chosen for the kitchen re-do. Hoping to do between the 2nd and 3rd terms. Caretakers shed – will be done next Christmas holidays. Rekeying for the school – We cannot get any more keys. We'll need to put this into the budget. Will need to replace the barrels. <i>Brad will get this priced for us. (Possibly put into the 2026 budget)</i> Warrant – failed on quite a few things. Brad looking into these. All old smoke alarms should have been removed when the new white ones were put in. These need to be removed. <i>Brad will get a price on this.</i> 90% of security lights have been fixed.
Farm: Jason Loveridge <i>Moved Loveridge that the farm report is received. Seconded Stone.</i>	Covered yards and raised shearing have been completed. Ag teaching - \$62,000 to get it up and running. So far only \$36,500. Power will cost \$18,000 inc GST. This will be connected to the build a house. Brings it to \$54,000. Looking at 25 - 30 sheep. \$2,700 for them. Demo farm committee – 1958 sold the farm to the school. If we did sell, they get 1st purchase offer. We have a lot of community support with this. (49 acres)

Correspondence:

Inwards correspondence includes emailed circulars, etc. NZSTA news –

Date	Name	Regarding
7 Jan	D Rawlinson	Leave Request
21 Jan	R Hancock	Leave Request
30 Jan	C Jane	Leave Request
14 Jan	K Garcia	Leave Request
8 Jan	M Henare	Leave Request
30 Jan	T Moore	Leave Request
30 Jan	S Rawles	Leave Request

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding
26 Nov	P Jones	Res Acpt

26 Nov	L Young	Res Acpt
26 Nov	J Mondia	Res Acpt
26 Nov	M Evans	Res Acpt
26 Nov	D Gilgenberg	Res Acpt
27 Nov	R Campbell	Leave Acpt

General Business:

Motion: Appointing this year's Chairperson. *Stone nominated Loveridge, seconded Gernhoefer. CARRIED ALL*

Application for a maximum roll increase (MRI) at Sacred Heart Girls' College NP. 25 more. We are all okay with this – Motion carried

Closed Agenda (Public Excluded Business) a. Apologies b. Confirmation of minutes c. Matters arising d. General Business Discussion of matters relating to staff and students, including Welfare and Discipline Committee	<i>Moved Loveridge that the public be excluded for agenda items relating to NAG5 pursuant to section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. The reason being to discuss matters regarding personnel and the ground is to protect the privacy of individuals</i> <i>Moved Loveridge that the Board move out of Public Excluded Business at CARRIED All</i>
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Meeting closure: Preparation for next meeting	
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Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Motions from the meeting:

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Moved Gernhoefer that the Board approve the payment of the accounts. Seconded Tobin.

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Signed:

Board Chair:



Date:

01/04/2025