



Stratford High School Board

Minutes of Board meeting

Tuesday 24 June, 2025

Present:	Cameron Stone, Jason Loveridge, Jane Tobin, Brendon Gernhoefer, Matthew McCallum, Brad Gibbons, Carl Triggs, Dan Kerr (left at 8.25pm)
Late:	
In Attendance:	Amanda Hill
Apologies:	

Visitor's Report	Dan Kerr HoD We are very literacy heavy. Level 1 Commerce – Joe did an amazing job last year and we are well above the National Level. L2 – Strong cohort that got National Level awards. L3 – Comparable to National Levels – higher excellence rates. Level 2 doing well, Level 3 is up and coming but we are hopeful for this year and next year. No prerequisites are needed to enter History, so we have students entering with no previous Social Studies learning. L1 Geo – comparable to National Standards – we have a new teacher who is restructuring the way that Geography is taught in our school. L2 Geo – significant fail rate with this – changes have been implemented for this so it will not occur again. Results will be sent to HoD for checking. Focus again on males and Maori. Kate is improving these results this year. History L1 – overall results comparable to National Standards – students didn't have the basics going into it as hadn't done Social Studies previously. L2 – huge numbers last year – was a catchall for students, so lots of students without level 1 experience. Slightly under the National average. Females outperformed the males. We need to work on our excellences – a small cohort this year, but limited literacy skills. If get to level 3 and not achieving – no prerequisites for history – so may be setting them up for failure. There is an HoD sign off for accepting these students. Do they all do exams at the end of the year?– yes, all registered, but not all will attempt. They get asked if they'd like to be removed. Areas of Development: Commerce – to maintain pass rates. Geography – growing classes and improving results through modernised pedagogy and scaffolding. History – pushing higher levels of success and on externals. Goals: Improve digital use and begin to implement UDL within the social science department. Developing a strong social science team – young and new, but very driven and creative. Promote social science to grow within the school. Refocussed the junior programme using UDL – to create pathways into the senior subjects. Next year goals – to have a fully developed programme at senior level which incorporates UDL. To have a strong, high functioning team who support each other. To have a growing department in student numbers, EOTC and engagement.
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	Support: Need technology and laptops, digital platforms and memberships. Updated textbooks. Digital textbooks – hybrid and teams platforms need to be working well first. Could bring the social science teachers together as a team – one day of the holidays.
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Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Member				
Brad Gibbons	N			
Cameron Stone	N			
Dan Kerr	N			
Matthew McCallum	N			
Jason Loveridge	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 Triggs</i>	Minutes were discussed and signed. Moved Jason Loveridge Carried: All
Matters Arising:	Whaea Tracey's o/seas trip – fallen by the wayside. She was talking to her staff and we haven't heard back. Cover for the courts – waiting for this. Pickle ball survey – been created and Matthew will send this out for responses over the holidays. Cleaners – had a response. We will see if there is any change over the holiday clean. They are also leaving doors open and lights on. <i>Cam will be following up with this.</i> Insurance for the van – TPU was included with this price. Fake smoke/vape alarms – still waiting on these. Health and Safety – meeting got cancelled. Kelly Jennings has left, Dan Woodd will be taking this over.

Board Reports:

Principal Report: <i>Moved Stone that the Principal's report is accepted. Seconded Loveridge</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Continuing to get feedback on Electives and Puawai – this has gone out and will be looked at. New programme, so we really need the feedback, so this will drive the programme going forward. TOD was also looking at Puawai and getting teacher feedback. Michael has collected this and we will see this at the next meeting. Wakatipu High School visit – Decile 10 – still have all the same problems that we have. Uniform issues etc... Looked at gifted and talented – they have a great inclusive programme. They don't have add-on classes. It is within their general timetable. International students – landscape has changed since covid with co-compliance. There is a lot of admin for this and we currently don't have the space for it. They don't enrich or extend in English, they just did it in Maths. Internal evaluations with HoD's – meetings being had with Michael. Year 11 cohort – a low group – lit and numeracy. 41% this year and 60% last year. The NCEA pass rate will be lower as you need literacy and numeracy to achieve this. Year 12 & 13 are tracking well. Year 11's – meaningful short courses – to boost their morale and to keep them in education. Could be a strategy we use.
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	Kelly Rawcliffe is now a senior leader as a fixed-term position – working with the junior behaviour. Allana has taken responsibility for the senior group. Facebook – careers team have been working hard to grow the understandings of opportunities out there for our students. Just started posting on social media – careers of the week and profiling a students work placement – this week was Ryan Hurliman at the Normanby Butchery. This is proactive and is valued. Health and Safety Zoomed with EONZ – support (re: TOPEC) 3 levels of review. There is a cost involved. She recommends we do an internal review of how we do our paperwork. This is the first thing people will look at if an incident occurs. Then we will get feedback and PD to our staff. This is now done on KAMAR. We do need to deliver PD for our staff for this. Student who was poked in the eye with scissors – was accidental. Surgery was needed and Worksafe was informed. Tough guy, tough girl nationwide challenge – boy running down hill, smacked his head, taken to hospital and discharged. Overnight trips now must have a parent meeting first. One parent and student didn't turn up, so was not able to go on the trip. Positive trips around the primary schools with student leaders to introduce us (SHS). Looking to be a big incoming cohort next year. Woolshed – tough girl/tough guy stuff filling this up. Proposing that we get a container and put it in the corner so athletics stuff get put into this, so then the woolshed can be used as a teaching space. Looking at around \$6500. Much cheaper than getting a shed. Central rugby will go into a container too. <i>Cam will get Joe to look into getting a container there for storage.</i> Proposal regarding timetable structures. Staff have been spoken to. Want to settle on something that will be set for a long time. A very different timetable set. This would see a 2.15pm finish on Wednesdays. The biggest change around this would be buses. Provided transit agree, 6 of the 8 buses could leave at this time. Is this something we could consider moving forward? Primary's finish at 2.30 in the winter months. If we can't get a solution, we will have a supervision issue. The only way this will go forward is if the buses work for us. Cam will speak to bus company first and then early communication with parents regarding the changes.
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Student Report: Matthew McCallum <i>Moved McCallum that the student report is received. Seconded Triggs</i>	<i>On Teams</i> 11/06 Variety concert 12-13/06 OED Tough girl, tough guy event 17/06 Senior market day – variety of products on sale. 26/06 Open evening to occur – year 8 students to visit SHS Student enquiries: Request for school blazers to be made purchasable. This could be possible in the future, not currently.
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Staff Report: Dan Kerr	<i>No report this month.</i>
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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 payment of the accounts. Seconded Gibbons</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Signage quotes vinyl (lasts 5-8 yrs) boards (15-20 yrs) \$8000 or \$12,000? Should we be spending the money on this or on other resources? We are in a good enough financial position to do both. Where do we want to take the school in terms of perception and looking professional? Updating our school so students are able to take pride in our school and our property. Possibility of getting other prices for these – might be cheaper. <i>Cam to look into this.</i> Call will be made next meeting. School Van expenses – making sure staff following guidelines with payment for mileage etc... Term deposit – \$13,000 re: stadium for upgrades (was in 1984). What do we want to do to the stadium? Some doors need replacing – in weights room, plus the double doors to the speed humps. Curtains do need replacing. Don't have to do anything with this right now. Keep this for a rainy day. Year 10 TOPEC: Still have funds coming in. We should be in credit \$300 – which is a big turnaround. We had the whole 30 go which means more payment as we didn't have to cover the costs. Two teachers at TOPEC and some support staff. Every school in Taranaki contribute towards the staff. We pay \$21,000 annually as this is based on our school roll. This helps keep the costs down for the students. As of next year, TOPEC need to be self-sufficient. Will be interesting to see how this goes. Could put \$21,000 aside and use this to top up the student payments. Student English Trip – once all students have paid, we will come out even. Road signs around the school – visitors to our school don't know where to go. <i>Cam will look into this.</i> Fixed assets \$500 – can we lift this to \$1000. (For depreciation). <i>Cam to look into this to see if the Board can set this price as \$2,500 might be better.</i> Denise to bring report of her finances for her trip over the holidays. They seem to be well on track with their fundraising.
Health and Safety: Jane Tobin	<i>No meeting this month.</i>
Property Report: Brad Gibbons <i>Moved Gibbons that the property report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	Roof projects must be done first. This hasn't gone to tender yet. Meeting with Ministry about the special needs building – 6 tenders. This needs to be up and running in January. They can build it up near build-a-bach and then just shift it down. There will be 8 more students, so it needs to be there and ready by the beginning of the new year. This will take some of our house money but still leaves us \$350,000 to do staff room and caretaker's shed. Roofing bus shelter, canteen, roof over boiler and over the staff work-room. A block roof – done 2 years ago and needs repairs already. Should be covered under warranty. Old smoke alarms – getting rid of these. <i>Brad looking at costs for this.</i> When audited, they need to be inspected which costs us. Toilet blocks – 4 in B block, will be getting priced in the holidays. <i>Brad will get this price so they can be fixed up next holiday.</i> Upgrade for the wheelchair access – looking to put a lift onto the stage. Was going to be out of sight, but can't fit. Probably won't be a lift now.

Correspondence:

Inwards correspondence includes emailed circulars, etc. NZSTA news –

Date	Name	Regarding
25 May	T Butler	LA Alexander Trust Fund
6 June	D Leath	Sacred Heart Girls
20 June	L Albers	Resignation

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding
27 May	L Albers	Leave acceptance
27 May	D Daughtery	Resignation acceptance
11 June	W Single	Resignation acceptance

General Business:

Darryl Leath re: roll increase. We had no issue, but this was still declined.
Trust \$60,000 for farm over 2 years.
Conference – Board is happy for Carl to be the representative.

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 8.47pm

Motions from the meeting:

Moved Loveridge that the minutes from the previous meeting are approved. Seconded Triggs
Moved Stone that the Principal's report is accepted. Seconded Loveridge
Moved McCallum that the student report is received. Seconded Triggs
Moved Gernhoefer that the Board approve the payment of the accounts. Seconded Gibbons
Moved Gibbons that the property report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer

Signed:

Board Chair:

Date:

22/07/25

