



Stratford High School Board

Minutes of Board meeting

Tuesday 27 May, 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:	

Visitor's Report	David Daughtery Maths Department
	2024 Calculus Over 56% got excellence – 24% was the National Average. It was a great cohort of students. We do have 2 for Scholarship this year. Stats Nat Av – we got 40% and with the merit, we are doing really well with this subject. We have 10 in this class this year, which is higher than previously. Merit and Excellences together, we have done very well and well above the National Average. External results for year 11 – 2 classes. We did extremely well, especially if you look at it compared with the National Statistics. Biggest challenge – algebra lets us down across the board, but not sure of what the fix would be for this. Trying to improve our algebra results. This is a big issue for New Zealand overall. There have never been large classes in Calculus as it is assumed to be a difficult subject. Would literacy be an issue? Could be, as the questions are written down in sentence forms and then to translate it into a mathematical equation leads to confusion. Year 9 and 10's understandings of maths – this is being tested with the numeracy and we are having a significant challenge. In the past, the numeracy questions are very language heavy. Hoping this has changed with this year's testing.

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
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<i>Motion Stone to explore the costings for signage around the school. CARRIED All</i>	Unsure of the costs yet. Cam to explore these options. These would be Board funded. First two – pickle ball and futsal with seated area. This also tidies up the area. Matthew to survey the students and Cam will get costings for this. Covered walkways came up – should be able to walk around the whole school without getting wet. Signage – to brighten up the school. Keen to get some feedback. Would run around the Peak theme. Is it a good idea to explore this? Would also get some costings for this. Stadium logo could be a go also. School latin – is historical, this could also be around the school. Frustrated with our cleaners – Only being vacuumed and rubbish emptied. The risk we face with another provider – they have to give option/first rights to current cleaners employed. Possible new crew say they would have a regional manager in weekly and are cheaper than the current crew. What they offer is better than we currently get. Discussions about the current cleaners quality control have been held a couple of times. Will take the offer we have to the current company and see if they can match this and improve their service. They have been coming into working classes to empty bins. Should not be starting until 3.15pm.
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Student Report: Matthew McCallum <i>Moved McCallum that the student report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.</i>	<i>On Teams</i> We have had the cross country/colour run, summer sports assembly, race unity workshop in the library, Pink shirt day and we are having the year 8 school visits. Matthew and Billy will be hosting an event. Quizzes with foods from around the world. We have had quite a few senior school trips recently, Biology/English and also Geography. We also have the year 10 TOPEC trip happening now.
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Staff Report: Dan Kerr	Nothing to report this month.
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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 Stone</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Term deposit is maturing and has rolled over at 4% for 12 months. Query on insurance of van – quite expensive. Landscaping project Signage Keys for whole school Cleaning company Vape/Smoke alarm – Carl to look into this. We are possibly able to do a trial, probably in the A block toilet. Jason has spoken to Toyota – can't order their vans at the moment because they are waiting until the new vans come out. Te Pae Pae used Ford and got some sponsorship – Cam will follow this up in the next holidays. Cam will talk to Trace regarding use of the extra van in the TPU.
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Health and Safety: Jane Tobin <i>Moved Tobin that the Health and Safety report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Farm Health and Safety – Dan went to Francis Douglas to see what they do. He was given their plan. Will discuss this next meeting. Mel Visser's elbow – hit by opening toilet door into hall. Brad to look to see if we can change the positioning of these doors, but still maintain fire safety.
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Farm: Jason Loveridge <i>Moved Loveridge that the farm report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.</i>	Lease extended another 12 months. 17 hectares instead of 20 hectares. Cam is meeting with them tomorrow. Deed of Lease will then be finalised. Ravensdown have been very generous – 10 free soil tests a year and free fertiliser each year. Farm is creating a positive buzz with the students. Lambs will be sold to the yards and the ewes will be kept.
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Application for Funding	-
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Correspondence:

Inwards correspondence includes emailed circulars, etc. NZSTA news –

Date	Name	Regarding
1 May	School Docs	Latest Updates
16 May	NZEI Te Riu Roa	Notification of PUM
8 May	L Albers	Leave Request
4 May	D Daughtery	Resignation

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding
29 April	K Jennings	Resignation Acceptance
29 April	J Vincent	Resignation Acceptance

General Business:

Nail polish – Ball nails – okay for the week before and the week after the ball. PUM – Support staff NZEI.

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 8.01pm

Motions from the meeting:

Moved Loveridge that the minutes from the previous meeting are approved. Seconded Gernhoefer
Motion Stone that we re-key the school for \$16,000. CARRIED All
Moved Stone that the Principal's report is accepted. Seconded Gernhoefer
Motion Stone to explore the costings for signage around the school. CARRIED All
Moved McCallum that the student report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.
Moved Gernhoefer that the Board approve the payment of the accounts. Seconded Stone
Moved Tobin that the Health and Safety report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer
Moved Loveridge that the farm report is received. Seconded Gernhoefer.

Signed:

Board Chair:

Date:

22/07/25