



Stratford High School Board Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2026 at 6.32 pm in Staffroom, Stratford High School

Present:	Jason Loveridge - Chair, Carl Triggs, Brent Watkins, Greg Topless (via Teams Link), Kate Machen, Cameron Stone (Principal), Riejanne Campbell (Staff Rep), Lily Single (Student Rep), Brad Gibbons (Co-opt)
Late:	
In Attendance:	Joe Mack
Apologies:	Jane Tobin

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Member	
Brad Gibbons	School property upgrades

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Nicholas Orr – HOD Arts Department - **postponed to April meeting**

ADMINISTRATION - Minutes

Matters Arising from previous meeting:

Board : No matters arising.

People & Policy Sub-Committee:

The Principal gave a brief update on a Firearms Safety Unit available and that community feedback has been sought. Ms Campbell indicated a budget is available. Overseas Committee Policy developed 18 months ago now requires review given the People & Policy sub-committee should now approve applications for travel. One application has already been received for 2027. Red Van – Principal updated the Board regarding the circumstances of his family gifting this vehicle to Stratford High School, but it requires fixing to keep on the road. Ownership sits with the Principal. Health & Safety Committee now meets once a term. ERO identified the need for a hazard register, which is now in place.

Finance & Property Sub-Committee:

Mr Triggs gave a brief update of the budget and property updates as discussed at the Finance & Property sub-committee meeting. Roof projects are currently out for tender, and the current contractor issues have been addressed with WSP. Water pipes on the farm have already been completed. Farm will have signage to indicate contact the office when entering. Mr Gibbons advised the new library carpet won't be completed until July school holidays. Year 13 Lounge updates can be installed during these school holidays.

2. Confirmation of minutes:

Resolution:

That the Board take as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Board of Trustees Meeting held at Stratford High School on 24 February 2026.

Receipt of Sub-Committee Minutes:

That the Board receives the minutes of the People and Policy Sub-Committee held at Stratford High School on Tuesday 17 March 2026, and adopts any recommendations therein.

That the Board receives the minutes of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee held at Stratford High School on Wednesday 18 March 2026, and adopts any recommendations therein.

Moved: Jason Loveridge
Seconded: Cameron Stone
Carried: ALL

TRUSTEE REPORTS

3. Principal – Cameron Stone - [Principals Board Report - March 2026.pdf](#)

The Principal advised the Board of today's announcement around the consultation period regarding NCEA changes as was heard in August 2025. He spoke about the changes to the curriculum moving forward as highlighted in his report. Maths and English will be compulsory from 2028, and still considering Science. New SmartTool design is a one stop for reading, writing and mathematics for standardized testing across the junior school. This will give a benchmark across the students. Primary schools have the option to use this tool also which will give greater consistency. This may give some assurance with parents in the way the reporting is undertaken going forward. He also expanded on the data statistics around Year 8 student testing in his report. He alluded to how this data vs NCEA statistics. SHS tracks all junior year students, and the SmartTool will help increase.

Build a House is going really well with the change of activities. A hangi pit and community food storage area are being built.

Leavers data has been a focus of the Senior Leadership Team – especially those who finish in either year 11 or year 12. Ensuring our students have a plan going forward is a focus, for eg ensuring we have up to date contact details to follow up where they have gone to if they don't return after the end of the year.

Staff changes – Nurse is now 20 hours/week – 2 nurses @ 2 days each. Attendances to the nurse have been over 300 this term. Need for a further mainstream Teacher Aide has been identified. Akonga Support space has also been identified by the Senior Leadership Team. This position will also support the Attendance space changes. 1.7 increase to staffing numbers received today from MOE.

Chair highlighted there is a lot of focus on the lower end of the students, what is happening to support the top end students? Principal talked about last year's visit to schools with gifted and talented students – unfortunately the DP who was intending to implement something like this has since left. Senior classes currently have streaming, but it is a challenge.

Resolution:

That the Board take as read and confirms the Principal's Report for March 2026.

Moved: Cameron Stone
Seconded: Jason Loveridge
Carried: ALL

4. Student – Lily Single - [STUDENT REPORT .pdf](#)

Lily Single spoke to her report.

Resolution:

That the Board take as read and confirms the Student Report for March 2026.

Moved: Lily Single

Seconded: Cameron Stone

Carried: ALL

5. Staff – Riejanne Campbell – verbal report – everyone is happy – nothing more to report.

Resolution:

That the Board take as read and confirms the Staff Report for March 2026.

Moved: Riejanne Campbell

Seconded: Jason Loveridge

Carried: ALL

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC) – information only

25 March Y12 OED Tramp

27 March TSSSA Orchestra Day

28 March Relay for Life

30 March Biology Trip

31 March TSSSA Coach Day

1-2 April Y10 Tramp

23 April Y12 & 13 Ryda Trip

GENERAL BUSINESS

6. Use of School Van to Transport Teachers from New Plymouth – Cameron Stone

The Principal asked the Board to consider while fuel prices are at a high price that the current school vans be utilized to help bring teachers to school and back from north and south, with financial contribution from the staff to cover fuel costs. It was noted that it is currently hard to attract new staff and this could be of value. It was also discussed that commitment to ensuring the vehicle was utilized fully every trip. The Board agreed with the principle idea and the Principal to seek interest and trial in Term 2.

7. Brad Gibbons – Co-opt on Board

Mr Gibbons asked if he is still required to attend these meetings. It was noted that he has a number of projects around the school he would like to finish. It was suggested he attend the next Property & Finance meeting and discuss there.

8. Governance

General discussion on the advantages of a governance board pack for agendas and meetings, as well as devices for the Board. The Board Secretary is attending the PA Conference where there will be governance discussions and companies – and to seek more information to bring back to the Board for consideration. Principal will investigate iPad costs and bring back to Finance & Property sub-committee next month.

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding
13.3.2026	Office of the Auditor General	Information about your upcoming audit – for information - Audit

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

Resolution:

That the public be excluded pursuant to section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. The reason being to discuss matters regarding personnel and students, including Welfare and Discipline Committee, on the grounds to protect the privacy of individuals.

Moved: Jason Loveridge
Seconded: Brad Gibbons
Carried: ALL

Meeting closed at 7.21pm

Signed:

Board Chair: _____



Date: _____

28/4/26