



FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No: One

Monday 10 Februry 2025

Fruitvale Staff Room

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1. **Meeting Opened** 6.05pm
Karakia **Donal McLean**
Present Poata Eruera (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal),
Denise Hall (Treasurer), Janelle Callaghan (Staff Representative),
Tracy Ogden-Cork, Kreepa Rai Shrestha. William Brown.

Minute Taker Alex Kirkham

2. **Apologies** All present

3. **Chairperson Introduction**

Welcome to 2025. Poata asked the board members for their highlights from 2024.
Donal McLean– Highlights included replacing roofs and the teacher’s party.
Kreepa Rai Shrestha – getting to know the BOT.
William Brown – being grateful for the team’s patience when he attends on Zoom.
Denise Hall -To see how the children’s progress throughout the year.
Janelle Callaghan– proud of what the board achieved through collaboration.
Tracy Ogden-Cork - Proud of how the board supported the Mauri Ora workshops in the early part of the year. Signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Te Kawerau ā Maki.

Poata Eruera – Had great cohesion on the board, through some sticky situations. Another highlight is the assemblies, the kids singing and their behaviour. The farewell to Therapist Chloe was a great example of how the school treats their staff and shows appreciation for people who come in and help the Tamariki. Feedback on the saltwater pool has been amazing.

Selecting the new Board Chair for 2025

At the Board’s first meeting of the year, the Chair must step down and call for nominations for board chair for 2025.

Donal McLean nominates Poata Eruera.
Kreepa Rai Shrestha seconds the nomination.
Denise Hall supports the nomination.

Poata Eruera wants to look at succession as he is unlikely to stand again in September. We need experience on the board and as board chair. Poata will accept being Chair on condition that we have a deputy, someone who can learn and be guided into the role. Would like to see Alex

Kirkham join the board as minute taker and Kreepa Rai Shrestha is a great candidate to step up and be a deputy chair. Poata Eruera would be on hand until September to provide Kreepa Rai Shrestha with mentoring and to assist with the transition.

Poata Eruera accepts the nomination as Chair until the next election.

Motion: That Poata Eruera be BOT Presiding Member for 2025.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Unanimous

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting dated 25 November 2024**

Members have read the previous meeting minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 25 November 2024 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: William Brown

Passed: Unanimous

5. **Matters arising from these minutes.**

None

6. **B.O.T.**

Financial Summary – November 2024 - not available, these financials will come through in March 2025.

1. Special funding from MOE – part of that has been spent on professional development for senior leadership team. \$18,000 spent.

2. The Annual Report 2024 is tabled and has been reviewed by the Board.

Moved: Tracy Ogden-Cork

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Carried

3. Fruitvale Strategic Plan 2025

There is a lot of transition and flux in the teaching and measuring of reading, writing and maths. Where Donal McLean has highlighted sections of the strategic plan, is where changes have been made inside the school. Green highlights mean a totally new programme of work, yellow is additions to existing programmes of work. Poata Eruera requests printing the document out so that everyone on the board has an opportunity to review.

Action: Board members will take home the document and review in time for the March 3 meeting.

4. Fruitvale School Budget – tabled and carried.

5. 5YA – confirmed, tabled and carried.

6. Fruitvale Fundraising Committee: Tracy Ogden-Cork says a big thank you to the Fruitvale Fundraising Committee for all of the hard work in providing these funds and resources on

the Teaching Wishlist. And to Denise Hall for keeping abreast of the FFC finances. Also to the teacher aides who volunteer to help with BBQs, plus Denise and Tina.

Motion: Thank you to the Fruitvale Fundraising Committee for their ongoing support and generosity.

Moved: Tracy Ogden-Clark

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Carried

7. Liam Kelly Kotuitui Research Report – tabled.

Poata Eruera found it a very enlightening report about sensory play and the response from the teachers in the report was great. Thanks to Liam Kelly for their insightful report they supplied to the Board, a great piece of work. These reports help the board to feel more connected to the school and what the teachers are going through.

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8. Report carried over to March meeting.

7. **Principal's Report**

The Principal's Report for February 2025 was incorrect due to a computer malfunction. It will be updated and presented at the next meeting.

8. **Correspondence**

Inwards - none

Outwards - none

9. **General Business**

1. Pool over the summer was fantastic, it was used so much. The 8 volunteers did a great job. The school community benefited a lot. Only one issue was that there were more keys given out than we had in reserve in the office. The school grounds in general are very well utilised by the community and we haven't had too many issues with vandalism.

William queries whether there are any plans to upgrade the pool. Paint or a working bee? We could get the community in to do some work. Tracy says the changing sheds could do with a bit of a tidy up. There are some aspirations to cover the pool and offer it to a swim school, but the cost is around \$300,000 so not on the cards right now.

2. There are plans to cover the stage by the end of term one.

3. Poata moves that Alex Kirkham be co-opted onto the board until September. This is part of the succession plan for the next board of Trustees.

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Denise Hall

Passed: Unanimous.

4. Denise Hall raised Agenda dates – the June meeting is the Kings Birthday on 2 June. This meeting will move to Tuesday 3 June. The October 6 meeting will move to 13 October. Jacqui Teale may be away from 11 September so may be unable to assist with running the election in September. An alternative Returning Officer will be sought.
5. Data shows that we have 66 per cent In Zone enrolments and 33 per cent (105) Out of Zone enrolments. Donal McLean explained that the more In Zone children we have, the more funding we get for property improvements to the school. For Out of Zone pupils, we get funding to teach them but not the portion assigned for improvements to the school property. We have a policy on Out of Zone that says we need to be advertising a ballot. The BOT should set the number of Out of Zone enrolments, but as the school is not at capacity so we are essentially taking more of the Out of Zone kids.

The Chair moved "that in terms of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987 the public be excluded from the meeting because the Board wishes to discuss matters relating to (student's discipline and personal staff matters) and discussion of these matters in public would infringe the privacy of a natural person under Section 9 (2) (a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Board Meeting Closed with Closing Karakia by Donal McLean: 7.46 pm

10. In Committee None

These Minutes dated 10th February 2025 were ratified by the Board of Trustees on 3rd March, 2025.



Poata Eruera
BOT Chair

03.03.25