



FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No:

Monday 7 April 2025

Fruitvale Staff Room

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1. Meeting Opened 6.10pm

Karakia

Alex Kirkham

Present

Poata Eruera (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal),
Denise Hall (Treasurer), Janelle Callaghan (Staff Representative),
Kreepa Rai Shrestha. William Brown (joined at 6.30pm via Zoom).

Minute Taker

Alex Kirkham

2. Apologies

Tracy Ogden-Cork.

3. Chairperson Introduction

It's been an interesting month, for Board Chair, navigating the issue of pay equity work by the government. Their plan is eventually to establish a baseline to compare teacher salaries with other professions.

It is confirmed that the September BOT Elections will be conducted by email by SchoolED at no cost to the school.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 3 March 2025

Members have read the previous meeting minutes. Note for minute taker that the meeting minutes must contain the signing box at the bottom of the last page for Board Chair to sign.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 3 March 2025 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Seconded: Donal McLean

Passed: Unanimous

5. Matters arising from these minutes.

Update the 'Actions from this and previous meeting/s'.

6. B.O.T

1) Financial Summary November-December 2024 – carried over from March meeting

Denise explains at the time of putting this together there was certain information not at hand because it had been sent to a different email address by the accountants which Denise does not use. Would like to update this report with that full information. We will hold off signing off the November-December 2024 Financial Summary until the next BOT meeting.

2) Financial Summary January-February 2025

Motion: Due to anomalies within the 2025 budget from the coding by the accountants, the Principal and BOT treasurer, will meet with accountants ASAP to get everything clarified and confirmed. The board approves the budget tonight on the proviso the Principal and BOT treasurer are confident the issues have been addressed.

Moved: Kreepa Rai Shrestha
Seconded: Poata Eruera
Passed: Unanimous

(3) Annual Report–Finance – changes to be reviewed and signed off.

Was carried over from last meeting because Kreepa Rai Shrestha's name was left off the front. The BOT accepts the annual financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024 once the missing board member's name (Kreepa Rai Shrestha) has been added to the BOT member list.

Moved: Denise Hall
Seconded: Donal McLean
Passed: Unanimous

(4) Annual Report to BOT 2024–carried over from last meeting

Motion: The 2024 Annual Report to the BOT from the Principal Donal McLean is read and accepted.

Moved: Janelle Callaghan
Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha
Passed: Unanimous

(5) Fruitvale Strategic Plan2025 – printed at February meeting for review

The assessment regime for schools is changing. There has been a tender out for contracts. PATs are already in place and will continue to be used. BSLA and Prime Maths each have their testing regime. Fruitvale has a history of reading writing and maths results for the past 10 years in the plan. These will give the BOT confidence that we are getting similar results.

The look of the different programmes – Learning Pathways, Learning to Learn and Working Together groupings of work have changed in the report slightly. The school is employing two Māori teachers to deliver Te Whare Tapa Wha programme which includes poi, kapa haka and Te Reo.

Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) is the structured literacy programme which the seniors are starting in May 2025. Years 3 and 4 have already started. Writers Toolbox has already started with both juniors and seniors. The kids are really enjoying this programme.

Maths has changed to adopt the Prime Maths programme, the resources of which arrived in week 3. This is a challenge for teachers as one large classroom can have learners on book one ranging through to book five. The books are supplemented through online tools. It's a very different programme to what the kids are used to. As it's being rolled out, the teachers are learning about it at the same time. If a pupil is doing well on their book, they can get reassessed and then moved up to the next level, when they can demonstrate they understand completely. Fruitvale is introducing a teacher who is going to try and bring the kids who are on book one in later years up, and give some of the gifted kids an opportunity to extend themselves.

Motion: The Strategic Plan for 2025 is read, analysed and accepted by the B.O.T.

Moved: Janelle Callaghan

Seconded: Poata Eruera

Passed: Unanimous

(6) Container Stage Update

The Container Stage is in the consenting stage. The plan of works also needs to be approved by the Ministry. There will be a water retention tank under the stage which can be used for the gardens and in an emergency. Electrical cabling has been laid underground from the pool pump house so that sound and lighting can be provided to the stage.

It will add a great amenity to the school. We hope it will be up and running for Matariki this year.

Additional future plans include a hangi pit and food preparation area which will be located on the Croydon Road side of the stage. Consideration for board, is whether we will allow outside community members to use the Hangi pit.

The cost of the Hangi pit is \$36,000 and doesn't anticipate needing a consent. The Hangi King of Te Kawerau A Maki would like to install it during the school holidays so it's in in time for Matariki.

Poata and Donal will have a look at the location. This matter will be put aside until we can make some further considerations.

7. RTL Annual Plan

Pages 6-9 of the 27 page document pertains to the BOT responsibilities. What the board will provide and the success measures. Having read through it, Poata Eruera is very impressed with the improvement in the satisfaction and quality of the service which is doing exactly what we are responsible for. Taking the board through the relevant pages and graphs, the Chair is happy to accept the RTL report and strategic plan or leave it until the next meeting if the BOT members would like to further consider them. The board chose to accept them.

Motion: Move that the 2025 RTL strategic Plan and Annual Report for 2024 be approved and accepted.

Moved: Poata Eruera
Seconded: Denise Hall
Passed: Unanimous

8. Principal's Report

Item relating to the finance of the stage, Donal McLean wants to keep the funding from the Ministry under \$100,000 otherwise it tips into a new category of criteria for MOE. Donal believes the project will be around \$120,000 and hoping the BOT will fund the \$20K shortfall. The Chair reminded the board it had previously agreed to a 35K contribution but this will be confirmed once the final costings are in place.

RTLB Budget document needs to be approved but the Board of Trustees but the BOT haven't seen an amended version yet. It can be sent as an amended version to the BOT once Denise receives it from the accountant.

Motion: That the 2025 Principal's Report to the B.O.T be accepted.

Moved: Donal McLean
Seconded: William Brown
Passed: Unanimous

9. Correspondence

Inwards - none

Outwards - none

10. General Business

None

Board Meeting Closed with Closing Karakia by Alex Kirkham: 8.28 pm

11. In Committee 8.29 pm finished 8.33 pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 May at 6pm.

Actions from this and Previous Meeting/s

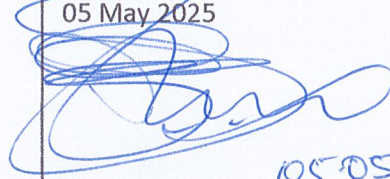
Ongoing

- a. ERO – Amanda Douglas – Not met in 2024

In Progress

- b. Obtaining pricing for replacing cushioning under playground areas and concreting around tree areas.
- c. Finalising financial summary for November/December 2024 plus January/February 2025.
- d. Donal – Front court new astroturf to be completed in the first school holidays (April).

These Minutes dated 07 April 2025
were ratified by the Board of Trustees on
05 May 2025



05.05.25

Poata Eruera
Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)