



FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No: FIVE

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Fruitvale Staff Room

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1. **Meeting Opened** 6.10pm
Karakia Tracy Ogden-Cork
Present Poata Eruera (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal), Tracy Ogden-Cork, Denise Hall (Treasurer), Janelle Callaghan (Staff Representative), Kreepa Rai Shrestha, William Brown and Alex Kirkham.
2. **Apologies** None
Minute Taker Alex Kirkham

3. **Chairperson Introduction**

It's Winter. Always good to have a full board around the table. Welcome to deputy principal Bridget Dadley who is here to share with the board how the academic data is looking following the curriculum changes.

4. **Bridget Dadley – Academic Data Presentation**

The staff is trying to get all of the pupils through Progress and Achievement Testing NZCER so staff can see where the pupils are tracking compared to national data. The language needs of the children are proving to be a barrier to their math comprehension. BSLA and Prime aligns very closely with the testing. To get onto Prime math they all had to sit a placement test, there are some pupils who are really smart but their testing put them onto a lower book so staff are trying to resolve how to adjust.

The system means they can extend the kids who need it and help the kids who are needing a bit more support. Maori and Pasifika are making up a big portion of those pupils who aren't getting to where they need to be. The teaching staff can now use this data to inform their practice. We're very proud of our staff for taking on all of the new systems and approaches this year, and we praised them at a staff meeting today.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 May 2025**

Members have read the previous meeting minutes.

- Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 5 May 2025 be accepted as true and correct.
Moved: Donal McLean
Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha
Passed: Unanimous

6. **Matters arising from these minutes** - None

7. B.O.T

a) Financial Summary April 2025

This month's Working Capital for December 2025 is \$375,099.

Includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$28,087.

Operating Position is at 33 % Income 36% Expenses 31%

We currently have a Term Deposit amounting to \$250,000.

Fruitvale School's Year to Date is surplus/deficit is \$56,704 against a deficit budget of \$601.

Motion: Move that the April 2025 Financial and Summary reports be approved and accepted.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Donal McLean

Passed: Unanimous

Matter raised by Denise Hall that the fixed assets library budget normally \$5,000 (95628) hasn't been allocated as yet. Please transfer out of library resources (48010) and move into asset budget code. A \$1,000 budget for code 48010 would need to be arranged.

b) Auditor's Report

The audit report is a big document. Under unadjusted differences, there is some recoding required. Some of the spellings of peoples' names need to be amended. We have a new auditor so are getting to know how they do things. Overall though a very good report.

Motion: Move that the Auditor's report for the 2024 Annuals be accepted.

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Denise Hall

Passed: Unanimous

c) Container Stage Updates and Audio Quotes.

We received two quotes – one from Sitech Systems and from Edwards Sound. Poata got the two quotes independently assessed by an independent party Mike Taylor. Edwards Sound was a far superior offering. Sitech were very sparse in their offering and what each item costs. The Edwards Sound offering also enabled the freestanding equipment to be locked away and kept secure from theft. They also offered training. The ability to hear could be problematic if the operator is operating from inside a container. There are two possible solutions, putting a door from the container to the side of the stage. This is not a likely option. The other option is to get a cable that goes out to the front of the stage to a sound and lighting desk while a performance is on. This would mean we also need to check if the speakers are outdoor-rated. They can however be moved if it rains or covered. We are putting in a fundraising bid for this cost which is expected around \$15,000.

On the stage in general, we have resource consent and are now resolving some issues for the building consent, an issue to do with screw piles under the big berth to firm up the tethering to the ground. Everything is in place. Have experienced some time delays due to the Big Bertha installer not supplying the paperwork when it was expected. Need to look at the Amps available from the pool across to the stage, Mike Taylor's view is that 20 Amps may not be enough but 50 Amps would be heaps.

Motion: That the Edwards Sound quote for the container stage be accepted.

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Tracy Ogden-Cork

Passed: Unanimous

d) Recommended NZSTA steps from Budget 2025.

The Budget changes are likely to affect staff numbers at Fruitvale. We will lose two RTLit staff members (non-teaching) due to budget cutbacks. We can't accommodate them within the teaching staff. Roles are disestablished and have to be reapplied for. We don't have any positions that they can apply for currently.

e) Erin Watts (nee France) application

Amended Motion: That the Fruitvale Board of Trustees supports Erin Watts (nee France) application for the Primary Teacher's Study Award 2026.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Poata Eruera

Passed: Unanimous

f) 2026 School Dates Discussed

Normally in the previous years we have waited for the last days of February to set dates of the following year's start dates. Next year the pupils will return to school on Monday the 9 February 2026. Therefore, the last day of school will be Friday the 18 December 2026.

RTLb update

The RTLb update is in the document pack. The programme seems to be rolling on as it should, all of the computers have been updated. Some bought computers second hand for \$750.

Motion: Move that the RTLb report 2025 be moved and accepted.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Janelle Callaghan

Passed: Unanimous.

We received two other applications from two RTLb staff – Bernadette Sorby and Carla White. Poata made an out of sessions decision to support the two applications.

Motion: Move that the board approve Bernadette Sorby and Carla White's study award applications.

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Denise Hall

Passed: Unanimous

8. Principal's Report

Curriculum

Term 2 topic – mushrooms is going really well. BSLA and PRIME math – students and teachers becoming more familiar with good results coming through. E-tap reports – SMT and teachers working hard to ensure first reports to parents show clear explanations of student attainment. Feedback from BOT members will be interesting. Kapa Haka and Te Reo is going really well.

Document & Self Review

Kreepa and Donal have reviewed the Health and Safety Policy. Attendance Policy will be next to be reviewed. Auditor has done a great job. Attendance figures continue to be 88+% per week.

Staffing

Staff have been fairly impacted by sickness. We are getting a new New Entrant teacher. Jacqui T graduated on Wednesday last week. We lose the RTLitt services at the end of 2025.

Finance

Finance - Another \$20K has been added to the stage, that doesn't include the sound. Seeking some quotes to ensure Health & Safety (concrete replacement), playground enhancements and roofing maintenance. Financially, seeking a resolution as dissatisfied with the finish.

Property

Still awaiting consent approval to commence work on the outside stage. Hall climbing wall completed and students are thoroughly enjoying the challenge. Hall floors have been sanded and coated twice. Donal was not happy with finish sought a professional opinion to assess it. The stage is not going to be completed before Matariki. Bike track cracks will be fixed. Court astroturf being completed this week. Looks fantastic. Second sandpit in progress.

Health & Safety

No further body breaks on playgrounds since last BOT meeting. All of the classroom Alexas have been tested to see if they are working.

General

Mr McLean's vision is to add a peace room to the administrative block, toilets and a foyer to the hall and storage to under the stairs in Tane Mahuta and upgrade the playground outside the Junior Block....

So far this year, Fruitvale students have participated in the following sports, swimming, cricket, ripper, gymnastics and biking.

Motion: Move that the Principal's report to the Board of Trustees be accepted.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Janelle Callaghan

Passed: Unanimous_

9. Correspondence

Inwards - none

Outwards - none

10. General Business

Wild School Programme

Everyone gets into the programme in year 4-6. It's done during Classroom Release Time. Teachers get a CRT day every two weeks. Teachers get 4 a term. On the strength of that we are able to employ two teachers to do art and wild school. They do two terms of art and two terms of Wild School. Kids who were in Wild School for Term 1 and 2 will swap to Art for term 3 and 4.

Goat Island Faulty Bus Issue

There were three buses that broke down on the day the school took a trip up to Goat Island in 2024. Two engine seizures, one brakes going on a downhill. The school withheld payment of the cost but a board member (Alex Kirkham) has requested that we still follow up and put a report into Worksafe on behalf of the school.

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 : 8.00 pm

11. In Committee: **Commenced** 8.01 pm **Finished** 8.03 pm

Closing Karakia: Tracy Ogden-Cork


Next meeting: Monday 28 July at 6 pm.

Actions from this and Previous Meeting/s

In Progress

- a. Obtaining pricing for replacing cushioning under playground areas and concreting around tree areas.
- b. Astroturf court resurfacing still in progress.
- c. Principal Donal McLean to make a full report to WorkSafe on the incident with the three Day Trip and Touring Company Ltd buses and report the response from WorkSafe back to the Board and interested parents.

These Minutes dated 03 June 2025
were ratified by the Board of Trustees on
28 July 2025


28.07.25
Poata Eruera
Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)