



FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No: 10

Monday 3 November 2025

Fruitvale Staff Room

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1. Meeting Opened 6.05pm
Karakia Kreepa Rai Shrestha
All Present Poata Eruera (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal), Janelle Callaghan (Teacher Representative), Denise Hall (Treasurer), Grace Covey, Kreepa Rai Shrestha, Rachael Fullerton.
Minute Taker Denise Hall
2. Not Present Bronson Harfield
3. Chairperson Introduction
No introduction from the Board Chair tonight.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 October 2025
All members are required to read prior to our meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 October 2025 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Janelle Callaghan

Passed: Unanimous

5. Matters arising from these minutes - amended surname of Gavin to Fullerton.

6. BOT

(1) Election of BOT Treasurer

Motion: That Denise Hall be nominated as the Board's Treasurer.

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Grace Covey

Passed: Unanimous

(2) Financial Summary September 2025

For the September Summary, the Projected Working Capital for December 2025 is \$445,186. This includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$27,662.

Operating Position is at 75%, Income 72%, Expenses 74%

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

Fruitvale School's Year to Date deficit is \$18,139 against a deficit budget of \$601.

New Executive Summary

Our accountants have asked for feedback, which we have responded to. We look forward to receiving this for the October Reports.

Motion: That the September 2025 Financial and Summary reports be approved and accepted.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Unanimous

(3) FV Board intro – tabled – FYI

Schooled have provided the new Board with an overview of Working Capital and Operating Surplus/Deficits from 2019 to 2025, thank you Sunita.

(4) Board Assurance Statement and Self Audit – tabled

The Board has taken all reasonable steps to meet its legal requirements including those detailed in Ministry of Education circulars and other documents related to; Board Administration, Curriculum, Health, Safety and Welfare and Personnel.

This has been attested on behalf of the Board by our BOT chair, Mr Poata Eruera.

(5) Procurement Plan – tabled – FYI.

Mr McLean is our project manager for the outdoor learning environment space, job number 250043. Mr Scott Cracknell is our Lead Designer. Procurement Value \$99,000. Commencement date approximately 16 December 2025.

(6) 2025 Curriculum Change – FYI – please read.

7. Principal's Report – Mr McLean spoke to relevant topics throughout his report. A brief overview is mentioned below.

Curriculum

Mini Beast hunts and studies are underway across the school classes. Math, Reading and Writing data was explained and shared tonight and will be shared with ERO tomorrow.

Documents & Self-review

E-Tap with Bridget have updated and aligned Reports for the end of year.

Teachers have completed a well-being survey. Donal and Kieren going to Wellington 22 October with other Lead Principals and Cluster Managers to sort out the proposed conditions and contracts for the service going forward. We continue to result in 80+ % in daily attendance however data produced through 'Every Day Matters' is based on individual daily attendance which unfortunately does not reflect a high percent. New enrollments this term are all currently 'in zone'. Our regenerative vision has taken a step further with the introduction of Mr Chris Ferkins a well-known community organizer.

Staffing

We are fully staffed for 2026

Finance

Budget 2026 and projected end of year balances for income and expenditure 2025 are complete. The asset register and cyclical maintenance plan is also finalized for this year. Capital expenses for 2026 to consider, long driveway garden structure, heat pump for the pool. The stage structure has been consented with an approximate completion date over the Christmas Holidays. Playground enhancement quotes are at hand. The \$18,883 a one-off property upgrade will be utilized towards roofing upgrades and painting in small areas.

Property

More cameras will be installed in the new year approximately \$15,000. Waiting for longer periods of fine weather to construct the second sand pit in the junior area.

Health & Safety

Board members mentioned that they have not seen any forthcoming information about Measles nor promoting ways of support re measles for our community. A discussion with Jacqui to be had by Donal. The current violence occurring in the playground has been raised by staff with Donal.

General

Donal mentions that we at Fruitvale offer a service and climate that is all too rare in education in New Zealand.

Motion: That the Principal's report to the Board of Trustees be accepted.
Moved: Donal McLean
Seconded: Grace Covey
Passed: Unanimous

8. Correspondence

Inwards

Grassroots Trust – declined due to no gaming machines in our area.

Four Winds - Grant application GF250909-8307 has been approved for \$5,000 (please adhere to the conditions of this approval).

Outwards None

Motion: That the inward and outward correspondence be accepted.
Moved: Poata Eruera
Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

9. Matters Arising from Correspondance - None

10. General Business

Pool Opening

Motion: That the pool be opened during the January 2026 period for our school-enrolled community, including pool volunteers. Key price to be discussed with Jacqui and Poata.

To be organised within Jacqui Teale's schedule.

Moved: Rachael Fullerton
Seconded: Denise Hall
Passed: Unanimous

The Board agreed with Grace Covey that our school should consider a swimming instructor to teach our students how to swim as statistics show that 7 out of 10 children in New Zealand cannot swim. Swimming lessons are very expensive.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360841134/life-savings-lets-teach-10000-kids-safe-swimming-summer>.

Budget 2026

Mr McLean and Denise spoke to the budget presented to the Board this evening, giving a surplus figure of \$147,445. This is based on current figures of income and expenditure forecast for 2026.

Motion: That the 2026 Fruitvale School Budget be accepted by the Board.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Rachael Fullerton

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 : 7.54pm

11. In Committee Yes Opened: 7.55pm Finished: 8.03pm Closing Karakia:

Next meeting: Final 2025, Tuesday 2 December 2025

Actions from this and Previous Meeting/s

In Progress

- a. Obtaining pricing for replacing cushioning under playground areas and concreting around tree areas.
- b. School Zone matter – Action for Tracey Ogden-Cork and Alex Kirkham to look into understanding the population/demographics of the area (home ownership rates, young families as feeder pupils etc) and how changes are likely to influence in zone and out of zone pupils, in order to support the development of a policy.
- c. Pet and AI policy under way.
- d. Solar resource – in abeyance
- e. Playground enhancements
- f. Trust applications - ongoing
- g. Hall floor
- h. The stage – consented
- i. Second sandpit, concrete piles, bike track maintenance, sports cabinets, security cameras.
- j. Planning – container office and storage bunker.
- k. Donald's wish list – peace room, toilets and foyer to hall, upgrade junior playground.

These Minutes dated 3 November 2025
were ratified by the Board of Trustees on
~~2 December 2025~~

Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)

02-12-25