



## FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No: Nine

Monday 6 October 2025

Fruitvale Staff Room

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New Lynn  
Auckland 0600  
Phone – 09 827 2752  
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1. Meeting Opened 6.02pm  
Karakia Donal McLean  
All Present Poata Eruera (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal), Janelle Callaghan (Teacher Representative), Denise Hall (Treasurer), Grace Covey, Kreepa Rai Shrestha, Rachael Fullerton, Bronson Harfield.  
Minute Taker Denise Hall

2. Apologies Nil

3. Election of Board Chairperson

Please refer to Minutes dated 22 September 2025.

Janelle Callaghan called for nominees for the election of the 2025/2026 Board Chairperson.

After only one nomination, it was passed unanimously that Poata Eruera, who agreed to accept the Board of Trustees' votes, returned as Chairperson to the Fruitvale Board of Trustees until the closing of the first meeting in 2026.

Moved: Janelle Callaghan

Seconded: Donal McLean

Passed: Unanimous

Poata welcomed all new members to the Board and thanked the re-elected members for their continued support to Fruitvale School. He advised that members need to look through a broader lens, open their vision to see more. A dress code for our meetings is to be 'comfortable', suitable parking areas when attending meetings from Croydon Road entrance and shared a list of acronyms that is used throughout our conversations and reports.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 1 September 2025

All members are required to read prior to our meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 1 September 2025 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Janelle Callaghan

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Unanimous

### Minutes of the previous meeting dated 22 September 2025

All members are required to read prior to meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 22 September 2025 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Rachael Fullerton

Passed: Unanimous

5. Matters arising from these minutes - None

6. BOT

(1) Financial Summary August 2025

For the August Summary, the Projected Working Capital for December 2025 is \$307,321.

This includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$27,550

Operating Position is at 67%, Income 67%, Expenses 67%

We currently have Term Deposits amounting to \$350,000.

Fruitvale School's Year to Date surplus is \$6,950 against a deficit budget of \$601.

We are expecting to see the reviewed amendments to this year's budget contained in the September reports.

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

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Donal McLean

Passed: Unanimous

(2) 10YPP – 5YA Amendment – tabled

Motion: That the Fruitvale 10YPP-5YA amendment application form be accepted

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Poata Eruera

Passed: Unanimous

Policies – tabled - Dogs on School Grounds - emotional support for students and whanau dogs

Artificial Intelligence (AI) ongoing

Attendance Term 2 2025 – tabled

RTL B Term 3 Cluster 6 Newsletter – tabled

7. Principal's Report

Our Principal delved a little deeper than usual to explain matters to our new members, to allow a better understanding of where we stand at present.

We are a trauma informed school.

The current school roll is 372 students projected roll is 395.

Congratulations to Janelle and Joseph on their wedding over the holidays.

Curriculum

Term 4 'Mini Beasts'

Production T3 W9 was outstanding. A big thank you to all those involved. Special thanks to Poata, Showlight & Power and Dave for their support (donation) with equipment, lights and lighting at no cost and Roland for sound.

Reading & Math systems are reviewed constantly so teachers are understanding the data of their students' learning. Huge load for employees continuing with trauma-based approaches with students. GTT adds to the language of learning. Wild skills are about community building and strengthening our students as a well-balanced community member. Board receives data of students throughout the year.

### Documents & Self-review

ERO coming 4 to 5 November, documents being completed and sent by W5.

Pet and AI policies in progress. We subscribe to SchoolDocs for clarity and alignment with other New Zealand schools.

RTLb - Learning Conversations 14 & 15 October, to create better conditions for learning.

Mr McLean discussed in zone = MOE property allowance 90-99% for funding, versus out of zone enrolments.

### Staffing

Sickness, hopefully with weather improving sickness will decline.

Special needs students – Mrs Shirley White is responsible for applying for funding applications when and where necessary.

RTLits – after the High Court finding this will be disestablished.

Term 3, teachers completed a survey, considering the implications.

### Finance

Solar resource – in abeyance, ensuring that the roof is sound and safe enough to carry the array for another 30 years.

Quotes for playground enhancements \$20-\$90,000 are in progress.

Trust monies are not forthcoming this year, will apply again in this next round.

Hall floor dissatisfaction still awaiting outcome.

Received \$18,883 one-off Property upgrade from MOE, more than likely for roofing upgrades and painting to small areas around the school.

### Property

Stage – consent is nearing completion

Sports cabinets coming, bike track maintenance will happen T4 \$4,255+, quotes coming for more security cameras.

Heb Construction - Concrete piles to schools - arriving soon for seating, mulch bins, containers.

A big thank you to Heb Construction.

Planning underway for a container office and storage bunker next to our 'health room'

### Health & Safety

PULSE / Linewise continues to create a safe digital space for our tamariki and whānau.

Pool broken into over the holidays – raises questions around safety.

### General

Please refer to the Principal's Report.

RTLb and RTLits – please refer to Mr McLean's report.

A copy of the Cyclical 10YPP-5YP maintenance provision sheet was presented at tonight's meeting.

Motion: That the Cyclical 10YPP -5YP Maintenance Provision be accepted

Moved: Poata Eruera

Seconded: Bronson Harfield

Passed: Unanimous

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

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Grace Covey

Passed: Unanimous

## 8. Correspondence

### Inwards

Election Pilot Denise Hall 104, Grace Covey 75, Kreepa Rai Shrestha 65, Rachael Gavin 58 and Bronson Harfield 56. Future co-opts: Claire Mansell 52 Megan Jack 50

P S Commission tabled FYI

Chanel McInnes In Committee

### Funding Applications

Dragon Community, Grassroots, BlueSky Trusts and Milestone Foundation, have been declined.

Motion: That the Fruitvale Road School's Board of Trustees have agreed to apply to multiple funding organisations/trusts by way of funding applications for financial assistance to various projects within the school.

Moved: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Seconded: Poata Eruera

Outwards None

Motion: That the inward and outward correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Grace Covey

Seconded: Denise Hall

## 9. Matters Arising from Correspondance - None

## 10. General Business

Request for BOT support via Heather Bodley.

Motion: That teachers and support staff have the support of the BOT to take strike action that is scheduled for 23 October 2025 to obtain better working conditions.

Moved: Janelle Callaghan

Seconded: Grace Covey

Passed: Unanimous

*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 : 7.22pm

11. In Committee Yes Opened: 7.23pm Finished: 8.23pm Closing Karakia: Donal McLean

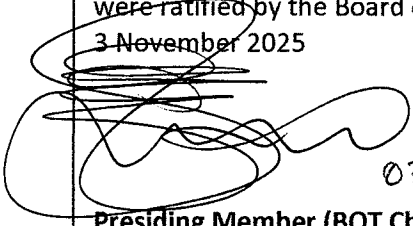
Next meeting: Monday 3 November 2025

## 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. ERO preparation under way, including all staff and tamariki survey on well-being to be carried out.
- d. Pet and AI policy under way.
- e. Kieren and Donal – Wellington 22 October, Lead Principals and Cluster managers – conditions and contracts.
- f. Solar resource – in abeyance
- g. Playground enhancements
- h. Trust applications
- i. Hall floor
- j. The stage
- k. Second sandpit, concrete piles, bike track maintenance, sports cabinets, security cameras.
- l. Planning – container office and storage bunker.
- m. Donald's wish list – peace room, toilets and foyer to hall, upgrade junior playground.

These Minutes dated 6 October 2025  
were ratified by the Board of Trustees on  
3 November 2025

  
03.11.25  
Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)