



FRUITVALE SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING No: 3

Monday 4 May 2026

Fruitvale Staff Room

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1. **Meeting Opened** 6.02 pm
Karakia Charlie Agnew (Chairperson's son) via video
All Present Grace Covey (Chairperson), Donal McLean (Principal), Janelle Maton (nee Callaghan) (Teacher Representative), Denise Hall (Treasurer), Kreepa Rai Shrestha, Rachael Fullerton and Bronson Harfield
Minute Taker Denise Hall
Testing AI and Zoom technology
All Present Yes
2. **Apologies** Nil
3. **Chairperson Introduction**
Grace welcomed everyone to her first meeting as our Chairperson, advising that it may take a few meetings to get her head around a few things but with everyone's input ensures things will run smoothly.
We are engaging in, (along with Denise), an AI and Zoom technology service this evening to negate having a physical Minute Taker.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting dated 2 March 2026**
All members are required to read prior to this meeting.
Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 2 March 2026 be accepted as true and correct.
Moved: Donal McLean
Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha
Passed: Unanimous
5. **Matters arising from these minutes**
Actions from this and Previous Meetings (k) should have read Donal's instead of Donald's

Mrs Bridget Dadley our Deputy Principal then addressed the meeting.

Expense Increase for Camp 2027 from \$31,000 now \$45,000

The BOT were made aware of the increased costs of camp for 2027 and were requested to make a decision as to whether or not camp should go ahead next year. Members discussed how camp is an integral part of our students' school life. Some ideas suggested were, parent contributions via instalments, utilising our Outdoor Stage for Shakespeare/Movies at Fruitvale. Bronson mentioned being a DJ at discos, Rachael is keen to help fundraise.

- Motion:** That the Board agrees that Camp 2027 should go ahead.
That the Board supports school fundraising, and
That the Board will cover the cost of the shortfall after income funding is utilised from Government, fundraising by the school has been actioned and parent contributions toward the cost of camp. Looking for approximately \$17,000.
- Moved:** Grace Covey
Passed: Unanimous

PAT Reading, Comprehension and Maths Testing – Term Two

Mrs Dadley explained the data from PAT testing. The PAT's are standardised normed tests. The data showed that most of our students are sitting within the 'normed' ranges.

Bridget advised that a group of students that are Stanine 2 and 3 (from both tests) will be tracked and she is in discussions with their teachers in how they are being supported in the classroom. Mrs Dadley and Mrs White also record what

interventions and extra support these students have or need. The progress in our students demonstrated that structured literacy and numeracy is supporting our students as well as teachers. It also demonstrated that the teachers have been working really hard to implement two new approaches and their hard work is evident in the results. It is also noted that student enrolments have grown significantly being of ESOL backgrounds. PM Readers are being used for lower levels. The next results in Term Four, will show an average progress including the average progress in students that are below.

Thank you, Mrs Dadley for taking the time to explain this information to Board Members and to Mrs White and all our teaching staff for their commitment toward their students' progress.

6. BOT

(1) Financial Summary December 2025

For the December Summary, the Projected Working Capital for December 2025 is \$556,989.

This includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$28,184.

Income and Expenses for the twelfth month should be 100%.

We currently have Term Deposits amounting to \$150,000.

Fruitvale School's Year to Date deficit is \$17,352 against our original budget of minus \$601.

Motion: That the December 2025 Financials be accepted and approved.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Rachael Fullerton

Passed: Unanimous

Financial Summary January/February 2026

For the Summary, January/February 2026, the Projected Working Capital for December 2026 is \$678,676.

This includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$27,323 and Security Alarms \$35,000.

Income and Expenses for the first/second months should be 17%.

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

Fruitvale School's Year to Date deficit is \$22,556 against a surplus draft budget of \$143,445.

Motion: That the January/February 2026 Financials be accepted and approved.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Janelle Maton

Passed: Unanimous

Financial Summary March 2026

For the Summary, March 2026, the Projected Working Capital for December 2026 is \$480,948.

This includes a deduction for special reserves for F.F.C. of \$26,661.

Income and Expenses for the third month should be 25%.

We currently have Term Deposits amounting to \$150,000.

Fruitvale School's Year to Date is a deficit of \$25,129 against a deficit budget of \$13,797.

Motion: That the March 2026 Financials be accepted and approved.

Moved: Denise Hall

Seconded: Grace Covey

Passed: Unanimous

Budget 2026

Mr McLean spoke of many variables that had to be carried out in the later stages of December 2025 through to March 2026 that were not anticipated at the time of compiling the Draft Budget for 2026.

I can assure BOT members that where necessary queries will be rectified and budget lines approved by the Principal and actioned by Schooled. However, this may affect the Budget figure presented at tonight's meeting for 2026, which is currently at a surplus of \$11,774.

No final 2025 Audit Reports have been received as yet.

Motion: That the 2026 Budget be accepted and approved.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Denise Hall

Passed: Unanimous

Audit 2025 Reports - at the time of emailing to members no final reports have been received.

- (2) **RTLB Report** No report received in Drop Box. Due to the global shortages of oil and fuel supplies stemming from the Iran War, staff mileage allowances were discussed between Mr McLean and the General Manager of our RTLB Cluster. Both agreed to a per km increase until resolved.

Motion: That the RTLB staff's mileage allowance be accepted and approved until further notice
Moved: Donal McLean
Seconded: Grace Covey
Passed: Unanimous

(3) **Attendance: T1 Everyday Matters**

Summary reports to the Principal from Attendance shows a weekly average of 90% and from Everyday Matters detailed reporting attendance has increased across the whole school from 70% up to 75%. This is the highest since these records have been collected. T2 of course is Winter, therefore we are expecting a higher number of students absent due to sickness.

7. **Principal's Report**

A brief overview is mentioned below for community purposes. Mr McLean and members spoke to relevant topics throughout this report. The complete Principal's Reports are available for public and/or Authority viewing at the office.

Curriculum

Discussions taking place with staff about the balance of academic and value curriculums run at Fruitvale. Keen to understand the BOT's view point. Possibly a community survey would give a broader understanding as well.

Documents & Self-review

Security cameras recently upgraded and will be further upgraded again shortly. The BOT were made aware that these things are outside the set budget but hope that the BOT agrees that they are justified.

Fire Practice this term is complete. A ballot will be held for four Out of Zone enrolments. AI is a rapidly moving technology and our Principal has asked the BOT if they want more information concerning this.

Staffing

Two new staff members require informed PD around their understanding of our trauma and learning through play curriculums at our school. Having 64 days of staff illnesses in T1, we will be receiving 45 days back from MOE.

Finance

The 2026 Budget has been approved tonight, 4 May 2026

RTLits – we are still awaiting our proportion of funds.

Trusts \$27,000 plus BOT's \$10,000 will cover the Sound and Light for the outside stage.

Parts have arrived but not installed as yet.

The stage and outside classrooms that require modifications will mostly be covered by our MOE:SYA process. This may not be the case as finishing different parts of the planned stage have proven to be more costly than was quoted due to specific modifications that were required to ensure best outcomes for the school.

Property

The Outdoor Stage, Wild Skills and Garden to Table units are nearing completion.

The BOT was asked by Donal which of the following did they wish to move forward with; sunshades, solar expansions or community resilience – yet to be discussed further. Sunshades or the like seemed to have been mentioned as priority.

Health & Safety

Sickbay/Behaviour/Incident Reports now incorporated within the Principle's Report.

It was raised by BOT members that the detailed reports have not been shown this evening.

General

ERO report now on our website.

We have been nominated as a Pulse school of excellence.

Soon to be ESOL verified.

A verbal report was received from Mr McLean's in reference to his science in action of mushrooms at Fungal Foray.

Motion: That the Principal's Report with any attachments be accepted and approved.

Moved: Donal McLean

Seconded: Kreepa Rai Shrestha

Passed: Unanimous

8. **Correspondence**

Inwards: Resignation letter of BOT member from Mr Poata Eruera
Outwards: Nil
Motion: That the inward and outward correspondence be accepted
Moved: Grace Covey
Seconded: Bronson Hartfield

9. **Matters Arising from Correspondance** — Grace will action a letter to Mr Eruera.

10. **General Business - None**

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: 7.50pm

11. **In Committee** **Opened:** 7.51pm **Finished:** 7.55pm **Closing Karakia:** Grace Covey by Signing

Next meeting: Monday 8 June 2026

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 investigate 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 – in abeyance
- h. The stage – nearing completion
- i. Second sandpit, concrete piles, bike track maintenance, sports cabinets, security cameras.
- j. Planning – container office and storage bunker.
- k. Donal's wish list – peace room, toilets and foyer to hall, upgrade junior playground.

These Minutes dated 4 May 2026
were ratified by the Board of Trustees on
8 June 2026



Presiding Member (BOT Chairperson)