

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

## MAUNGARAKI SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



At the **Maungaraki School Board Meeting** on **14 May 2025** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

<b>Name:</b>	Maungaraki School Board of Trustees
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 26 March 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 pm to 7:38 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	School staffroom, Maungaraki School, 137 Dowse Drive, Maungaraki
<b>Board Members:</b>	Aaron Moore (Chair), Cole Komarkowski, Kim Webby, Lisa Agent, Lizzie Briscoe, Matthew Butler, Megan Hurley, Shane Robinson
<b>Attendees:</b>	Darian Schulz, Juanita Kil, Tania Potaka
<b>Apologies:</b>	Brigitte Ferguson

### 1. Regular items

#### 1.1 Prayer and Karakia

#### 1.2 Present and Apologies

Megan Hurley, Lizzie Briscoe, Aaron Moore, Lisa Agent, Kim Webby, Cole Komarkowski

Apologies

Matthew Butler

#### 1.3 Interests Register

#### 1.4 Draft Minutes - February



##### Approved minutes

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<b>Mover:</b>	Cole Komarkowski
<b>Seconder:</b>	Lizzie Briscoe
<b>Outcome:</b>	Approved

#### 1.5 Principal's Report

##### Attendance

The Ministry has a big push on attendance. We have talked about this in the past. We have attendance issues around holidays. We could send out a form where parents would have to ask for approval. The school believed that holidays are important for families. Some of our families try to connect with their own families overseas. We have a number of students with families that are overseas.

We haven't seen a correlation between those who are taking holidays and achievement.

We do talk to our community about attendance being the most important thing for achievement.

We do have some sickness and some students who have high levels of anxiety. We try to work with these families to increase attendance.

## **Behaviour**

We have had an incident where a student struck a teacher and left the school. This was followed up with the parents and the student was stood down for 3 days.

We also had a special needs student leave the school after working with the family and the Ministry. We did have a break down with our Ministry advisor as they have not given the school the support required in this situation.

## **Staff resignation**

Adam has resigned, he is moving back to Switzerland with his family.

Incidents and accidents. - We had an injury with a teacher. Which we are monitoring.

## **Pedal Ready**

Tightening up what they are doing on our roads with the students. We are aware as a community that students are riding bikes on the foot paths. We would like them to be more capable on the roads. This is a challenging issue some parents don't want their children riding their bikes on the road.

## **Car park**

We do have health and safety concerns about how people use the car park. We might have to look at stopping the access to parents for picking up and dropping of kids.



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## **1.6 Finance Report**

We had budgeted a lost of around \$9,000. We were \$45,000 in credit.

We are in a healthy position as a school. We didn't meet our target for donations and this is something that we will continue to monitor.



### **Approved - Finance**

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**Seconder:** Kim Webby  
**Outcome:** Approved

## **1.7 Property Update**

Rodrigo has done an amazing job on the Mural.

We are working with Wellington Water on this.

Waiting for Matta to come in and do the job.

Concrete pad, we are working with them closely on this.

The netball pole is being worked on.

We will be updating the basketball hoops and having a new one



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**Seconder:** Lisa Agent  
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## **2. Strategic Discussion/Decision**

### **2.1 Maungaraki Community Hall - Strategic Discussion & Update**

Hall discussion

Aaron has been having conversations with the Hutt City council about what is happening with the hall. He will be meeting with them again and go with a proposal about the options that the board have discussed.

Lizzie has been researching down at the council archives to find out about the history of the hall. She has put together documentation around when it was built and who it was built for. It was clear that this was a community project for the school and the hall.

There is concern about how the MCA have changed the way the hall has operated over time and where that potentially will leave the school. The MCA will need to look at the future of the association and what that will look like.

The Ministry of Education will not purchase the school hall for the school. However, the Board could look at purchasing the hall for the school. The council may not want to sell the hall.

We talked about 3 options.

1, Can we purchase the hall, or take ownership with a long term lease. (30 Years)

2, Can we get an agreed lease time for the school.

3, The school to rent it per hour from the council

The board are keen to look at option 1 and talk to the council about what this could look like.

## 2.2 PAT Data Report - 2025

We are happy with the PAT data, please remember it is a one-off test.

We talked about what the stanines mean and what the National average. We are seeing our numbers continue to climb from year to year.

We are talking with the syndicates about the importance of explicitly teaching listening comprehension. This is becoming an issue across schools.



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**Seconder:** Megan Hurley

**Outcome:** Approved

## 3. External Updates

### 3.1 Home & School Update

#### Home and School

Juicies \$700

Raffles 8 prizes, topped up with \$150 - Tickets are out and due in next week.

Pizza lunch on Thursday

#### Term 2

Movie night

Pizza Lunch

We need to hand over the drive from Megan to Shane. .

### 3.2 MCA Update

4. Public Excluded / In Committee

5. Close Meeting

**5.1 Close the meeting**

**Next meeting:** No date for the next meeting has been set.

**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_