RANGIORA NEW LIFE SCHOOL

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Minutes of the Meeting 04 February 2026

7:00 pm, Room 21

Action Points

Presiding Member
RNL School Board

Part 1 Introduction

1.1 Welcome: Stan Stewart welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 6.55pm

1.2 Apologies: Shine Laurie
Absent: None

Present:
Trustees: Stan Stewart (Chair), Stephen Walters, Karen Rennie, Dusty Eloff, Jo Simpson, Jaco Niemand, Kerry Harris, Phil Shaw, Chris Joseph, Sheryl Band, Reese Hunter, Glenda van der Walt (Minutes)

Other: Ross Nicholson, Rudi Mac Donald

1.3 Conflict of Interest including any changes to Members Interest as disclosed in the interest register:

None – no changes.

1.4 Devotions & Open in Prayer led by: Stan Stewart

Scripture: Psalm 133: 1-3
Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the bear, the bear of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – live forevermore.

Reflection / Prayer Points
Decision making should be made by reflection of this Scripture – in unity, and results in the wellbeing of RNLS. The Proprietors decisions have a flow down effect, effecting the BOT, which effects the Principal and thus effects the staff and ultimately the students. The School Board agendas are to be focused on governance and not on fixing issues. Oil flows properly through the whole body when it is in unity. The school flourishes with good governance, moving forward and leaving the past behind.

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Taken as read.
Date of Last Meeting: 03 December 2025

A discussion ensued regarding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the wording of 'expectations being met', with the finding that these are a true and accurate representation of the previous meeting. The outcomes of Māori and Pasifika being at 100% pass rate, ahead of all other groups and being met. To review these outcomes at the next Curriculum Review presentation for this subject.

Moved that Minutes of 03 December 2025 be accepted.

SS **All in favour** **Carried**

1.6 Matters Arising: Letter to Parents involved in the Christmas Parade

1.7 Presiding Member and Committee Member elections

Presiding Member

Nominated:	Chris Joseph	SS	**All in favour**	Carried
Elected:	Chris Joseph			

Chris takes the meeting and thanks Stan for serving, addressed the members and prayed.

Deputy Presiding Member

Nominated:	Stan Stewart	CJ	**All in favour**	Carried
Elected:	Stan Stewart			

All other committee structures to remain the same.

A discussion was held on uniform and pricing. This is to be submitted to the School Board at the next meeting, for review.

Policy Committee to meet before the next School Board Meeting.

1.8 Correspondence

Inward

01/12 CEN Training opportunities – 2026
02/12 Email A Shaw Official Information Act request
03/12 NZSBA Have your say – survey
05/12 NZASA News
12/12 End of year message from NZACS
15/12 Onboard November-December 2025
16/12 Report on the results of 2024 school audits
16/12 Email A Shaw redacted information request
21/01 NZSBA Introducing GovHub – School Board Services
27/01 CEN Board Training – March 2026
28/01 Nth Canterbury Schools Board Training in person

Outward

04/12 Physical Restraint
No need to discuss, as is self-explanatory.
16/12 Letter to A Shaw
27/01 Letter to A Shaw
28/01 Letter to parents involved in the Christmas Parade

Moved that: All Correspondence be taken as read. CJ **All in favour** **Carried**.

Part 2: Strategic and Leadership

An in-depth discussion was held on the delay of the submission by the Committee to the School Board of the Annual Plan, due to the School Board elections, as well as a member shouldering the responsibility for non-completion.
A path is to be charted, going forward with the Strategic and Leadership Committee bearing the responsibility to produce the plan, with submission to the School Board. Preferably, the plan should be finalized by the start of the year, to enable the Head of Curriculums to implement this school wide. It is noted that the Plan is to be submitted to the MOE by the 31 March.

Part 3: Review of Learning Areas and Education Outcomes

17 June
22 July

Part 4: Financial – <u>taken as read</u>.

No reports submitted as the first Finance and Property Committee Meeting is scheduled for 24 February.
November and December 2025 reports will be submitted at the scheduled 04 March 2026 School Board Meeting.

Motion that The Board authorises the Presiding Member and Principal to sign the Statement of Responsibility for the 2025 Annual Accounts on the Board's behalf when confirmation is received that the audit has been completed. KR / SS **All in favour** **Carried**

Part 5: Update Reports

4.1 Principal's Report – taken as read.

A welcome email has been sent to the community, with a newsletter being circulated on the 5th February.
A meeting was held with Jeff McGregor regarding a possible mission trip to Cambodia. Good interest has been received from both students and parents alike. A discussion was held on previous trips pre-Covid, with revisiting mission trips going forward. Previously costs were prohibitive and as a result fundraising activities could be investigated for funding.

An in-depth discussion was held regarding uniform standards & behaviour management. The potential for future policy strengthening to support the, 'culture of excellence' strategic goal.

A question was raised regarding who is responsible for the sound system (proprietors or school etc). It was acknowledged that there is a maintenance issue and will be addressed as such.

Moved that: The Principal's report be accepted. SW / DE **All in favour** **Carried**

4.2 Student Report – no report tabled.

Some primary students attended a trip to Ferrymead on the 30th January and the 2nd of February.
The Yr 9 camp will be held on the 11th and 12th February.

4.3 Proprietor's Report – taken as read.

The Proprietors were thanked for the work done on the grounds as they were in a great condition for the start of the school year. The Proprietors are looking into the landscaping with a specialist to be approached.
The Christian Character Guidelines is a work in progress. A discussion was held on community consultation, development, testing and roll out. This honours the Special Character in school set by the Gateway Life Church and sits in Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan. The School Board governs these guidelines, with the school rolling it out.
The Proprietors recommend that the members of the School Board familiarise themselves with the Education Act regarding integrated schools.

Moved that: the Proprietors' report be accepted. DE / KR **All in favour Carried**

4.4 Health and Safety Report – no report tabled.

No meeting has been held in 2026, yet.

4.5 Uniform Report -no report tabled**.**

Part 6: Operational, Policies and Procedures (SchoolDocs)

03/12 SchoolDocs Advisory: Education and Training Amendment Act 2025
16/12 SchoolDocs Advisory: End of Year updates and Meri Kirihimete
27/01 SchoolDocs Advisory: Start-of-year news and actions

It is noted that the 'Inclusive' Policy is up for renewal.

Part 7: General Business

Part 8: In Committee (public excluded)

All visitors left.

In 'In Committee' at 8.01 pm

Review of the last minutes.

Moved that the minutes of the 03 December 2025 meeting are a true and accurate representation.
CJ **2 abstained 9 agreed Carried**

Stephen Walters and Phil Shaw abstained.

Out of 'In Committee' at 8.03 pm

All visitors returned.

Devotions at the next meeting: Phil Shaw

Sheryl closed in prayer.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.

Next meeting – 04 March 2026