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Minutes of the Meeting 01 April 2026

7:00 pm, Room 21

Action Points

Part 1 Introduction

1.1 **Welcome:** Chris Joseph welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced at 7 pm

1.2 **Apologies**: None
Absent: None

Present:

Trustees: Chris Joseph (Chair), Stephen Walters, Stan Stewart, Dusty Eloff, Karen Rennie, Shine Laurie, Jo Simpson, Jaco Niemand, Kerry Harris, Phil Shaw, Sheryl Band, Reese Hunter

Other: Ross Nicholson

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

None

1.4 **Devotions & Open in Prayer led by:** Sheryl Band

Matthew 5:13–16
"You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world."
Sheryl reflected on her journey from teaching in secular schools to working within a Christian school. She shared how she once wrestled with the question: *Should we remain in Christian environments, or are we called to be salt and light out in the world?*
Salt enhances and brings out the best in what is already there. In the same way, we are called to positively influence and enrich the environments God has placed us in. Light, too, brings clarity—often through asking thoughtful questions, offering wisdom, and helping others to see truth more clearly.
However, just as salt must be used wisely, so must we. Sheryl recalled a humorous example of a flatmate who added an entire cup of chicken stock to a pie, making it so overwhelmingly salty that it was inedible. In the same way, our influence must be balanced, gracious, and led by the Spirit.
Ultimately, whether we are in a Christian setting or the wider world, our calling remains the same: to reflect Christ in all we do. We must keep Him at the centre of our lives and our work, allowing His light to shine through us with both truth and grace.

1.5 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Taken as read.
Date of Last Meeting: 04 March 2026

Moved that Minutes of 04 March 2026 be accepted.

SW / KH **All in favour** **Carried**

1.6 Matters Arising from the previous minutes: Report on Relief Budgets 2025
Letter to concerned parties re parking

M/A: Glenda to email the Board Members regarding the relief budgets for 2025.

1.7 Correspondence

Inward

27/02 NZASA NZ Area Schools Conference 2026
27/02 NZSBA Onboard Magazine Jan-Feb 2026
06/03 NZSBA Conference Registrations now open
10/03 NZASA Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement
13/03 OAG Upcoming Audit Information
23/03 AIS Term 1 2026 Newsletter

Outward

09/03 Letter to concerned parties re parking

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

Part 2: Christian Character

The open day for the new classrooms was discussed.

M/A: Glenda to organise name tags for the Board Members.

The Proprietors' report was tabled. A discussion will be held with Dusty and Stephen, followed by further consideration at a subsequent Board meeting.

Part 3: Strategic and Leadership

Nothing further to report at this stage. The auditors will submit the final report to the Ministry no later than 31 May 2026. It was agreed that a meeting will be convened prior to this date.

Part 4: Reports

4.1 Principal's Report – taken as read.
It was recommended that, moving forward, the Principal's report begin anew at the start of each term. Stephen expressed his willingness to serve as a new Principal's mentor, and this was discussed by the Board.

Moved that Stephen is to serve as a new Principal's mentor.	SW / JN	**All in favour**	**Carried**
Moved that The Principal's report be accepted.	SW / JN	**All in favour**	**Carried**

4.2 Student Report – taken as read

Moved that: the Student' report be accepted.	RH / SW	**All in favour**	**Carried**

4.3 Health and Safety Report

No concerns

Moved that: the Health and Safety report be accepted.	SS / CJ	**All in favour**	**Carried**

4.4 Uniform Report – tabled as read

Moved that The Uniform report be accepted.	KR / KH	**All in favour**	**Carried**

Part 5: Operational, Policies and Procedures (SchoolDocs)

06/03 SchoolDocs: Update to our parent company name
11/03 SchoolDocs Advisory: Upcoming changes

A recommendation is to keep all current policies the same.

Moved that the Board accept the recommendation.	DE / PS	**All in favour**	**Carried**

Part 6: Financial – taken as read.

Reports for February 2026 and graphs.
Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
Additional Reports
Minutes of the 24 March 2026 meeting

Glenda was thanked for clear reporting and on how the finances are tracking.

Moved that: The Financial Report for February 2026 be received and the March 2026 Finance Minutes be accepted. KR /SW **All in favour** **Carried**

Part 7: General Business

Drama
The Drama request was discussed. The item is to fit in with the Christian Character of the school.
Focus on biblical greats in the Bible, e.g. David.
There is now a new movie "David' recently released and the soundtrack could be utilised.

Possible themes that could be used:
Salt and Light
Born for such a time as this – a modern twist on Queen Esther
Michah & Isaia – modern twist
Modernising Paul – Jeremiah
Unity Psalm 133

The recommendation is to be forwarded to the Drama teacher.

CEN
The CEN training evening was discussed, with resources placed on the SharePoint.
A discussion was held on the current fuel effects, cost of living could possibly affect families in the school, staff and bus services.

A bulletin was read from the MOE on fuel reduction, which has been forwarded to Chris.

Part 8: In Committee (public excluded)

No visitors at the Board meeting.

Moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted CJ **All in favour** **Carried**

Review of Learning Areas and Education Outcomes

17 June
22 July

Devotions at the next meeting: Dusty Eloff

Stan closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next meeting – 06 May 2026