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Minutes of the Meeting 03 June 2026

6.55 pm, Room 21

CMJoseph

Presiding Member
RNL School Board

Action Points

Part 1 Introduction

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

1.2 Apologies: Phil Shaw, Glenda van der Walt

Absent:

Present:

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

Other: Ross Nicholson

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

1.4 Devotions & Open in Prayer led by: Stephen Walters

Blessing the Blankets – Living Out Our Faith

Matthew 25 "For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me in. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sci, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.
Then Jesus says: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"

At the church that Stephen attends, the ladies' fellowship group faithfully creates handmade blankets to be sent to people overseas who are experiencing hardship. This ministry is a beautiful expression of Christ's love in action, demonstrating compassion and care for those in need. As Jesus teaches in Matthew 25, when we serve "the least of these," we are serving Him. Through these simple yet meaningful acts of generosity, God's love reaches beyond borders and brings comfort and hope to others.

Being Salt and Light – Matthew 5 "You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

An article recently published in *The Press* highlighted why many parents choose Christian education, noting the openness, authenticity, and integrity displayed by our students during their

interviews. This serves as an encouraging reminder that Christian education shapes not only academic growth but also Christ-like character.
In Matthew 5, Jesus calls His followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our students have opportunities to live out their faith through service, kindness, and witness within the community. The planned Cambodia Mission Trip is a powerful example of faith expressed through practical service, building relationships, and sharing God's love. As a school community, we continue to encourage our young people to let their light shine before others, so that God may be glorified through their words and actions.

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Taken as read.
Date of Last Meeting: 06 May 2026

The following changes to be made to the previous minutes under the Christian Character section:
Update the word "advice" to "direction", and
Update the sentence "Animals in school" to Animals in Buildings".

A change to be made to the Principal's report by adding to the last sentence of the report:
"issue but shared with the Board as an FYI."

Moved that Minutes of 06 May 2026 be accepted, including the above changes.
CJ **All in favour** **Carried**

It was mentioned that Māori Te Reo in classes cannot be opted out of as advised by the Ministry of Education. Kapa Haka is not compulsory in other schools and as a Christian School, research should be made into some of the rituals, as they do not line up with Christian Character.

1.6 Matters Arising from the previous minutes: **None**

1.7 Correspondence

Inward

06/05 NZSBA Annual General Meeting 2026
07/05 GovHub Learning Events
25/05 NZSBA Discounts for Members & NZSBA board elections

25/05 Travel letter for the Board
The international travel for the Director was discussed. The costs are to be included in the 2027 international student budget. Further details to be presented to the Board.

M/A: The International Director to present further information / details to the Board.

Moved to accept the proposed international travel for the International Director in 2027.

CJ **All in favour** **Carried**

28/05 GovHub Build Confidence in Governing for Student Achievement

Outward

None

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

Part 2: Christian Character

Carl Becker was on site last week. Stan provided an update on the feedback framework, noting that it has been well received to date. The framework is still being finalised by the Proprietors. Approximately five to six staff members have trialled it with their classes, and the initial response has been positive. Stephen intends to work on implementing the framework during Term 3, once the final version has been approved, by breaking it down into teachable components for classroom use.

The Proprietors' Report was taken as read.

Construction of the Administration Building remains on schedule, with practical completion anticipated by 3 July. Landscaping and pathway works are planned to be completed during the subsequent school holidays.

Moved that: The Proprietors report be taken as read. DE / SK **All in favour** **Carried**

Part 3: Strategic and Leadership

A meeting to be scheduled before Stephen leaves on Sabbatical in Term 3.

Part 4: Reports

4.1 Principal's Report – taken as read.

In Term 3, either Stuart or Ross will present the Principal's report, while Stephen is on Sabbatical.

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

4.2 Student Report – taken as read

The student prayer groups are well represented and received. A student presents a bible study, which is going well.

Moved that: the Student report be received. RH / KH **All in favour Carried**

4.3 Health and Safety Report

The matter of the structure on the retention pond / Hegan Reserve was raised. This is to be discussed in detail at a later date.

M/A: Structure on the retention pond / Hegan Reserve.

Moved that: the Health & Safety Minutes be received. SS / CJ **All in favour Carried**

4.4 Uniform Report

None for this meeting. A discussion has held regarding the Yr 13 kilt changeover tabled for 2027.

Part 5: Operational, Policies and Procedures (SchoolDocs)

05/05	SchoolDocs Advisory Privacy Updates
26/05	SchoolDocs Advisory Mid-term updates

Part 6: Financial – taken as read.

Reports for April 2026 and graphs.
Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense April 2026
Additional Reports
Minutes of the 27 May 2026 meeting

Cyclical Maintenance was discussed with a question raised on how the maintenance is calculated. General monthly maintenance is done by the Caretaker. A a breakdown of the Cyclical Maintenance and the Property Report to be presented at the next meeting.

M/A: A breakdown of the Cyclical Maintenance and Property Report to be presented to the next Board meeting.

The relief budget was discussed, and some income is to be received from the Proprietors, for time used to review the Christian Character, which will bring down the costs.

The replacement of the basketball frames was discussed in depth. The school arranged the replacement, after consultation with the company who provided them 14 years ago. Full replacement was indicated due to the age and fatigue of the metal frame. An email was sent to the Proprietors after the Finance Meeting, for consideration of payment towards this expenditure as it is a fixture. The Proprietors indicated that they would have preferred to be involved in this matter from the beginning. Going forward the Proprietors request that all repairs and or replacement of equipment be discussed with them. A plan is to be put in place to identify the process requested.

M/A: The Proprietors and Senior Leadership Team to develop a process for the repair and or replacement of equipment.

Minuted that:
Solutions and Services have prepared 2026 budgeted Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Cashflows extracted from the Board prepared 2026 Operating & Capital Budgets and provided all 2026 budget documents required for approval. These reports have been prepared prior to the 2025 audit finalisation. Where any audit adjustments arise for 2025, these budgeted balances will require adjustment to ensure that the statements continue to balance for use in the 2026 annual accounts (i.e. retained earnings).
The above was agreed to via email, due to time constraints.

Moved that: The Financial Report for April 2026 be received and the May 2026 Finance Minutes be accepted. KR / DE **All in favour** **Carried**

Part 7: General Business

Phil Shaw has resigned from the School Board. A discussion was held on the by-election process. The Board Secretary to arrange the by-election.
Moved to hold a by-election to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Phil Shaw.

M/A: To hold a by-election

Part 8: In Committee (public excluded)

Moved into "In Committee" at 8.43

29/05 Letter re HOC Social Science

Moved out of "In Committee" at 8.47

Review of Learning Areas and Education Outcomes

17 June
22 July

Devotions at the next meeting: Shine Laurie

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

Next meeting – 17 June – Curriculum Review