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Minutes of the Meeting 05 August 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**: Dusty Eloff, Glenda van der Walt (Minutes)

Absent:

Present:

Trustees: Chris Joseph (Presiding Member),
Ross Nicholson, Stuart Masterton, Stan Stewart, Karen Rennie (and Minutes),
Shine Laurie, Jo Simpson, Jaco Niemand, Kerry Harris, Sheryl Band, Reese Hunter.

Other:

1.3 **Conflict of Interest including any changes to Members Interest as disclosed in the interest register**: No new conflicts noted.

1.4 **Devotions & Open in Prayer led by:** Jo Simpson

As we have stepped out in faith to do what Jesus has called us to do, we have seen God moving powerfully within our school community. Together, we hold onto the truth of **1 Corinthians 2:16**, that *"we have the mind of Christ."*

We have been encouraged by many testimonies of God's work. At the Prayer Breakfast in Christchurch, there was a genuine desire among those gathered to pray for our students. Our Christian camp, school auction, senior snack shop, and other community events were all great successes. Interestingly, the most popular items in the snack shop were those that students could share with one another, reflecting the spirit of community and generosity among our young people.

Our student prayer meeting has grown into a Bible study, showing a deeper hunger among students to explore and grow in their faith. Cushla shared how pleased the students were with the auction and the opportunities it provided. We were also encouraged by the generosity of two boys who chose to donate money to the Rangiora Borough School. Their kindness deeply impacted the Borough School community, who were greatly moved by this gesture.

We have seen the blessing of praying together as a community. Stuart has recently connected with adults he once taught at this school, many of whom are now leading worship and serving as pastors in local churches. These connections have been a reminder of the lasting impact of Christian education and discipleship.

We are grateful for the appreciation expressed by our students and for the ways God is at work among them. As a school, we seek to be **salt and light** in our community, living out the calling Jesus has given us and sharing His love with those around us.

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes taken as read.
Date of Last Meeting: 01 July 2026 and CR Meeting 22 July 2026

Moved that Minutes of 01 July 2026 and 22 July 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

1.6 Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Progress was reviewed on outstanding actions:

- Board Handbook
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Enrolment trends and estimated projections for 2027
- Policy Management alternatives
- Proprietor's Property Manager representation to the Finance and Property Committee
- Te Reo Māori investment request for submission to the Finance and Property Committee
- Review Māori and Pasifika achievement data and engagement outcomes
- Science Block acoustic review
- Provide strategic milestone reporting during Term 3
- Elections

1.7 Correspondence

Inward

30/06 NZSBA Membership Matters
30/06 NZSBA onboard
07/07 NZASA Celebrating Maniototo Area School
16/07 GovHub Board Matters Term 3 2026
21/07 GovHub AI for schools
24/07 Invitation to Hear Dr Jeff Simpson
27/07 The Whiteboard
28/07 GovHub Term 3 Workshops and webinars

Outward

29/06 PTA thank you email

Moved that the Board receive inward and outward correspondence as presented

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

Part 2: Christian Character

The Board received the Proprietor's report and taken as read.

The new fencing was discussed.

Moved to accept the new fencing. SS / SB **All in favour** **Carried**

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

Part 3: Strategic and Leadership

Minutes have been presented.
An amendment is to be made to the minutes of the meeting as Chris Joseph's name is misspelt.

Moved to accept the minutes. **CJ** **All in favour** **Carried**

Board Handbook

Memorandum of Understanding
Feedback is required to update the MOU.
19.1 This section refers to Deputy Principal and should read Associate Principals.

Part 4: Reports

4.1 Principal's Report

The Principal's Report was received and taken as read.
Ross Nicholson recommended inviting Mel Doney and Michelle Williams, Attendance Officers, to attend a Board meeting to present attendance data and provide recommendations for improving student attendance.
The Board discussed preparations for upcoming mission trips. Planning for the Cambodia mission trip is progressing well, and both staff and students are looking forward to the opportunity. There is also significant interest in establishing a mission trip to Fiji, with several teachers keen to be involved. Enthusiasm for both mission opportunities is high, and many are already looking forward to these experiences.

Moved that The Principal's report be received. RNI and SMT / JN **All in favour** **Carried**

4.2 Student Report – taken as read

The Board discussed the Prayer Breakfast and the positive impact it had on students. Feedback indicated that the students enjoyed the event and appreciated the opportunity to participate in prayer and fellowship together.

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

4.3 Health and Safety Report

No meeting held due to the school holidays.

4.4 Uniform Report

The Board discussed questions regarding the wearing of puffer jackets. While puffer jackets are not part of the official school uniform, students have been wearing them to and from school on particularly cold days.

Part 5: Operational, Policies and Procedures (SchoolDocs)

Policy Committee Report
The Policy Committee Minutes were received.
The Animals on School Grounds and Concerns & Complaints Policies were reviewed.

The Board discussed the review of school policies and whether current practices are aligned with them. A particular focus was placed on defining what constitutes a concern versus a formal complaint, as clarity in these areas is essential for consistent and effective processes. Members agreed that further discussion is needed to develop clear definitions and guidelines. There was also discussion between the Presiding Member and the Leadership Team about maintaining an appropriate register, particularly a complaints' register, to ensure accurate record-keeping and to meet audit requirements.
Chris suggested consulting with other schools to learn how they manage concerns and complaints, with the aim of identifying best practices that could inform the school's approach. The Board agreed that this matter warrants further consideration at a future meeting.

Part 6: Financial

The Board reviewed financial statements, management reports, committee minutes and property updates for June 2026.

Maintenance and Property
Karen discussed the value of receiving separate property reports from both the Proprietor's Property Manager and the school. As the Finance and Property Committee is a School Board committee rather than a school committee, it was considered beneficial for both parties to provide property updates and work collaboratively to ensure clear communication, effective oversight, and coordinated management of property-related matters.

Moved that a report is submitted from the Proprietors' Property Manager.
KR / JN **All in favour** **Carried**

Moved that: The Financial and Property Report and Minutes be accepted.
CJ **All in favour** **Carried**

Part 7: General Business

Board Elections
Not discussed

Meeting at Middleton Grange
The Board discussed attending a meeting at Middleton Grange to hear Dr Jeff Simpson speak. Chris also expressed interest in arranging a Board visit to Middleton Grange to observe some of the initiatives and practices being implemented there. Members were supportive of the idea and agreed that a Monday evening would be suitable. Chris will coordinate the visit and contact Board members with further details.

The Board discussed how to address the questions and feedback received during the Curriculum Review meeting. Consideration was given to whether an additional meeting should be held to further discuss these matters. It was suggested that a Curriculum Review Committee be established to consider and respond to the issues and recommendations raised by Heads of Department and curriculum leaders, and to help fulfil the Board's responsibilities in this area.
The Board also agreed that Chris French should be invited to participate in the Christian Living Review, as he was unable to attend the original meeting due to illness. This would ensure he can contribute to the review process and any subsequent discussions.

The Board agreed to schedule a tour of the High School Science and Hard Materials facilities in conjunction with the September Board meeting. The meeting will commence at 6:00 pm, with the tour providing Board members an opportunity to view the learning environments and gain further insight into these curriculum areas.

Part 8: In Committee (public excluded)

The Board entered In Committee at 8.20pm

The Board exited In Committee at 8.37pm

MEETING CLOSURE
Stan Stewart will lead devotions at the next meeting.

Stan Stewart closed in prayer.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Next Meeting:02 September 2026