

Minutes of the Hauraki School Board Meeting

Held on 16 March 2026 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Sarah Gold (**SG**), Abbie Featherstone (**AF**), James Hawes (**JH**), Jolly Morgan (**JM**), Hamish Miller (**HM**), Clarinda Franklin (**CF**) and Logan Burson (**LB**)

Present: NA

Apologies: NA

Location: Hauraki School Staff Room

Conflicts of Interest: None

(1) **Previous Minutes**

The Board acknowledged and accepted the minutes of their previous Board and Committee meetings held on 16 February 2026.

(2) **Treasurer's Report**

- (A) JM spoke to the Monthly Report in relation to February 2026 and noted that, whilst the report appeared to suggest that income was ahead of budget, this was simply the result of donations being received in accordance with the typical cycle.
- (B) It was noted that income received from international students was marginally behind budget and, in light of this comment, the Board discussed the possibility of alternative revenue sources:
- (i) HM reported that he had been able to attend a meeting of the PTA and engaged with them on the possibility of them funding certain items of operational expenditure going forward (in addition to their more traditional role in financing capital projects).
 - (ii) It was noted that it was challenging for the PTA to fund operational expenditure since, naturally, there is greater enthusiasm amongst the community when fund raising results in a tangible benefit to the premises.
 - (iii) However, it was thought that certain projects which could deliver ongoing operational advantages (notably, solar for the junior school roof) may be appropriate for PTA funding.
 - (iv) The Board thanked HM for this progress and agreed that the conversation with the PTA should continue.
 - (v) The Board then went on to discuss strategies for raising additional donations from parents. Whilst the possibility of offering parents the ability to contribute to particular causes (such as teacher aides) was discussed, ultimately, it was thought that a more "low key" approach was preferable. For example, it was thought that more visible requests for donations in school communications might be desirable including, possibly, noting that people who could not attend particular fund raising events might, instead make a cash donation. Following this conversation, the Board asked CF to consider ways in which the School might drive additional donations.

- (C) Related to the conversation above, LB noted that there had been a significant number of children who were unable to attend the school camp or who had attended but who were unable to cover the fees. CF noted that Anchor had a programme which might provide a limited measure of recovery for these costs.
- (D) Finally, JM asked for confirmation as to when the draft FY25 accounts would be made available to the Board. In particular, it was noted that the accounts would need to be signed off by 31 May 2025 and therefore the Board needed to see the accounts prior to their May meeting.

(3) **Principal's Report**

- (A) The Principal's report was taken as read.
- (B) The Board asked CF to confirm whether or not Kindo had responded to the School's question about a possible reduction in fees. CF confirmed that Kindo would not accept this proposition. As a result, the Board discussed whether or not it would be possible to move to an alternative provider (including Hero). CF and LB were asked to investigate this possibility further.

(4) **Camp Report**

- (A) Mr Pipes' report was taken as read.
- (B) HM (who had attended the camp) confirmed that it was very well received and continued to be of considerable value to those children who attended.

(5) **Matters Arising**

Following the discussion at the February meeting, the Board asked CF to provide an update on the possible installation of heat pumps in the junior block. CF confirmed that the Ministry were considering the possibility of installing them at their cost.

(6) **Policies**

The Board considered and ratified the School policies relating to:

- (A) English as a Second Language;
- (B) International Students and Refunds; and
- (C) Travelwise (subject to an amendment clarifying arrangements for walking school buses).

(7) **Health & Safety**

- (A) CF noted that there were no additional risks or incidents to report since the February meeting.
- (B) The Board noted a preference for E-Scooters (and other motorised forms of transport) not to be ridden on school grounds. CF was asked to consider the best way in which this policy could be enforced.

(8) **10 Year Property Plan**

- (A) The Board confirmed and ratified the adoption of the plan presented to the meeting (with such amendments as CF may deem necessary).
- (B) In connection with the 10 Year Plan, the Board discussed the feasibility of acquiring an adjoining property for the purposes of improving access to the school. It was concluded that this possibility should be considered at a subsequent meeting.

(9) **Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at approximately 7:30pm.

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

11.05.2026

Presiding Member, Hauraki School Board