

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board Meeting

Tuesday 10 March 2026 from 5.30pm

The Board is legally responsible for the school. Our role is to watch the far horizon, to support its direction as a Steiner school, and to ensure it arrives safely within the law. The Board provides guidelines within which the staff manage the school.

Present: Anna Noble (AN), Esther Gilbert (EG), Trisha Geraets(TG), Zoë Cummings (ZC), Margo Lett (ML), Tony Miles (TM), Nina Veenstra(NV), Kussi Hurtado (KH), Clare Ridout (CR), Michelle McGrath(MM) via Teams

Apologies- none

1. Conflicts of interest, minutes, matters arising	Who
<p>The hui started with a karakia and a waiata.</p> <p>Special Character Reading – the Virtue of Veneration.</p> <p>Register of conflicts of interests –no additional conflicts declared.</p> <p>Approval of accuracy of prior minutes of 10th February 2026 Moved ZC, seconded KH.</p> <p>Matters arising: Nothing raised apart from the fact that the OIA request was responded to by ZC – with thanks to CR.</p> <p>Authorisation of 6 year olds in kindergarten: No new six year olds.</p>	

2. Tumuaki/ Principals Report	Who
<p>See attached report.</p> <p>No responses to the Attendance Management Plan.</p> <p>Rob Wigley has started some mentoring of the new teachers.</p> <p>Were there exit interviews for EC and FOD and were there any new learnings from them about having teachers new to Steiner. It was confirmed that exit interviews were done and that mentoring had been helpful.</p> <p>The resignation of the handwork teacher was discussed and how the recruitment to the role is going.</p> <p>Special character review – of strategic planning and decision-making</p> <p>Question about how deeply does the Board need to work with SEANZ educational principles in order for it to support this education.</p> <p>For example the Board sign off on a very large PD budget this year indicates a strong special character support. The consensus seems to be on embedding.</p> <p>AN moved her report should be accepted. TM seconded.</p>	

3. Finance	Who
<p>No variances in the first 2 months of significance.</p> <p>Finance report to 31/12 /2025 – question about how much is allocated through from Props</p>	

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and how much should be drawn down. CR will look for additional advice from AIS.	CR
EG moved to accept the report, KH seconded.	

4. Camp planning	Who
The camp proposal from Kea was presented. Very positive feedback. The group will be the only group at the campsite. Hydration mentioned. Question as to whether Go-karting makes it more expensive than parents could support. Wetsuits may be useful if they can be loaned. Some special needs of children may be identified and are responded to by the teacher in conjunction with the kaiako, and so the other parent helpers get guidance. There should be a good briefing of parent helps prior to the camp. There will be a survey to parents after the camp as per camps in 2025. This camp has been based on feedback from previous camps. The Board approved the Camp planning, subject to closer more detailed review by AN. Very positive review – thanks to Katie for this work. ZC proposed EG seconded that the proposal is accepted.	

5. Proprietors Report	Who
As per report. Accepted. Proposed by KH, seconded by ZC.	

6. Any other business	Who
Policy review and Board self review postponed until next hui. A parent has reported a dangerous driving incident locally that they have reported to the police and will deal with this as they see fit. The Board, through the newsletter, will continue their regular calls for vigilance and care around the school and kindergarten and monitor the situation carefully.	

Next meeting date	
Tuesday 12 May at 5.30pm	

Closing verse. Meeting ended at 7:42 pm