

# Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board Meeting

Tuesday 12 May 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).

Apologies- none

<b>1. Conflicts of interest, minutes, matters arising</b>	<b>Who</b>
<p>The hui started with a karakia and a waiata.</p> <p><b>Special Character Reading</b> – discussed.</p> <p><b>Register of conflicts of interests</b> – no new conflicts of interest declared</p> <p><b>Approval of accuracy of prior minutes of 10 March 2026</b> Moved ZC, seconded KH.</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b> No matters to report.</p> <p><b>Authorisation of 6 year olds in kindergarten:</b> No new six year olds.</p>	
<b>2. Tumuaki/ Principals Report</b>	<b>Who</b>
<p>See attached report.</p> <p>Some clarifications sought and provided.</p> <p>Annual implementation plan update – draft roll cap expression of interest has been written, waiting on some information. There was a question about accommodating a growing roll- the plan for the kindergarten relocation to the top end of the campus was provided.</p> <p>AN moved that her report is accepted. KH seconded.</p>	
<b>3. Finance</b>	<b>Who</b>
<p>Finance report presented and Memo of Understanding. Some clarification sought on various lines.</p> <p>EG moved to accept the Memorandum of Understanding, MM seconded. The Memorandum will be taken to the next Proprietors meeting.</p> <p>EG moved to accept the Property and finance report, ML seconded.</p>	<b>KH</b>
<b>4. Proprietors Report</b>	<b>Who</b>
<p>Report provided.</p> <p>Joint hui date was proposed for 1 August. Topic tends to be strategic goals, awareness of upcoming community meeting/ ceilidh.</p> <p>ZC proposed EG seconded that the proposal is accepted.</p>	

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<b>5. Policy review area</b>	<b>Who</b>
Enrolment procedures are still waiting for completion by kindergarten, but there has been no community feedback that changes the procedures.	

<b>6. Health and Safety Report</b>	<b>Who</b>
Report from NV attached. Some new areas have arisen. Noted that the Board not only has responsibility for physical but also emotional safety. NV moves her report is accepted. ZC seconded.	

<b>7. Self Assessment checklist for the Board</b>	<b>Who</b>
Provided by ZC Question about when the timing of the review would be best – agreed to aim for June. Agreed to collate on a word document and report back to the next Board meeting.	
All to email to Michelle McGrath by Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May and then NV and ML will help to collate the responses. ZC will send instructions to all Board members.	<b>All</b>

<b>8. Correspondence</b>	<b>Who</b>
Letter from Dr Claire Coleman has been circulated about the current direction of education in Aotearoa and Board members are aware of it.	

<b>9. Other business</b>	<b>Who</b>
<i>At 7.05 pm - under Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, ZC moved that the Board should exclude the public and move into committee to discuss this section of the agenda item which relates to individuals.</i>	
This is minuted in confidential Board papers. <i>MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE –ZC moves that the Board moves out of Committee at 7.35 pm and asked that recommendations of Board be approved by Open Board.</i>	
The Board approved that the letter will be sent to the individual and that the school management will be advised when the letter is sent. ZC moved, and EG seconded.	ZC KH

<b>Next meeting date</b>	<b>Who</b>
Tuesday 9 June at 5.30pm	

Closing verse.

Meeting ended at 7.40 pm