Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board Meeting

Tuesday 9 June 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), Zoē Cummings (ZC), Margo Lett (ML), Nina Veenstra(NV), Kussi Hurtado (KH), Clare Ridout (CR), Michelle McGrath(MM).
Apologies- Trisha Geraets, Tony Miles.

1. Conflicts of interest, minutes, matters arising	Who
The hui started with a karakia and a waiata. Special Character Reading – discussed. Register of conflicts of interests – no new conflicts of interest declared Approved accuracy of prior minutes of 12 May 2026 Moved ML, seconded KH. Matters arising: All cleared or covered by this hui. Authorisation of 6 year olds in kindergarten: No new six year olds.	

2. Tumuaki/ Principals Report	Who
See attached report. Noted low sign up at parent experience evening and it was cancelled. Noted that Bec is the new Kiokio teacher – Board was very happy to hear this. AN moved the report including the Annual Implementation plan is accepted, ZC seconded.	

3. Auditors mgt letter	Who
Letter has been circulated. Summary of points provided. Maintenance schedule Should get a builder in the community to review this. ML may speak to one. Suggestion about future proofing with solar – to look at this. CR will follow up – she has had such a discussion with a solar power engineer about this at the end of 2025. Could add the fire extinguishers and CO2 monitors to this schedule. Civil defence water / supplies check could also be added. Consider time for property management work. Mgt to look at this. Board noted the auditors letter (thanks to CR) and the maintenance plan.	 ML CR Mgt

4. Proprietors Report	Who
Report provided. KH proposed ZC seconded that the report is accepted.	

5. Camp Kākāpō	Who
Dates may move to 2027 as Tautuku camp has overbooked. Request that water safety questions are made more specific (eg can a child float on their back). Noted that the camp Tautuku has been used a few times by DRSS. Question about parent helps and how they are chosen. Agreed that it should be put out to all	AN

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5. Camp Kākāpō	Who
parents to show their interest and to be able to show what skills they have. Board has no concerns about the camp, and the Board will seek the final forms in term 4 2026. Approved ML, seconded NV.	

6. Board self review	Who
Thanks to MM and NV for pulling together the report. It indicates that community engagement may need more clarity. More clarity on personnel matters should be useful to show what is held at management level and what at Governance. ZC pointed out the professional development available (NZSBA) helps Board members and she encouraged Board members to use this. Could this be shared so one Board member attends and reports back to others. It was agreed to have an agenda item on training to see who can attend future NZSBA. We should note in the newsletter that Board meetings are open to the community. Hui are open to the community for feedback. Put the Board email address out. The Board needs to engage with parents on strategic planning. What community engagement does the school have? Have done community surveys, joint hui, Matariki stars as methods of consultation. What are the areas for consultation? 4 strategic goals : are they valid? ML has been reviewing what the school does in each of these areas : Collaboration, connection, celebration. Working bees, parent experience nights, pepeha workshops, wānaka at Puketeraki, festivals. What are the groups the Board needs to connect with? Parents, staff students. Is the Māori community reflected in the Board? How can this be improved.	ZC

7. Joint hui	Who
Suggested that the strategic goals are consulted on at the hui. Description of previous hui led by Kussi with the leaves showing what people want for their Tamariki, what are the barriers to access to this education. Need to ensure the whole community can access the hui even if they cannot be present. KH, ZC and AN will get together to plan.	KH, ZC, AN

Next meeting date	Who
Tuesday 11 August at 5.30pm	

Closing verse.

Meeting ended at 7.35 pm

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