MINUTES
HURUNUI COLLEGE BOARD
HURUNUI COLLEGE KAMO ROOM
TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026, 1830hrs

Present: N Molhoek, R McKinlay, S Beck, G Costello, W Harnett, A Wallace-Jessep, K Morris, N Toki, (Secretary M Johannis)

Apologies: nil

Opening Karakia

Confirmation of Minutes
Confirmed

Matters Rising
nil

Declaration of Conflicts
Rent discussion W Harnett

Principals Report
Report now focusing on governance
PLG goals for Principal in report
Progress reporting for strategic goals, have done a mid year check in to see what we have achieved so far.
Soft lockdown drill to be done this term - discussion around the differences between soft and hard lockdowns. Nearby event vs onsite event.
Policies/proceedures - Eonz presented new guidelines around Eotc. Should not be a board responsibility to check Eotc paperwork. Principal and EOTC coordinator should take on this role. Fatality prevention mindset should be at the heart of what we do. It is good to mitigate bumps and bruises but the high level injury is the most important thing to focus on for safety checks. Discussion around standard operating procedures and critical risk activities.

Discussion around reporting near misses and bus reports being more detailed about what items have been corrected at CoFs and services. We have reports that everything is fine but there must be repairs done over the years, should these be reported also?

Role-getting higher almost at 200

Attendance - look at regular attendance stats. Discussion around skewed data from offsite courses. Due to the start of term, a missed day looks worse than it will after the whole term has been attended. 1 day from the first 15 vs 1 day from 50, stats will come up throughout the term.

Olivia - engagement officer will start coming out one day a week to engage with students and staff to try and increase attendance for those slipping down.

Discussion around local schools not allowing our students to get on the bus due to zoning restrictions. We have approached them as MoE requested schools encourage families to get to school however they can in the fuel crisis. After multiple attempts to contact, they have still refused to allow our current students to access our buses if they are out of zone. Board discussed approaching them Board to Board.

Inward correspondence
Kelly's letter of resignation from the Board. Thanks to Kelly for her time and the extra time she has given while she could.
Emma Gunn is keen to be part of the Board now that she is available. She is keen to come onto the Board out of cycle.
Moved to select in E Gunn rather than run an election.
Moved R Mckinlay All in favour Carried
M Johannis to advertise as needed

Mid Year Achievement Data
Two sets of data - end of teaching sequence data as of mid year. Depends on when they started as to when they have completed a full year and have their progress reported.
The other set looks at the reports from students who have completed half a year.
Discussion around our 3 key areas and what we are doing about students who are not meeting expectations. Due to curriculum changes, we are still unable to mark students on their progress, only on where they are at in the new system. Some may progress constantly and still not meet "proficient" levels when we haven't been able to teach all of the new curriculum. The mark is not subjective, it is based on PAT testing. Without E-asttle, we can no longer test based on what students have been taught, only what the curriculum says they should know by now.
Discussion around the limitations of the new testing and data to show where our students are actually achieving.
ToD coming up to help teachers understand the teaching sequences at each level and implement the shift to the new curriculum.

Literacy & Numeracy report
Report on the achievement of the co requisite exams for yr 9-10s
Discussion that the majority of students have passed this and can now go on to NCEA exams. Any that don't achieve it at first can continue to attempt the exams.

Term 2 Attendance
Everyday Matters Report
As discussed above.
Discussion around the summary document.
Discussion around families who take their students overseas for family reasons and how this impacts attendance data. This is common in some of our Filipino families and there is not a lot we can do about it.

Discussion around needing a system to address Maori non attendance, Tuahiwi Ed have had success with their local families. What strategies can we use to have an impact in this area?

Rent Assessment
Discussion around the need to make sure enough comes in to maintain the houses. They all need upgrading and they are all rented at very low rents. Board would like to have more say in rates when tenants change over. Would allow a more realistic increase.
Moved to raise rents by 10%. Discussion around doing a full assessment before we raise rents.
Moved do nothing until we have completed a full assessment
Moved R McKinlay All in favour Carried

M Johannis to put together costs of each house over the last 3 years. Do a deep dive on comparison costs, rental costs and market rents for the next meeting.
Also a report on what maintenance needs doing in each house.

EO Report
Finance
No issues

Elections
Student election date is September 3rd 2026. Nominations are now open.

Health & Safety
Meeting minutes provided

Property
Discussion around gym renovations and its delays.
Discussion around pool roof funding, this will be left until a later date.

Next meeting items
Rent assessment

Next Meeting Date
September 15th 2026

Student Voice Update
Survey was sent to students about what they would like to see as a replacement for the trees along the Tenterden st fenceline.
43% said they would like to help with the project
Mostly yr 12 and 9 responded
They want trees and native plants - 60%
58% want trees
Funding - 32% said they would help fund raise
A Wallace-Jessep will approach the student council and Hurunui council environmental portfolio to ask about funding next.

Board meeting closed 8.22pm