



Minutes for Tahatai Coast School Board of Trustees Meeting

24th June 2025 – 5.30 pm

In Attendance: Tim Acker, Dee Piermarini, Claire Wills, Matt Skilton, Gemma Tebble, Cory Sweeney, Donna Te Wheoro

Apologies: Dan Elliott, Ngākohu Papuni

Welcome to: Natasha Ballantyne, Alayne Sharp, Hayden McCormack, Yvette Brown

Actions from 27th May 2025:

- Out of Zone application - Tim will contact the applicant declining their application. - **Tim has done this via email with no response from them**
- Matt will contact Waikato University to enquire about the expiry around the points and if the expiry can be extended. - **Matt has spoken to them and it is unlikely that they will roll the points over. He has another contact to try, and will update via email when he contacts them. Will also email out to staff as to whether anyone else is interested in applying for the points.**

Minutes from 27th May 2025: Moved Claire, Seconded Cory and all agreed to approve

1. Year 5 & 6 Whānau Report (Hayden & Yvette)

Ruru whānau teaching staff remains the same as 2024 with Justine Robins joining in room 35. Kererū whānau welcomes Toni Loveridge in room 2.

Some students from the Kererū & Ruru whānau shared their learning. Kererū students shared about their structured literacy learning and how this helps them become better readers and writers. They also shared their learnings within the art and science CRT classes. Whānau sport was also shared and what sports they have been learning to play. Ruru students shared about the sporting opportunities they have been involved in and the tournaments they have participated in. Student leadership roles were also shared and what opportunities there are for students to be involved in. They shared their daily learning timetable around maths, literacy and connected curriculum. Team sport was also shared and what sports they are involved in. They are also enjoying the art and science CRT classes. They explained how their roles as senior students of the school work, being more independent and getting involved in activities & opportunities offered to them.

Yvette shared the changes to the curriculum and what the Science of Learning is and what it looks like in the classroom.

Hayden summarised and explained the changes to the curriculum in maths and statistics. Pr1me is used predominantly but not exclusively. All students are working on the same Pr1me book, students

who have historically not met expectations will make accelerated progress. They have seen great results with this.

Celebrations within both whānau were shared, Matariki was a huge success and a big highlight for them both. Challenges with Change were also shared, with the curriculum changes being one of the big changes. 2025 Initiatives were shared. Times Table Rockstars was talked about and the results they have achieved were shown, the data is really positive. Literacy interventions for tier 2 learners are showing great results, with a big thank you to the Board for the extra funding they have put towards this. Writers Toolbox in year 6 is a great ongoing tool and again is showing great results within the year 6 students.

There was a brief discussion about what was shared. All agreed there is some great work being done within the senior school.

2. Numeracy Report (Natasha & Alayne)

Taken as read

Natasha & Alayne shared the changes around the curriculum refresh and how this affects and how maths is now being taught. They shared what their focus and goals are for the year. The Pr1me and Math pro resources are being used and are working well. They went through what they presented during the recent TOD. They have some Pr1me PD planned in week 6 of term 3. They are both attending a PD course at the end of term 3, which will have a big impact on their own learning. They can then use what they learn from this to feed back to the staff.

There was a brief discussion about the report and what other resources there are available to be used for teaching maths.

3. ICT Report (thanks to Shona)

Taken as read

- Cost of charges was discussed and whether there are cheaper options available.
- The cost of Seesaw was also raised and if this programme is still being used as much as it should be.

4. Principals Report (Matt)

Taken as read

- Seamus Collins has been appointed to replace Justine Robins in room 35, starting on 4th August. Ian Tappenden will cover for the first three weeks of term 3
- Nicole Thomson Baker will start in the new entrant area at the beginning of term 3. Kirsty McLaren will start the next new entrant class at the beginning of term 4
- Shout out to Toni Loveridge with all the work and efforts put into Matariki
- International info taken as read with the fees increases effective from 2026
- Kahui Ako disbanded from 28th January 2026
- Property: Bollard relocation for the mobile dental unit, pricing \$6,764 plus GST. [All in agreement for this to go ahead](#)
- Replacement astroturf plan shared, with the school logo included in the middle centre circle of the turf, there is an extra cost for this. [Was put to the vote: approved to include the logo by majority vote](#)
- 2026 start dates shared and all happy with these dates
- Bilingual unit was discussed

- Policies: - Gift policy - Action: Set up a gift register showing the description of the gift, cost & recipient

5. Finance Report (Donna)

Taken as read

Queries around a couple of codes were answered.

6. Sabbaticals (Tim)

Three staff members are applying for sabbaticals for 2026 and are seeking Board approval and support for them to do this. What they intend to use the sabbaticals for were discussed.

Kirsten Bell has applied for term 1, Dianne Pellow for term 3 & Matt Skilton for term 3.

This was put to the vote and was unanimously approved to support all staff members to apply

7.00pm went into committee

7.33pm out of committee

7. Wrap Up

Community Survey - to get the view from the community on changes to the curriculum and what they value. This could go out after the board elections and next parent meeting on the maths curriculum.

Meeting closed: 7.40pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th July 2025

Board Chair: 

Date: 26/6/25

Actions before next meeting:

- Set up a gift register showing the description of the gift, cost & recipient