

Minutes of Previous Meeting 25.6.2026

Dunsandel School Board Meeting Minutes



Minutes of the Dunsandel School Board Meeting held on Thursday 25th June in the Reading Room,
Dunsandel School, Dunsandel.

The meeting began at 12:10pm

Present:

D Robinson, J Brown, L Groundwater, T Harrold, R Wall, M O'Connor, S. Colenso (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Nil

Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest Yes/No

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Dunsandel School Board of Trustees Meeting held on 12 May be adopted as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

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CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards

Kim Jones

Inwards

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REPORTS

Dunsandel School Strategic Plan T2/26

The school is on track with the Strategic Plan. DR is pleased with the work done on the new reporting to parents template. Teachers have completed reports and these will be sent home on Monday 29 June.

Staff continue to work hard on the wellbeing space for our students with a few challenges that need to be addressed.

Kapa Haka will be held at Ellesmere College and will be in the same format as last year.

DR then moved that we go in-committee at: 12:14pm – *That the public be excluded from the following proceedings of this meeting. The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:*

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Sections 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Staff	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	7 (2) (a) 48 (1) (a)

- This resolution is made in reliance on Sections 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:*

- *For the reasons of professional and legal privilege and to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- **Time: 12:22 pm** – *That the meeting resume in public session and confirm that the business discussed in the Public Excluded Session remains confidential to the Board.*

Mid Year School Report

The mid year school report was presented to the board for curriculum, attendance and cohort readiness as well as our PRIDE values. Discussion was held on the new curriculum and the small drop showing in the writing curriculum. Further discussion was held on the demographic of the school and how that shows up in the data and what is expected from the government and what is best for our school.

DR met with Erica Stanford and in his meeting with Erica he was advised to go at his own pace with the changes but this has not been advised through the media. Lots of discussion was held on the time required to mark and score the tests and DR mentioned the pressure that teachers are facing because of this.

Admin and Governance

Curriculum and Assessment

DR had a 35 minute Google Meeting with MOE Minister Erica Stanford. Key discussion points were Teaching and Learning and the frustrations with the learning support model how long it takes to get support.

Attendance Interventions and removing the necessity to make an intervention when the school is well aware of why the child has been absent for 5 days. Erica Stanford advised she intends to take this up with Associate Education Minister David Seymour.

Relief teachers in rural schools with relief teachers now tied into contracts to cover CRT days.

Written Reports have been completed and will go out on Monday 29th June.

ESOL funding for Year 0-1s will continue

Human Resources

Sue Jackson was at school on the 26th May for DR appraisal.

DW will be in Room 1 for Terms 3 & 4. WH has been employed to cover EW Beginning Teacher and CRT release. Discussion was held on the difficulty of finding relievers and how small the relief pool is.

Asset Management - Finance and Property

PTA have paid for the automatic chlorine dispenser. The caretaker is very happy with the product.

Audited accounts have been completed. DR thanked SC for her efforts.

Phone provider has been changed and seems to be working well.

SDC checked our requirements for the Swimming Pool. DR has upgraded our policy to comply.

Health and Safety

No bus issues

Self Review

Daily Bus

Swimming Pool

Legislation – Attendance

School Roll as at 128

Community

DR distributed an email from an independent candidate for the Selwyn Electorate who has also sent an email to Leeston, Southbridge and Ellesmere College. Under the Electoral Act 1993 schools must provide room if required but can charge for heating, cleaning and lighting. Discussion was held on what to charge.

Staff

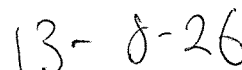
Hoping to retain six classrooms but too early to say. DR will look at this next term.

Meeting closed at 1:20 pm

Signed as a true and correct record.



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Presiding Member



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Date

