

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025 AT 5:30PM IN THE BOARDROOM

PRESENT:	Lauren Albrey, Ian Marshall, Garry Larsen, Vonja Young, Billyjo Flesher-Martin, Nicola Troughear, Karen Brinsden, Hannah Ghiyath, and Sarah Madden.								
APOLOGIES:	Business Manager Diedré Lane.								
VISITORS:	Associate Principal Kerrie Holmes.								
WELCOME:	At 5:30pm the Presiding Member opened the meeting.		L Albrey						
1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:	Nil.		L Albrey						
2. MINUTES:	With no changes or omissions noted, the Minutes of the last meeting dated Monday 24 March 2025 were taken as read. There were no further comments or matters arising. <i>Motion: The Presiding Member proposed acceptance of the Minutes, seconded by G Larsen, with all in favour.</i>		L Albrey						
3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:	<table><tr><th>Action</th><th>Who</th><th>Update</th></tr><tr><td>Nil.</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>			Action	Who	Update	Nil.		
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4. FINANCE:	Finance Report: The Finance Report for March 2025 will be circulated to the Board when the Business Manager returns from Annual Leave in the first week of Term 2.								
5. PROPERTY:	Property Report: The Property Report for March 2025 will be circulated to the Board when the Business Manager returns from Annual Leave. Property Committee Chairperson, Ian Marshall and the Principal gave a verbal update on the Weathertightness Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction work is progressing well to the timeline.The remediation work with untreated timber has been less than what was estimated.The Boiler Pipework still has not been approved which is frustrating.There are some issues with the decantment, the music department having to move out of their area earlier than anticipated and when Stage 5 starts which is the Library, Conference Centre and Careers areas, this move will need to be reevaluated.Exam classrooms will need to be moved to the other end of the school later in the Term.There are ongoing issues with the new gym, consultants and Council are holding this up.The trees between the Blake and Endeavour buildings have recently been damaged with the stormy weather, the Principal has requested an arborist to look at whether they can be saved. <i>Action: K Brinsden to email Vicky and Rob at the Ministry for an update as soon as possible.</i>		I Marshall K Brinsden						
7. HEALTH & SAFETY:	Next meeting is on Wednesday 21 May.		K Brinsden						
8. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:	The Principal’s Report was taken as read. <i>Motion: The Presiding Member moved for acceptance of the Principal’s Report, seconded by I Marshall with all in favour.</i> EOTC: For current EOTC trips, forms will be provided at each Board Meeting for review and approval. L Albrey suggested that risk mitigations be included with each form for standard operating procedures/complacency. EOTC planning and procedures will be reviewed by the Board every three years.		K Brinsden						

NCEA Data:

The average internal credits do not start to accumulate until after Term 1. In Term 2 students will be graded for their level of engagement in each subject and the average of these grades will be reported to parents and caregivers on a fortnightly basis on a Wednesday.

These will be graded as: 1 = Unsatisfactory, 2 = Some Concern, 3 = Good and 4 = Exemplary. Because of the work involved in this, staff briefings on a Wednesday will be fortnightly giving teachers this time instead to work on their engagement score reports for their students.

Outstanding Student Achievements:

The school is extremely proud of the following students in their recent achievements:

- Gemma Hewlett has been selected for the NZ Secondary School Girls U18 Football Team to travel to USA (Dallas) departing Auckland 10 April and returning 23 April.
- Rainie Tang (12B13) placed second in the Global Youth Challenge 2025. It was a global essay and speech competition. Rainie was up in her school uniform to present at 4:00am NZ time. She was then questioned for approximately 10 minutes by a range of global judges following her speech.
- The SGCNZ Regional Shakespeare Festival (Sheilah Winn) was held at Macleans College on Sunday 6 April. We were represented by several groups performing.
- Miriam Gedge, Sarah Ivanna, Dmitri Griffen, Astrid Adamson, Matthew Palmer, Oliver Salmon, Melissa McNally, Herne Yoon, Eva Ewing, Sam Hall, Geonwoo Lee, and Nicole Johnson. Nationals are from 29 May to 2 June in Wellington.
- Alumni Harlyn Saunoa and Randall Baker both selected in NZU20 Side.

Senior Ball:

Our Senior School ball was held on Friday 11 April, at the Ellerslie Event Centre. The Principal thanked Deputy Principals' Mr. Whipp and Mrs. Beazley for their organisation and dedication to ensuring the ball was a great success for all those in attendance.

2026 Out of Zone Ballot:

The Board have agreed that for 2026 there will be allocation for a maximum up to 10 Year 9 students for the Out of Zone Ballot.

Principal's Sabbatical:

The Principal will be on Sabbatical from Monday 26 May until Sunday 17 August. Associate Principal Mrs Holmes will be Acting Principal during this time.

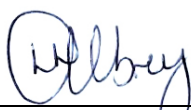
School Uniform:

The Principal discussed with the Board the potential of introducing a new skirt design for senior girls and also updating the design of the school jumper. The new skirt will be longer than the current one with a box pleated front.

1. The proposal for the school jumper was to move to a traditional shape away from the current box look with side splits.
2. The Board approved the new design for the senior skirt. After discussion, the Board have decided to move to a navy jumper with burgundy, navy striped rib around the neck.

	<p>Ursuline Academy of Dallas Visit:</p> <p>The Principal and Mr Appal Naidu visited BDSC’s partner Microsoft Showcase School in the USA during the school holidays. The visit included a tour of the school campus, cultural experiences at Fort Worth, meetings with key staff including the school President and classroom observations. BDSC will look at going ahead with a two-teacher exchange for two weeks in 2026 and continue our partnership with Ursuline Academy and look at an exchange for some STEM senior students.</p> <p>World Schools Festival Invitation:</p> <p>The Principal discussed with the Board that the BDSC First XV 1A Rugby team beat Tangaroa College 7-0 last weekend which was a momentous achievement for the college. They have now been invited to the World Schools Festival in Abu Dhabi from 14-20 December 2025. This brings together the best schools from around the world to compete in various sporting disciplines to showcase their talent and sportsmanship. The sporting venue will host world schools in rugby, hockey, cricket, and netball competitions.</p> <p>The Principal requested the Board’s approval for the team to attend this tournament in December. The cost to attend for each student will be approximately \$5,500 and they would start fundraising as soon as possible, due to the short timeframe.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the Board approve the First XV rugby team to attend the World Schools Festival in Abu Dhabi in December 2025. The Principal moved for acceptance, seconded by I Marshall with all in favour.</i></p>																																	
9. STRATEGIC PLAN:	Progress against all actions for of our annual goals will be kept up to date via the live link. The goals will be a continuous report with actions dated stamped as appropriate.	K Brinsden																																
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13. NEW ITEMS:	Nil.																																	
MEETING CLOSED:	With no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:15pm.	L Albren																																

UPCOMING EVENTS:	Monday 12 May to Friday 16 May	Mental Health Awareness Week - Pink Shirt Mufti Day (Friday)
	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May	Cultural Week - Cultural Mufti Day (Wednesday)
	Monday 2 June	King's Birthday
	Friday 6 June	Whānau Performance
	Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June	Languages Week
	Saturday 14 June	Year 9 In-Zone Enrolment Open Day
	Friday 20 June	Matariki
	Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June	English Week
	Friday 27 June	End of Term 2
NEXT MEETING:	Monday 26 May 2025 at 5:00pm in the BDSC Boardroom.	



SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING MEMBER
Mrs Lauren Albrey

26 May 2025