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Minutes for the Public Board Meeting of the Mangakahia Board of Trustees

Date and time of meeting	Wednesday 2nd September, 2026 at 5.00pm
Time meeting started	
Board members present	Christine Marsh, Rochelle Marzellin, Morgana (Zoom), Rachel, Steph
Apologies	Arihia Marsh
Other attendees	
Absent	
Minutes secretary for meeting	Morgana Neho

Agenda

Karakia Timatanga

Ka hikitia! Ka hikitia!
Hiki, hikitia!
Whakarewa ki runga rawa
Herea kia kore e hoki whakamuri mai
Poua atu te pūmanawa Māori
He mana tikanga
Me te uri o māia
Poipoia ngā mokopuna
Ngā rangatira mo āpōpō
Ka tihei! Tihei mauriora!

Item number	Topic	Discussion Decision/vote/actions
1.	**29th July 2026 Public Minutes**	
MOTION: "That the minutes of the last general meeting of the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees, held on 29th July 2026, be adopted and signed as a true and correct record." **Moved: Rochelle** **Seconded: Christine**		
2.	**Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**	
- Christine has made contact with the Marae Korokota. Christine Tuhiwai. - Rachel has made contact with Kirsty Tuhuwai about using the community room and basketball tournament. There has been some movement on community engagement. - Uniform: Morgana if anything it has gotten worse and so the black shirts are not an option at the moment.		
3.	**Correspondence**	
Letter from Andrea Cameron Morgana talked about the conference and how valuable it was for us as a PLD opportunity. Both presenting and also learning about the isolation issues and similarities we share with other area Schools. David: That justifies the cost of going.		
4.	**Financial Report and Discussion**	
David: There is nothing really that stands out and it all looks fine. **Rachel: Mentioned we may have to pay something unbudgeted. THe back science room and chemical store is going to be moved. The corridor will go right through. It's all covered in the LM consulting. What's not in there is the Chemical store to the MOE and make sure that we are following the process of moving harsh chemicals. Make sure its up to work safe standards. Getting proper signage so we can move it. Just a couple of weeks ago something happened at a school and it has come through the school bulletin that we need to get this done professionally. So we may have to cover that cost.** ***"That the Mangakahia Area School Approve the investigation into moving the chemicals for the Senior Block renovations"*** ***Moved: David*** ***Seconded: Rochelle***		

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees approve the finance report for June 2026 as prepared by Education Services."

Moved: Christine **Seconded: Stephanie**

5.	**Principals Report**

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees approve the principal's report for September, 2026."

Moved: Christine **Seconded: Steph**

6.	**Matters Arising From Principal's Report**

- Arihia is missing her last meeting.
- Two nominations for Student Rep Cora and Heeni.
- New office Administrator who starts Term 4 Andrea Hawk from WGHS.
- Steph, Karen and Melody will be filling in that position till then.
- ERO due on Tuesday.
- Stewardship paper. We need to highlight where we think we are.
  David talks about the importance of Māori students due to the high percentage that we currently have. He talks about the importance of keeping communication lines open to the community. Christine talks about building a quality relationship.
  Rachel what we don't have is engagement regarding learning. There is stuff happening but it's not about learning. David talks about attendance.
  Christine are these realistic goals from the MOE especially with sickness etc. We are one of the highest in the country for barriers. This is massively affecting attendance. Christine has said that most children that come here are low socio economic students. However, I'm looking forward to lifting and tracking up. Christine talked about the ERO report in the past. We have had heaps of meetings with the community especially when we talked about the new logo etc. I think we need to be focused about tracking up.

  LM Consulting:

  - Rachel talks about toilets and the changes. Unisex toilets. The toilets need to be accessed from the outside. With vape detectors. There has been a lot of work on this. No update on money coming from the school houses.

7.	**ERO**

Discussion about progress made in the Stewardship and governance section of EROs' School Improvement Framework.

Evidenced-informed strategic decision making to embedding.
Learner safety, wellbeing & confidence: To leave the same. Christine talks about the link to School docs. Speaks about past ERO reports and what was said at Area Schools Conference. Rachel talks about the risk in copying and writing own policies.

School resourcing & principal performance: Stays at Embedding Christine talks about an individual appraiser for the principal. David: So how do you manage the performance of the principal? As far as I'm concerned we have an open relationship where we can talk about issues etc. We have crossed this because there was a complaint and we managed that. Christine: I trust your judgement as presiding member so I think we are doing it.
Statutory obligations and reporting: Moved to Embedding Rachel says she thinks its about NZSBA checklist and knowing what we have to do as the Board.
School leadership performance: Move to Embedding Christine I think we do with all of the reports. We are doing that now. David discussed that we need a record of PLD as a board for ourselves.
Board performance: Keep at Embedding Christine talks about the importance of recorded PLD for Boards. David enjoys the conference and the conversations.
Information sharing: Moved to Embedding We are consistently sharing information on different platforms.
Board gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Stays at Embedding. David talks about Equity for Maori Learners.

Board membership and collaboration: Working towards David is there any relationship with Mana whenua. Are they involved in Kapa Haka etc. Rachel talks about Pipiwai and their support in the way of Kapa Haka. Rachel has mentioned that Enya is our cultural leader.

8.	**Reports**

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees receive the following reports:

Learning Support, Literacy and Numeracy for Primary school, Literacy and numeracy for Years 9 & 10, Terms 1 and 2 Attendance, Terms 1 and 2 Pastoral, Comparison Terms 1 and 2 2025 and 2026 Attendance and Pastoral reports.

Morgana talks about Māhuri progress and reports. David I just want to know if we are generally moving in the right direction.

Rachel raised concerns about the AI generated report on Pastoral and Attendance. David shares

his concern around ERO standards with reports. Christine also shares in the concern. Rachel talks about other reports in the past too. These are not the recommendations from the Principal.

Has sent all of the reports to ERO and will wait to hear back from them about any concerns.
David shared concerns about using AI as a tool not using it as a report generator.
Christine: How many of our kids are ORR's funded? Talks about future students.
Rachel talks about the LSA's and our staffing. Could we get some volunteers? Christine talks about how it is hard enough to get people to work here let alone volunteer. She also talks about the vetting process etc.
Rachel talks about potentially getting more LSA's but that is based on funding.

Moved: Rachel **Seconded: Rochelle**

9.	**Moving into Non-Public business**

MOTION: "That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting. The grounds for this are that the matter is confidential and this will protect the privacy of the individuals in the school community. The motion is proposed to comply with Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987."

Moved: Christine **Seconded:** Rochelle

Karakia whakamutunga
Kua hikitia te kaupapa
Kua takoto te wero
Me hoe tahi i runga i te whakaaro kotahi
Tiaki tō tāua oranga
Kia kaha ai mo te tuku taonga
Kia tutuki ngā hiahia mō Ka Hikitia
Tihei mauriora!
Ki te whai ao!
Ki te whai oranga e!
Mauriora!

Time meeting finished: 6:52pm

Signatures:

Date: 02/09/2026