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

Date and time of meeting	Wednesday 1st April, 2026 at 5.00pm
Time meeting started	4:55pm
Board members present	David Tribble, Rachel Clothier-Simmonds, Stephanie Hanham, Morgana Neho, Rochelle Pou
Apologies	Christine Marsh, Arihia Marsh
Other attendees	
Absent	
Minutes secretary for meeting	Sammie Keefe

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.	**18th February 2026 Public Minutes**	

MOTION: "That the minutes of the last general meeting of the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees, held on 18th February 2026, be adopted and signed as a true and correct record."

Moved: Stephanie Hanham **Seconded:** Rochelle Pou
All in favour

2.	**Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

David questions whether Rachel looked into Steph being on the board while she is employed by the school. Rachel explains that Steph is no longer a cleaner and is now only relief staff so she can stay on the board. The auditor confirmed yesterday with Rachel that this is ok.

3.	**Correspondence**

- NZASA Term 1 Newsletter
- OIA Request
- NCEA Replacement announcement

David asks if everyone read about the OIA request. Everyone confirms.
A small discussion is held about OIA requests.
David asks if everyone has read the newsletter, everyone confirms.
Rachel speaks about if we have another change of government that things could change again. She isn't sure what Labour have said they will do with NCEA. She speaks about how this could have a not so great effect on our school if they get rid of NCEA.
Further discussion about NCEA is held.
David asks whether the industry will have a chance to have their say on matters. Rachel explains that this won't really be happening. Morgana speaks about how unsettling this is for our teachers.

4.	**Financial Report and Discussion**

David asks if there is anything anyone has to say regarding the financial reports.
David speaks about grounds and tree maintenance and how this was needed but still a very significant cost. Rachel mentions that we will get money back from selling the lawn mower, she explains this doesn't show yet but will make up some of it. Rachel speaks about how they are able to get MOE funding for guttering, spouting and anything else to do with drinking water but still could take some time.

David speaks on the loans and leases and the significant difference between 2025 and 2026 so far.

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees approve the finance reports for December 2025, January 2026 & February 2026 as prepared by Education Services."

Moved: Morgana Neho **Seconded:** Rochelle Pou

All in favour

5.	**Principals Report**

Rachel speaks about attendance targets and says so far it looks promising. She speaks about how we had to close school because of the red weather warning and that she was glad we did it because a lot of other schools were scrambling Thursday afternoon with no buses etc. Rochelle says that kids would have not been able to get home Thursday because of the flooding.

Rachel speaks on the fuel crisis and speaks about how we have asked students who have internet at home and devices at home just to get a rough idea in case we run out of fuel and people can't get to school. Further discussion is had about fuel issues and how it could also affect attendance.

Rachel mentions that one staff member has sourced 45 second hand laptops for use at school/for students.

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

Moved: Morgana Neho **Seconded:** Stephanie Hanham

All in Favour

6.	**Matters Arising From Principals Report**

MOTION: "That the 2026 Annual Report (Analysis of Variance) be approved."

Moved: Rachel Clothier-Simmonds **Seconded:** Morgana Neho

All in favour

7.	**Logo Feedback & Discussion**

All submissions were considered. There was a mixed feeling with some appetite for change as well as some connection of the current logo. It was decided to ask Zion to modernise the current logo and then run a vote with the whole community with the 2 logos side by side. This would effectively be a refreshing rather than rebranding. The board is committed to supporting the preferred logo after the voting process.

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees agrees for Rachel to return to Zion to refine and modernise the current design, and to subsequently present the updated design to the community for consideration and voting."

Moved: Morgana Neho **Seconded:** Stephanie Hanham

All in favour

8.	**Term 1 Policies**

Review and discuss Term 3 policies and procedures below as per School Docs schedule.

- Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances Policy
- Sun Protection
- Digital Technology and Online Safety
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices
- Safety and Welfare for Students on Work Experience
- Firearms

MOTION: "That the Mangakahia Area School Board of Trustees have read the School Docs policies as listed above and have had the opportunity to contribute to the review process."
Moved: Stephanie Hanham **Seconded:** Rochelle Pou
All in favour

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: Morgana Neho **Seconded:** Rochelle Pou
All in favour

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: 6:12pm

Signatures:

Date: 13/5/26