Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, 16 September 2025
held offsite at 6.45pm.

THE BOARD OF
JIREH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2025

Attending: Sandra Bosman, Philip Mark Bradley, Andrew Coombridge, Tavita Fesolai (via zoom), Gael Goulter, Vicki Morris, Amrita Sadanand, Shihan Sappideen.

It is noted that the recently elected Board members, who take office from tomorrow, were invited to attend this meeting as observers.

Apologies:

1. Welcome – Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Devotion – Gael opened the meeting with a devotion based on James 1:1-5. Two main encouragements -

- That testing and hardship can be seen as an opportunity to produce endurance and a time to grow our faith.
- Vs 5 – Wisdom is such a crucial thing and something we need to keep as a focus. The decisions we make affect the future of the children, staff and parents of Jireh Christian School and wisdom is essential. We're reminded in this reading that no matter what our intentions are, our wisdom is limited, and we need to turn to God who gives wisdom generously and gives us the ability to see things from His perspective. Ask how, as a Board, you will prioritise wisdom and keep it at the centre. Time in prayer, reading scripture and being reminded of God's wisdom are all important. Gael then opened in prayer.

Time was also taken to pray for the outgoing and incoming Board members.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – taken as read.
The minutes of 5 August 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved Andrew / AGREED

4. Matters Arising from Minutes & Action List

1. Blocked.
2. Email Philip Mark, the Kingsway Chair and Allan Bates regarding progress on the field. Philip Mark reported that machines have gone around the field and there is no sign of compression or crushing. The remedy is to drill a core and put in sand but that has to wait until springtime. Maintenance and frequency of mowing need to be discussed further. The new cabins are coming next week Monday/Tuesday. Remove from Action Plan.

5. Conflicts of Interest
No new conflicts of interest.

6. Report on Learning Support - taken as read
The following points were highlighted.

- It is helpful for the Board to understand what is involved with Learning Support. It used to be those struggling with their learning but there is now a huge range of children with varying degrees of learning support requirements.
- Over a third of the total roll are funded for ESOL but there are more children that are no longer funded. It was pointed out that what is happening at Jireh is reflective of schools throughout Auckland.
- Behavioural challenges have the biggest impact on the teachers, students and their environment.
- A question was raised regarding class sizes. This is dealt with at School management level and various factors are taken into account when setting class sizes.
- Behavioural issues in Years 0 – 3 have been significant this year. A suggestion was made that we consider parent evenings on a variety of topics relating to this issue.

- More funding is coming from the Government next year for learning support, including money for a Learning Support Co-ordinator. There is a bigger budget for Learning Support in our budget this year so in that way the Board is supporting staff.
- Vicki to give consideration to the possibility of having parent evenings.

7. Policies

- International Student Policies (5x)
  - Gael has made some suggested changes that are still to be discussed by the Policy sub-committee. These Policies and the suggested changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Reports

a. Principal Principal's Report – taken as read.

The Board went into committee at 7.40pm to discuss a staffing issue.
The Board came out of committee at 7.47pm having discussed the issue and decided on next steps.

It was moved that the Principal's Report be accepted with thanks.

Moved Sandra / Amrita Seconded AGREED

b. Finance & Property Update – taken as read

- **August Financial Report**
  The reporting format has changed which makes the report easier to read and also shows this year's figures compared to last year. The net deficit of $2,600 for August matches with the budgeted deficit. We have spent less on property maintenance but also have higher Ministry funding grants. The admin wages budget is less but we have employed two new ladies with increased hours.

It was moved that the Finance Report for August 2025 be accepted.

Moved Amrita / Seconded Sandra AGREED

- **Property Report** – 2 items already covered – field and cabins. The Resource Consent is still not able to be finalised. Two of the three Council conditions have been met. The third is that the landowner needs to sign the agreement and this is what we are waiting for.
  There was discussion around placing the cola canopy somewhere else on the property to avoid having to wait for resource consent, roll growth, building capacity and future planning for buildings.

- The following 2 documents were tabled –
  - Summary of the Disposal of Assets Register for 2025
  - Useful Life of Assets 2025 It was noted that Board of Trustees needs to be changed to Board.

It was moved that the above two documents be accepted and signed by the Presiding Member.

Moved Andrew AGREED

9. Inward Correspondence – taken as read

- NZSTA Onboard magazine – July & August
- NZCPT documents – taken as read. The idea is that NZCPT schools incorporate and respect this position. As the School renews its policies these documents will need to be taken into consideration.

10. Future Business –

None.

Sandra presented Amrita and Gael with a gift, card and flowers, on behalf of the Board, to thank them for their time, dedication and expertise while serving on the Board.

Next meeting – 21 October. Allan on devotions.

Andrew closed the meeting with prayer at 8.50pm

Signed as a true and accurate record:

Approved: Andrew Coombridge
Presiding Member

21 October 2025
Date