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Marlborough Primary School Board

Meeting Minutes- 15:30 pm Wednesday 18 February 2026

Present: Michelle Nell, Tim McMynne, Deanne Wotton, Katie Farrimond, Lucas De Jong, Jen Frecklington, Dana Kuoch, Kathryn Woodman, Brenda McPherson

Secretary: Johanna Palvie

Item	Topic		Led By	Time
1.0	Whakahaere (Administration)	<p>Karakia Timatanga (opening Karakia/start of day)</p> <p>E te hui For this gathering</p> <p>Whāia te mātauranga kia mārama Seek knowledge for understanding</p> <p>Kia whai take ngā mahi katoa Have purpose in all that you do</p> <p>Tū māia, tū kaha Stand tall, be strong</p> <p>Aroha atu, aroha mai Let us show respect</p> <p>Tātou i a tātou katoa For each other</p>	TM	2 min
1.1	Attendance and Apologies			
1.2	Confirmation of minutes of	MOTION: That the minutes of the December	TM	1 min

	the previous meeting	<p>2026 meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record (Chair, no seconder required)</p> <p> 1217 Minutes of meeting 17 December 2025</p> <p>All members voted in favour</p> <p>MOTION: That the in-committee minutes of the NONE meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record (Chair, no seconder required)</p>		
1.3	Matters arising from previous minutes			
1.4	Correspondence			
1.5	Declaration of interests			
2.0	Board activities	<p><u>2026 Presiding Member Election</u></p> <p>K. Sandilands nominated T. McMynne for the position of Presiding Member for the 2026 school year. The nomination was seconded by L. de Jong. There being no further nominations, T. McMynne was elected unanimously.</p>		
2.1	Policy Review			
2.2	Te Arotake Whaiaro (Board Self-Review)			
3.0	Te Whakaaturanga Kaimahi (Staff Presentation)			
4.0	Pūrongo Rautaki (Strategic Reports)			
4.1	Curriculum Reports	<p><u>Te Reo Curriculum / In Class Teaching</u></p> <p>Motion: That Kathryn Woodman be granted speaking rights.</p> <p>Moved: T. McMynne / Second: M. Nell / Motion Carried - all members voted in favour</p> <p>Whaea Kat informs the board that during classroom release time (CRT) her teaching focus is on Te Reo Maori and Aotearoa New Zealand History. This term she specifically covers the Treaty of Waitangi and Voyages of Aotearoa.</p>		

		<p>She helps lead the School's Kapa Haka Programme as well.</p> <p>There are no mandated lesson plans. The MOE does provide a framework, but schools have significant autonomy in how they teach it.</p>		
4.2	Professional Development	<p><u>Treaty PLD for Board Members</u></p> <p>Motion: That Brenda McPherson be granted speaking rights.</p> <p>Moved: T. McMynne / Second: D. Wotton / Motion Carried - all members voted in favour</p> <p>Brenda McPherson thanked the Board and presented the school's role as a Treaty partner. The session covered the Māori Achievement Collaborative (MAC) and the historical context of Māori in education. Discussion focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is a treaty partner - What do we know - Why the focus of Maori in education - What does this look like at school 	BM	1hr
5.0	Personnel			
6.0	Finance			
7.0	Property	<p><u>Playground discussion</u></p> <p>Tim McMynne moved that the playground be relocated to the far end of the field. The motion was seconded by Michelle Nell. Following discussion, the motion passed with four members in favour and two abstentions.</p>	MN	15 min
8.0	Health and Safety			
9.0	Kaupapa Motukahi & Pakihi Whānui (Special Topics / General Business)			
10.0	Meeting preparation	Next Meeting - 3rd Wed of March and the 3rd Thu of the month for the rest of year.		
11.0	Meeting closure	Karakia Whakamutunga (Closing Karakia/end of	TM	2 min

		<p>day)</p> <p>Ka whakairia te tapu</p> <p>Kua mutu ā mātou mahi Our work has finished</p> <p>Mō tēnei wā For the time being</p> <p>Manaakitia mai mātou katoa Protect us all</p> <p>Ō mātou hoa Our friends Ō mātou whānau Our family</p> <p>Āio ki te Aorangi Peace to the universe</p>		
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Notes and Actions from February 2026 Meeting

Action	Person	Completed By
Quotes - posts for cover	MN	
Board drive strategic plan - read through	All members	



Timothy McMynne 11/03/2026