Proprietors Meeting Minutes
Monday 18th February 2026 from 9.29 pm to 10.03 pm

Present: Allie Ganapathy, Hayley Luan (left @ 9pm), Lucy Bayliss (staff representative), Tara Israelson, Ava Szabo (Principal), Stacey Newlands (Deputy Presiding Member), Byron Lynds (Presiding Member), Sadie Taylor (Student Representative), Maryann Robertson, Rhiannon Jarvis, Rod Webster (Online), Jenny Jellicoe (Online), Jo Dyer (minutes)

Apologies: Juliette George (Staff Representative)

Elections - Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member

Byron noted that he will be stepping down as a member of the BoT at the end of Term 1, so will not be accepting any nominations. Other members thanked Byron and acknowledged his mahi whilst taking on the role of Presiding Member.
Hayley is on maternity leave for 2026 and Jo Dyer will be taking on the role of Board Secretary in her absence.
Nominations for Presiding Member - Stacey Newlands nominated by Ava Szabo and seconded by Rod Webster. No other nominations therefore Stacey Newlands elected as Presiding Member.
Nominations for Deputy Presiding Member - Rhiannon Jarvis nominated by Byron Lynds and seconded by Tara Israelson. Rod Webster nominated by Maryann Robertson and seconded by Ava Szabo. There were no other nominations. Rhiannon noted she would like to decline the nomination due to work commitments. Rod accepted the nomination, therefore Rod Webster was elected as Deputy Presiding Member.

Declaration of Interests

Byron is a member of the Trust.

Rhiannon has a conflict of interest for property maintenance projects regarding plumbing and drainage.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

There were no questions or comments.

Motion: The minutes of the last Board of Trustees' meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Tara/ Seconded by Lucy/ Carried unanimously with no abstentions or nays.

Property Committee Updates

There have been no Property Committee meetings since the last Council meeting. Lots of projects have been completed over the summer holidays. The 6-9 Primary classes deck will have the roof completed during the April school holidays.

In-committee Meeting

In-committee Meeting from 9.34 pm to 9.54 pm

Motion: That the public be excluded from the following part/s of the proceedings of this meeting namely for agenda items under In-Committee. Minutes are kept in the PEB minute book.

Tara Israelson was also excluded from the in-committee meeting due to a conflict of interest.

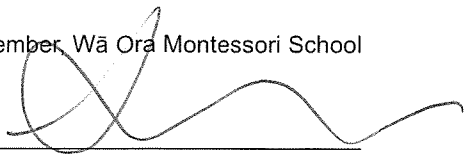
The meeting reopened at 9.54 pm.

Council 2026 Draft Budget

Hayley presented the 2026 Council budget.

There is a big deficit of $725K due to major maintenance - the Primary deck and verandah costing nearly $200K. Byron suggested that this could be capitalised as it is property so belongs to the Proprietor. Major maintenance uses P1 money as we are developing current assets. The High School carpark and the Primary playground and turf can also be capitalised. Drainage can be classed as infrastructure; re-roofing can also be capitalised. This will take the total of the deficit down significantly to around $100K-$150K deficit. The P1 funding grant has been reduced by the Government and based on rateable value.

Signed Presiding Member, Wā Ora Montessori School



Date

Action	Personnel	Due
Hayley to make necessary changes to the Council Budget and send out to Council members	Hayley	Before the next meeting, Wednesday 18th March

2026 Council/BOT Meetings

7.00pm at Wā Ora Montessori School – Tāwari Classroom

January – No meeting

Wednesday 18 February 2026 (Week 3, Term 1)

Wednesday 18 March 2026 (Week 7, Term 1)

April – No meeting

Wednesday 20 May 2026 (Week 5, Term 2)

Wednesday 17 June 2026 (Week 9, Term 2)

July-No meeting

Wednesday 19 August 2026 (Week 5, Term 3)

Wednesday 16 September 2026 (Week 9, Term 3)

Wednesday 21 October 2026 (Week 2, Term 4)

Wednesday 18 November 2026 (Week 6, Term 4)