

**Te Kura o Ngā Puna Waiora**

**Newtown School**

Board of Trustees Hui Minutes

*Rātū / Monday 9 / February 2026, 6:30pm*

*Staffroom*

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**Board members:** Naomi Taylor, Fatima Amin Sheikh, Trey Tanuvasa, Amro Gamal, Nadia Abu-Shahab,, Rhys Muir (kaiako rep), Sian Smith (Ngāti Kotahitanga rep) Nicki Read – Tumuaiki

**Also present:** Danielle Te Waiti (Deputy Principal), Welcome to Robbie Neilson

**Apologies:** Jahnelle Wright Ash Holwell, Josephine

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### **Waiata me Karakia timatanga**

Meeting opened 6:40pm

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**Conflict of Interest** None

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### **1. Whanaungatanga –Hina i te marama – reflections of actions and learning**

Nadia- thinking about the weather events of the holidays plus the Moa Point sewerage

Feels like a time of transition

Rhys - energy of the full moon - thinking about calendar

Fatima - talking to tamariki about the why the beaches are closed is hard also considering long hours of fasting coming up

Naomi - mourning gives away to dreaming - thinking around this quote from Moana Jackson

Amro - the weather is also in his thoughts - considering the very cold winter of Egypt and

Gaza - the suffering and sickness

Nicki - lots of listening of people's stories of their journey to this place

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### **2. Staff Only Day reflection**

Our staff only day began with deep reflection and connection.

We referenced how we are like the swamp and the interdependence that occurs within this environment. Hine i te Repo as the peacemaker between Tane and Tangaroa. When we consider her wellness we consider the wellness of the whole swamp. Interdependence is the greater goal than independence. This is what we are trying to do as a kura.

The Board gathered their responses to this metaphor. Resonated with being whānau, flow, peace making, potential of all, restoration, impact on land, what has been preserved in swamps that need protecting.

'He Pūreirei whakamatuatanga'- Rest a while on the tuft of grass you landed on before stepping forward

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### **3. Kawa and Tikanga**

- Hui as caucus tangata whenua and tangata tiriti to discuss the kawa and the following questions:
  - What makes a good partnership?
  - How do we support each others' aspirations within each caucus?
  - How do we support the aspirations of each caucus within the wider Poari?

**Tangata tiriti** acknowledged the mahi put into creating kawa and what a strong model this is for how we look after each other - thank you

This is the first time we have met as Tangata Tiriti. The kawa worked well and it was worthwhile to ensure positive and constructive communication.

Good partnership requires good faith in each other.

We want a productive board that reflects what our whānau want, whether holding a co- chair position or not - active contribution matters - wanting to take responsibility to be in partnership.

**Tangata whenua** - Waitangi - Ngā Puhī always welcome the government to the grounds even when they are treated badly - discussed how manaaki is not 'kindness' but rather mana making with integrity and aroha and that aroha is straight talking with the best intentions for the person being spoken to.

Hine-i-te-Repo to be included into the kawa.

Kawa can be enriched by contributions and change of focus with Atua - a living document

**Naomi and Sian nominated and voted as co -chairs for 2026**

#### **4. Leadership and Strategic plan**

Leadership report taken as read. 2026/2027 Goals shared with Poari. Everyone invited to contribute to the document particularly for 2026 action for Hapori.

**Finance, Presentation of Budget** – some changes made from the budget viewed in 2025 so presented the updated version. To note: Increased income from new students arriving, This is a budget without extras that we are wanting to do such as the playground and website. We will continue to use grants for aspects of developing these in our school.

This is a living budget. Nicki and Fatima will share how we are tracking each month against the planned budget plus inform the Board any significant financial changes or decisions..

**Motion:** Pass Confirmed Budget

**Moved:** Nicki

**Seconded:** Naomi

**All:** In favour

#### **6. Any other Business**

##### **Ngati Kotahitanga –**

- Fundraising focus this term for noho marae
- Kapa haka performed for neighbours night at the Zoo night. The zoo team loved it and were keen for us to return regularly.
- Whanau hui held before school with a strong turn out.
- Numbers are growing especially at the New Entrant age.
- Rōpu up and running and busy

**Co opting members – need clarification of rules and numbers permitted**

Big mihi to Sian and Nadia for representing the Board today at the oral submissions for the Education Amendment Act – many of us were moved by who you were and how you represented us – from the past, the present and the future. A first for our kura.

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#### **Previous minutes**

**Motion:** The board accepts previous minutes as true and accurate.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**All:**

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### **Date for next meetings**

#### **2nd Monday of every month**

Monday 9th March

Monday April 20th

Monday May 11th

Monday 8th June - dress up for World Ocean Day

Monday 20th July

Dates will be sorted for the rest of 2026 at June hui

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### **Karakia Whakamutunga**

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### **Actions**

#	Action	Assigned	Status
26.01	Ensure the various portfolios are covered.	Collective	In Progress
	Invite Josephine to board hui	Noami, Sian	In Progress
26.03	Investigate ways to report categories relating to ethnicity and/or origin that are better represented - aim to approve and align with kura values		
26.04	Submit on Education and Training Bill (System Reform) Amendment Bill - 14 January 2025		Completed
26.05	Review co option regulations and respond to those who are interested in being on the Board.		In progress

26.05	Continue to find parents interested in fundraising.		In progress
26.06	Add actions to the Strategic Plan especially for the Hapori		In progress

Signed:   
Naomi Taylor, Presiding Member