



Subject	Perth Modern School Board Meeting
Date	Tuesday 25 March 2025
Time	17:17 – 19:10
Location	McCusker Board Room
Chair	Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen
Attendees	Voting: Mitchell Mackay (Principal), Grant Staffe, Bronwyn Rasmussen, Charlie Bond, Cathryn Trott, Raymond Loh, Jeet Ghosh (P&C Rep), Peter Farr (Perth Modernian Society Rep), Kati Tonkin (Parent Rep), Monica Franz (Staff Rep), Thevindu Karunarathe (Student Rep), Mahek Aribenchi (Student Rep), Robyn Verboon (guest staff member)
Apologies	Sandra Song

#	Item	Minutes	
1	Welcome and acknowledgment of Country; Apologies	The Chair welcomed the Board, and asked if anyone would like to deliver the Acknowledgement of Country. CT provided an acknowledgement.	
2	Minutes of meeting held 04 March 2025	PF discussed the wording of the Masterplan action, but this was accepted as-is. Moved and seconded and supported.	PF, KT
3	Correspondence	Letter received from a Board nominee. Will be discussed later in the meeting.	
4	Action Items Register	Discussion about placing Board minutes publicly on the webpage. Will be placed on the Board part of the PMS website, after they have been approved by the Board and signed. Action 88: PF reported that EIW Architects are currently completing final report draft on the PMS Masterplan. Final compilation of small, medium and major project items. Final draft to be provided this week. After which Project Control Group will review and discuss for a final iteration. Expected to be presented to the Board in coming months.	See below
5	Principal's Report	Finance committee has ratified finances. Further information will be presented at next meeting.	MM
6	Students' Report	Community Day next week. Each stall's location and information finalised. Year 12s taking their initiative to setup their own stalls. Strong engagement. Harmony Week next week. Final details and some organising still underway, but Friday will be cultural dress-up day and there are various activities. Guest speaker last week for International Women's Day. Speaker is a Law student from Murdoch, who won 2024 Multicultural Youth Award. Valuable Q&A session after the talk. Intended to be supported in future years. Positive shift in Focus Days; increased participation. Students are to be reminded about behaviour expectations when using public transport. This could be student centred and focused on student understanding of its importance. Predicted ATARs: discussion around timelines.	MA, TK

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7	P & C Report	<p>P&C meeting last week. Funding and contribution discussed. Conversation Series sponsored by P&C has been successful.</p> <p>Letter tabled in October 2024 by P&C about pedestrian safety. Have not had a lot of discussion, however some input received from another local school. Request for this Board to discuss and decide whether it wants to support. Expected to be tabled in next Board meeting. Associate principal has been working with public transport to help make positive adjustments. Discussions ensued between Board and P&C regarding letter drafting, strong consideration from Board to produce own letter. Assistance offered by Board member to P&C member to draft said letter.</p>	JG
8	Modernian Report	<p>Evan Kennea is stepping down as council chair, and Robyn White will be the interim chair.</p> <p>Submitted report for the school's Annual Report, outlined assistance provided through Society.</p> <p>Received letter from Year 7 incoming scholarship recipient, expressing gratitude and intention to work hard.</p> <p>Perth Modernian Society Inc was formed 30 years ago and is looking for ways to commemorate this year.</p>	PF
9	Business Plan	<p>RV presented the Business Plan 2025-2029, Kadajiny Dandjoo "Learning Together". This will be an emerging and evolving document built on ongoing conversations and focusing on the whole child. It also aims to provide support to staff and community. Business Plan ideas started in November 21, driven by staff and student focused. Include events as well as formal stakeholder engagement. Presented priorities and focus areas that derive from the Plan.</p> <p>Currently seeking guidance from stakeholders on draft priorities and focus areas, intending to confirm content mid-April. Present to Board for endorsement in May meeting. A launch party for stakeholders will be held on June 11.</p> <p>Board Deputy Chair commended RV on the Business Plan's creation and development. Deputy Chair also suggested linking the Business Plan and the Campus Masterplan to show connection between promotion of excellence and nurturing the child.</p> <p>The Chair thanked RV for leading the process and bringing us on this journey.</p>	RV

	ITEMS FOR DECISION		
10	Board Composition	<p>Board currently sitting at 13 members. Board can have 15, including 5/6 parents, 2/3 parent representatives, up to 15. Discussion around whether there should be a higher representation from staff.</p> <p>Discussion around the number of community representatives.</p> <p>General support given for a greater staff voice, particularly a classroom teacher. JG moved to change ToR to "up to three staff". CB seconded. Board is in favour of the motion. Principal will extend an invitation to a former staff nominee.</p> <p>Modernian Elizabeth Knight was nominated by Deputy Chair as a strong community representative. In her nomination, she expressed enthusiasm to support an innovative learning environment. Both Principal and Deputy Chair spoke in favour of her nomination. Principal moves that Elizabeth Knight be accepted as a Community Member; seconded by CT. All in favour; moved.</p> <p>JG proposed that future nominations may consider under-represented groups and/or indigenous groups.</p>	Chair
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
15	Any other business	<p>Deputy Chair asked for clarification on progress of the Annual Report that is currently being produced. Will be placed into Teams drive when ready.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 6:54pm. Next board meeting: Tue May 20, 2025 at 5:15pm.</p>	

Signed and dated as approved:



Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen

Chair of Perth Modern Board

Date: 20 May 2025

Signed and dated as approved:



Mitchell Mackay

Principal

Date: 20 May 2025

Action Items Remaining Open Prior to this Meeting and subject to updates, plus new Action Items:

Action #	Meeting Date	Classification	Min.	Action Description	Due Date	Status	Comments	Actionee(s)
88	21/2/23	Masterplan		Masterplan working group	Rolling item	In progress	First draft of PMS Masterplan report received. Dept of Education and PMS school board is the audience of PMS masterplan.	MM / PF