



Subject	Perth Modern School Board Meeting
Date	Tuesday 20 May 2025
Time	17:14 – 19:10
Location	McCusker Board Room
Chair	Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen
Attendees	Voting: Mitchell Mackay (Principal), Grant Staffe, Bronwyn Rasmussen, Charlie Bond, Cathryn Trott (online), Jeet Ghosh (P&C Rep), Peter Farr (Perth Modernian Society Rep), Kati Tonkin (Parent Rep), Monica Franz (Staff Rep), Robyn Verboon (guest staff member), Sandra Song
Apologies	Thevindu Karunarathe (Student Rep), Mahek Aribenchi (Student Rep), Rick McMahon (Staff Rep), Raymond Loh

#	Item	Minutes	
1	Welcome and acknowledgment of Country; Apologies	Meeting opened at 5:14pm. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Vice Chair Charlie Bond acknowledged country, and reflected on the depth of time involved in human habitation of this land. Spoke some Noongar words. The Chair noted the apologies.	
2	Minutes of meeting held 25 March 2025	PF moves that they are true record. KT seconded. All moved.	20250325 PMS School Board Minutes.docx
3	Correspondence	Letter from a community member (Elizabeth K.) regarding perceived conflict of interest for her role as a Community Representative. She will not be joining the Board this year. The Chair asked MM to thank her.	
4	Action Items Register	Rolling item on the Masterplan. Planned to be launched on June 11 along with the Business Plan. PF provided the Board with a written summary. A committee (Project Control Board) are guiding the process. They met May 13 and received the draft final report. Approximately 100 pages long, with good graphics, and very readable. Draft has been endorsed by the Project Control Board. Summary of ~6 pages highlights most of the key written content. MM thanked PF for driving this Masterplan, with the support of key staff, such as Philippa Roy. The summary will be placed in the Teams folder for the Board.	PF
5	School budget	TB presented a slide deck of the end of 2024 report, and budget for 2025. Some small budget variation due to a difference in the amount from P&C, and a reduced price for a new bus, relative to expectations. JG discussed changes to the P&C budgeting to ensure that funds are expended for the benefit of the school. Some variances in the Professional Development expenditure. Questions from the Board on what funds can and cannot be spent on, and the level of expenditure relative to budget. TB outlined the upgrades and improvements to school facilities in the past year. Board asked about maintenance activities. TB and MM discussed how the DoE provides some maintenance funding, but some is funded by the School. Salary expenditure has increased due to increased student numbers (30 students). Motion that the School Board formally note the 2025 Budget as presented by the Manager of Corporate Services. Moved by KT, and seconded by SS. Passed.	TB

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6	Principal's Report	MM thanked RV for managing the School in his absence.	Principal's Report - Board 20 May 2025.docx
7	P & C Report	P&C meeting held last week. One point of expenditure discussed. Substantial funds in reserve. MM provided P&C with a list of potential projects. P&C aiming to spend these funds, as provided by parents. Uniform shop running well. P&C interested in seeing the Business Plan and Masterplan. Planned to be circulated within the committee. SS asked about the priorities for expenditure. JG noted that P&C receive requests from science and arts, but less from humanities. MM noted the processes in place to communicate needs to P&C. JG will send expenditure list to Board.	JG
8	Modernian Report	In 1995, Perth Modernian Society was formed. Celebrated 30 years on 19 th May. RV and CB both attended. Presentations on past photos, and events where Modernian Society played a large role. Many people attended who would normally not. Followed by AGM. PF circulated the 2024 Annual Report to the Board. Concerns about aging of those involved in the Modernian Society. Chair thanked the Sphinx Foundation for their ongoing support of students in financial need.	PF
9	Business Plan endorsement	RV presented the Business Plan. RV noted Ray's question, and confirmed that they did consult with an indigenous officer on the Kadadjiny Dandjoo concept and wording. Strong messages of inclusiveness and diversity, belonging and inspirational leadership. Key values are courage, curiosity, compassion, commitment, and collaboration. Acknowledged work of key staff for driving and delivering this. Evidence-based measures of outcomes. RV showed the timeline. Final version going to the graphic artist this week, after Board endorsement. June 11 staff meeting launch, and then a more general launch with stakeholders. Student Council lunch the following day, and then live on the website on June 13. BR asked about measures of success. MM noted why quantitative metrics are not helpful. Idea is to set baseline. Will be measured, but not necessarily all straightforward measures. KT had concerns that Learners and Leaders is inclusive. RV has included some words of explanation at the front. MM encouraged the Board to ask about progress against the plan, and ask questions they cannot answer. Motion to endorse the Business Plan. PF moved; CB seconded. All moved. Chair thanked RV and the school leadership. Following the Board meeting, RV specifically addressed RL's questions in an email to him, with Board copied.	RV
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
10	Any other business	PF interested in AI as it may be applied to Boards. Board could have a policy about use of AI. Potential to invite an external person to talk about use of AI for Boards, for the Board's and School's benefit. Discussion around whether it would be useful for the Board minutes to use AI tools, and whether it would serve its purpose.	PF

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	Action ee(s)
88	21/2/23	Master plan		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

Signed and dated as approved:



Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen
Chair of Perth Modern Board
Date: 17 June 2025

Signed and dated as approved:



Mitchell Mackay
Principal

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