



Subject	Perth Modern School Board Meeting
Date	August 12, 2025
Time	17:14 start
Location	McCusker Board Room
Chair	Professor Charlie Bond
Attendees	Voting: Mitchell Mackay (Principal), Grant Staffe, Charlie Bond (vice Chair), Sandra Song, Jeet Ghosh (P&C Rep; online), Peter Farr (Perth Modernian Society Rep), Kati Tonkin (Parent Rep), Monica Franz (Staff Rep), Thevindu Karunaratne (Student Rep), Mahek Aribenchi (Student Rep), Rick McMahon (Staff Rep), Raymond Loh, Cathryn Trott (online)
Invited attendees	Nicola Reilly (Associate Principal)
Apologies	Bronwyn Rasmussen

#	Item	Minutes
	STANDING ITEMS	
1	Welcome and acknowledgment of Country; Apologies; Conflict of interest	Meeting commenced 17:14. Bronwyn is an apology, and Charlie will Chair. MF provided an acknowledgement of country. Described detailed knowledge and understanding of the land, and how the Noongar depth of knowledge is amazing. The Chair asked that the Board declare any conflicts of interest.
2	Minutes of previous meeting	20250618 PMS School Board Minutes.docx Moved by Peter Farr, seconded by Kati Tonkin
3	Business Plan	The Chair welcomed Nicola Reilly to the meeting. Slides for the presentation: Board Presentation Term 3 2025 v2.pptx Discussed Key Focus 2 of the Business Plan. Nurture a strong sense of belonging. Principles of inclusive education. Encourage students to take risks for greater growth. Builds clarity and consistency across teaching departments. Described school level planning. Discussed components of safe and supportive environment. Success measures were presented. How do we benchmark when we are a selective school? Discussion with Board and staff about processes in place, and some successes and challenges of the program. Students provided feedback about rankings. Good discussion about the use of rankings, and some support systems in place to help.
3	Correspondence	No correspondence was recorded.
4	Action Items Register	See update below.
	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION	
5	Principal's Report	Principal's Report 5 Aug 2025.pdf Finance and human resource audit was also completed last week. Passed, but many suggestions for improvement. MM recognised the late Michael Rogers as a great contributor to the school and students.

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6	P & C Report	Made some finance request approvals, including Beasley Hall projector (\$39k). Every student will benefit from that investment. Some P&C members will meet with MM to discuss expenditure in the Masterplan, and prioritise funds. \$172k uncommitted funds currently, which could partly be put toward Masterplan expenditure. Met with Member for Nedlands with regard to pedestrian safety. Recommended extending the CAT buses to move around the school. Conversation with Development WA around the footpath across from the school, which is degrading. Have committed to giving a presentation to P&C after they have come up with a plan. SS left the meeting at 18:16. Chair requested that the Board see the revised plans. JG will post the link for the Development WA site to that information. RM requested that the Board be invited to the briefing from Development WA. PMH-1909-Precinct-Subdivision-Plan.pdf Website version - Item 2.1 PMH Public Realm and Landscaping - Development Application - Subiaco LRC 7 August 2023.pdf
7	Modernian's Report	<p>A most distinguished Modernian and WA's 1951 Rhodes Scholar, John Owen Stone passed away in mid-July in Sydney, aged 97. John was a country boy from Kobel (near Merredin) and his older brother Basil also won a scholarship to Perth Mod. Educated at UWA (BSc Hons) and Oxford (First Class Honours in Philosophy, Politics and Economics), John was an outstanding economist who rose to the powerful position of Secretary to the Treasury, with his signature on all our bank notes. In a second career, he was also elected to the Senate in 1987. John was a constant donor to both the Sphinx Scholarship Fund and the Museum Association. John had lived in NSW for many years, but kept in touch with Mod. He attended the gala Centenary dinner in 2011. John was truly magnificent in the Save Perth Mod campaign in 2017, inter alia writing a stinging two page letter to the Premier, which was so strong I think it would have impacted McGowan's belated decision to back down on the controversial (no win) issue. It's fabulous that two photos in the photo montage published in The West on 19 July, showed him in front of the Beasley Building.</p> <p>Perth Modernian Oration 9:30am, Tuesday 16 September. PF listed the distinguished list of previous orators. This is the 15th year. 45 scholarships for completing Year 10 students. ~\$120k Sphinx Scholarships. Oral meeting for the students to be asked about the value of the scholarship to them, and a simple written report on the benefits derived. Also a confidence-building exercise for students to receive a scholarship. MM recognised the efforts of PF for driving the scholarships, and providing the historical context and links to the school's history and legacy.</p>
8	Student report	Executive meeting to re-allocate leadership roles for students, to standardise more, and to help with bridging communication and retaining information. Looking at student leadership across the school. What student council "leading to help others lead" means. MM requested that as head prefects, the Year 12 student councillors have a senior position to be able shape leadership in the student cohort. JG left the meeting at 18:34. Athletics carnival and RU Ok Day approaching. Wellness Committee organising. Policy currently has students finishing on Board at the end of Term 3; intention to change that to Term 4 to continue that involvement. "Senior sign-off": video of people signing a camera. Reflects the united cohort, to help with rounding off the Year 12 experience. CB suggested a connection at the end of Year 12 with the Modernian Society.
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
9	Any other business	PF reminded the Board about the potential for AI training. CB suggested we add that to an agenda. RM also supported the idea, because it impacts all aspects of our program. MM discussed use of AI in the teaching. PF to work with CB on finding a suitable person for the discussion.
	NEXT MEETING. September 9, 2025	
	MEETING CLOSE 18:49.	

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	<p>PF and Philipa Roy attended PCG project control meeting with EIW on 28th Oct 24. Master plan phase 1 is a few weeks behind the schedule. Phase 2 work is in progress in parallel. Some catchup work will be happening in Nov and Dec. Student survey put out and response well received. Staff survey will be sent out. In summary, work is a bit behind schedule but focus on the quality of the work. Phase 1 report will be presented in Dec board meeting but have to consider the way of presenting due to open meeting nature.</p> <p>3 Dec 2024: Reported that the Phase 1 and 2 draft reports are available but incomplete and contain some good elements.</p> <p>4 March 2025: First draft of PMS Masterplan report received. - PPT presented by PF and MM. Discussion.</p> <p>Week 7, Term 3: Masterplan will be rolled out. P&C are viewing and discussing the Masterplan, with a view to expenditure.</p>	MM / PF

Signed and dated as approved:



p/p
Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen

Chair of Perth Modern Board

Date: 9/9/2025

Signed and dated as approved:



Principal of Perth Modern School

Date: 9/9/2025

