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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9 June 2026

Subject	**Perth Modern School Board Meeting**
Date	9 June 2026
Time	17:10
Location	McCusker Board Room
Chair	Ms Kati Tonkin
Attendees	**Voting**: Mitchell Mackay (Principal), Kati Tonkin (Chair / Parent Rep), Cathryn Trott (Deputy Chair / Parent Rep) , Raymond Loh (Parent Rep), Peter Farr (Perth Modernian Society Rep), Grant Staffe (Staff Rep), Lora Brown (P&C Rep), Avash Shakya (Student Rep), Mary McCusker (Student Rep), Sandra Song (Parent Rep), Rick McMahon (Staff Rep), Scott Marshall, Michelle Edwards, Devan Rehunathan (community member for Open Meeting; arrived 17:29), Bin Zhu (Parent Rep; arrived 17:32)
Apologies	Monica Franz (Secretary / Staff Rep)

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	STANDING ITEMS	
1	Welcome and acknowledgment of Country; Apologies; conflict of interest	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were undertaken, with Michelle and Scott joining. Cathryn provided an Acknowledgement of Country. No conflicts of interest were recorded.
2	Minutes of previous meeting	Ray Loh moved the minutes, and they were accepted as a true representation of the meeting,
3	Correspondence	No correspondence was received.
4	Action Items Register	#1: Community members: Board members have put forward candidates. MM suggested meeting with the Chair and other Board members to discuss a process for moving forward. MM discussed approaching Kate Chaney, as discussed in the previous meeting. This was agreed. Other suggestions will be discussed #2: KFA4 and KFA3 to be confirmed to be presented in the first meetings of Terms 3 and 4. The Chair presented the draft schedule. An amendment suggested to move the Board Effectiveness Survey discussion to Term 4. #3: Completed, and tabled #4: Completed; Terms of Reference were updated. #5: Ongoing #6: Completed and tabled.
	ITEMS FOR DECISION	
	NIL	
	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	

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5	School Board Report	The Chair tabled the School Report and presented its purpose and major components, including the School Masterplan, and Business Plan. The Board Terms of Reference require the production of the report each year. The School Report highlights the work of the Board over the past 12 months. Confirmed that the Board does not have an operational role. The Board membership was also provided in the report. The Chair commented on the quality of the Board, and the openness of the School Executive for the Board members to ask questions. Presented the Board schedule, which can be read in combination with the Board Report for the work of the Board through the year. MM mentioned that the school survey outcomes will be provided to the staff by GS. PF moved that the Board Report be accepted. All were in favour and thanked the Chair.
6	Business Plan KFA 2	ME provided an introduction to KFA2: Belong, Engage, Thrive. Aimed for wellbeing to be aligned across the whole school and not seen as separate to other learning. Common language and consistency across the School. The student behaviour and good standing guidelines have also been aligned with the framework. Consultation across the school community has been undertaken. Gifted learning context is embedded throughout. Audience is the whole school community, so presented simply and clearly. Sits under Business Plan and works closely with Instructional Playbook and the Teaching for Impact framework. Focuses on the importance of everyday interactions and classroom practices. The Board discussed how this works in practice to reach every student, and the importance for Year 7s. Behaviour positioned as communication: relational, restorative, supportive. Recognise that behaviour reflects wellbeing, stress, student needs, rather than a punitive response. Support them for better choices in the future. Good standing is a restorative and supportive process. Staff professional learning is underway, including sharing best practice. Main goal is to create the conditions where every student feels they belong, and can thrive. Mi7 survey and data: have longitudinal dataset now. 2023-2026 results. ME and SM presented the snapshot and 4-year datasets. Discussion in the Board of some of the trends over time, and learnings for the school. Focus on progress and ensuring good language with students. The priority areas from the Mi7 outcomes were presented.
7	Principal's Report	MM tabled the Principal's Report. Highlighted a meeting with Basil Zempilas about the Masterplan and student safety and also met with the Department about the Masterplan.
8	Student Report	AS and MMc tabled the student report. Highlighted the Semester 1 exams with a new three-year exam week. Transition mostly successful. World's Greatest Shave happening again, with great participation from the student cohort. Language's Week approaching in Week 9, including canteen cultural foods, and PA in different languages. A new Book Week is being planned.
9	P&C Report	Two funding requests: \$4,900 netball uniforms. FoM: snacks and decorations etc \$2,500 + \$700. Reconciliation of accounts and requests will be tabled at the next meeting. Continued discussion of pedestrian safety. Forming a strategic plan for the P&C.
10	Modernians Report	Alexander Philogene, a 2022 Year 12 PMS student, passed away after contracting meningococcal in Europe on exchange. He was remembered in a memorial service. Sphinx Foundation creating a fund in his name.
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
11	Any other business	No other business

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		NEXT MEETING: 11 August 2026 ***MEETING CLOSE: 18:56***

Action Items Remaining Open Prior to this Meeting and subject to updates (red = completed), plus new Action Items:

#	Meeting Date	Action Description	Due Date	Status	Comments	Actionee(s)
1	2/12/2025	Board to consider potential community members for the Board and provide names to the Chair	Term 1 2026	Ongoing	Suggestions to be conveyed to MM, ongoing. KT, MM & MaryM to consider approach to Kate Chaney	All
2	2/12/2025	Schedule of agenda items for meetings to be developed. A Business Plan update to be added to the agenda for one meeting per term	Term 2, Meeting 4	Ongoing	KFA 4 and 3 to be confirmed in schedule. Column for standing items to be added to schedule.	MF/Sabrina /KT
3	3/3/2026	2025 Annual Report to be produced.	3pm, 15/5/26	Completed	Any final feedback to be sent to MF by due date	All
4	31/3/2026	Terms of Reference to be reviewed and updated.		Completed	Agreed changes to be updated by KT	KT
5	12/5/2026	Advertisement of normal board meetings to community		Ongoing	As required in terms of reference, notification of dates of board meeting to go to school community	MF/Sabrina
6	12/52026	School Board report for open meeting on 9/6/2026	4/6/2026	Completed	As required in ToR	KT

Signed and dated as approved:

Kati Tonkin

Associate Professor Kati Tonkin

Chair of Perth Modern School Board

Date: 20 August 2026

Signed and dated as approved:

Mitchell Mackay

Principal of Perth Modern School

Date: 20 August 2026