



MINUTES OF THE OPEN SECTION OF A MEETING OF THE KAIKORAI VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT: Mark Rogers, Jatin Bali, Bella Geekie, Scott Gordon, Nicole Lowrey, Sarah Moreton, Glyn Rees, Iosia Siose

APOLOGIES: Jessie Turner, Janette Potter

ABSENT: Aleisha Kirkman

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine-Mary Molloy (Minute Taker)

1. MENETI O TE HUI - MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN part of the meeting held on 30 June 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOVED Scott Gordon **SECONDED** Glynn Rees
(All Aye)

2. MATTERS ARISING (*nil*)

3. FINANCE

3.1. Mr Gordon tabled and discussed the July 2026 finance report, prepared by Ms Huia. It was accepted.

3.2. The May 2026 finance report was also tabled and accepted.

MOVED Glynn Rees **SECONDED** Jatin Bali
(All Aye)

3.3. It was noted that the finance committee will now manage approval of the creditor payments.

4. MONITORING

4.1. **Principal's report** (report tabled as read, discussed and accepted)

4.1.1. The school has signed up for a well-being survey called PULSE. It will be advertised more widely to gain traction, and reviewed at the end of the year.

4.1.2. Attendance: Numbers are slightly down compared to the same time in 2025, but there have been a lot more students away with medical issues. Several staff have also been unwell. It appears to be easing now. Multiple agencies are involved supporting recidivist absentee students.

4.1.3. Curriculum: There is a tight timeline and an enormous amount of work to be done to prepare and implement the new 7-10 curriculum, which comes out on 9 September. It is a major re-haul and often difficult to find the links. There is a teacher-only day on 21 September to be devoted to this, as well as Monday staff meetings.

4.2. **Staff report** (report tabled as read, discussed and accepted)

4.2.1. Mrs Lowrey also discussed the new Year 7-10 curriculum, and the enormous pressure on staff working on it. Mr Bali said the school has a one-month trial programme called Chalkie. It generates resources for the new curriculum and costs \$5,000 per year for a subscription. It has been a very busy term!

4.2.2. Mr. Rogers said that if there was anything the Board could do to support staff, Mrs Lowrey should let him know.

4.3. **Student report** (report tabled as read, discussed and accepted)

4.3.1. 4.3.1. As her tenure as Student Representative to the Board comes to a close, Mrs. Lowrey thanked Ms. Geekie for her tremendous work not only in that role but also on the Student Council. Her participation and presence are most noticeable, and her

involvement in so many activities is outstanding. (eg the 1400 cans that were collected as part of the Octacan Drive.)

4.3.2. Mr Rogers and Mr Bali attended a recent Student Council meeting and were most impressed by the council's work and activities. Mr Rogers said they were a great group of students and asked Mrs Lowrey to pass on his thanks.

4.3.3. Mr Rogers commented on the calibre of the students on Open Night. He noted how friendly and personable they were and asked Bella to pass on his thanks.

4.4. International Department Committee *(verbal report and discussed)*

4.4.1. The 2028 fee structure was discussed at length. The new prices were agreed to remain competitive in the market and attract more homestay families (now \$385pw). The increase fell within the middle range of fees across Dunedin. It was noted that the fee sheet contained minor errors. Ms Molloy to correct and email both Word and PDF 2028 fee structure sheets to Mrs Potter.

(see the new 2028 structure).

KVC International Student Fees 2028				
Fee	1 Term	2 Terms	3 Terms	Year
School term fees	\$5,000	\$9,5000	\$14,000	18,000.00
Home-stay fees 46 weeks ¹	\$385/week (46 weeks)			17,710.00
Administration fee ²				1,200.00
Disbursements ³				1,200.00
Uniform ⁴				1,000.00
Comprehensive Insurance ⁵ (1 year)				800.00
NCEA Exam Fee ⁶				385.00
Total				\$(NZD)40,295.00
Apostille ⁷				\$350.00

MOVED
(All Aye)

Scott Gordon

SECONDED

Bella Geekie

4.4.2. Mrs. Potter is currently marketing overseas. Mrs. Potter returns on September 16 and departs again two weeks later for a student trip to Japan with 9 students.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. STRATEGIC FOCUS

7. KAUPAPA HERE - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

7.1. After further discussion of the Acceptable Use of Generative AI Policy and after Mrs. Lowrey read 12 recommendations from the publication 'A New Direction for Students in an AI World', it was moved that the policy be accepted. Mrs. Lowrey will send the policy to SchoolDocs for inclusion in the Kaikorai Valley College policies and procedures.

MOVED Nicole Lowrey
(All Aye)

SECONDED

Mark Rogers

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Mr Rogers will write a letter to student librarians, thanking them for their dedication and work with the library. Ms Molloy to draft a letter for Mr Burden to give to them.

8.2. Mr Rogers updated the board on the student election to the board process. Four nominations have been received, and nominations are now closed. Voting opens on

Monday 31 August and closes on Thursday 10 September. Mr Rogers also discussed the reasons for the change of provider and said the board might use Election Pilot for the triennial elections in 2028.

The OPEN session of the meeting ended at 6.23pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 October 2026

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

APPROVED a motion under Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 that the public be excluded from the remaining parts of the proceedings of the meeting as set out in detail in the agenda.

(PRESIDING MEMBER)

(DATE)

POINT	WHO	ACTION
4.4.1	Katherine-Mary	Ms Molloy to correct and email both Word and PDF 2028 fee structure sheets to Mrs Potter
7.1	Nicole Lowrey	Mrs Lowrey will send the Acceptable Use of Generative AI Policy to SchoolDocs for inclusion in the Kaikorai Valley College policies and procedures.
8.1	Mark Rogers and Katherine-Mary	Mr Rogers will write a letter to student librarians, thanking them for their dedication and work with the library. Ms Molloy to draft a letter for Mr Burden to give to them.