

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



At the **HKS Board of Trustees Meeting - May** on **26 May 2025** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	Hare Krishna School
Date:	Monday, 7 April 2025
Time:	6:00 pm to 7:50 pm (NZST)
Location:	Default Location, 1229 Coatesville Riverhead Highway, Kumeū, New Zealand
Board Members:	Amrta Pani Duchon, Carl Becker, Chirag Ahuja, Dharma-setu Das, Kalasamvara Das, Mr Krsna Das, Nrtya Gopal Krsna Das, Madhu puri (Jessie Christy)
Apologies:	Yamuna Marshall, Kranthi Thadugoni

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Opening Prayers

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Confirm Minutes

HKS Board of Trustees Meeting 3 Mar 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

1.4 Matters Arising From Minutes

1.5 Correspondence - Inward and Outward

1.6 Approve Agenda

2. Actions from Previous Meetings

2.1 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
14 Oct 2024	MOU Between BoT and BoP - Status: Not Started	Mr Krsna Das
7 Apr 2025	Policy committee to look at justified absence (code Q) based on o... Status: Completed on 7 Apr 2025	Chirag Ahuja, Nrtya Gopal Krsna Das

3. Presiding Member Update

3.1 Presiding Member Update

4. Principals Report

4.1 Strategic Plan 2025

Strategic Goal: Krishna Bhakti

- NCEA Level 1 Religious studies course is compulsory
 - Resourced and in place.
- Expanding the teaching of Sanskrit for years 7-8 this year. Looking to develop NZQA accreditation. No other high school in NZ offers this.

Strategic Goal: Learning

- MoE PLD was on a new approach to teaching math and how to deliver the new curriculum.
- Kahui Ako focusing on unpacking real life math problems which is where the new MoE curriculum is focusing
- All assessment completed for this term and are looking at planning for next term. Finding that strategies and planning used last year need changing as they are not as effective this year.

Strategic Goal: Community

- Attendance is a big focus. Restructure in admin to better address this.
 - Rolls done by 9.30. Checked by attendance officer at 10.30 and notifications sent after this.
 - Rolls for primary done for primary twice a day with attendance on half days.
 - Rolls for secondary done before each lesson.
 - Attendance West can work with other government agencies to help resolve attendance issues.
- MoE curriculum visits are always positive and provide good support.
- NCEA level 1 is new and expectations are a lot higher than previous NCEA level 1.
- On track to be able to deliver curriculum NCEA level 2 next year.
- Manada Mataji is principles nominee for the curriculum development and is ensuring the teachers are part of the relevant associations and are meeting the new curriculum requirements.
- Good engagement by the majority of parents on new high school curriculum.
- Standardised test results are provided to parents in their child's school report.
- High School - looking to implement disciplinary actions for those not completing their homework.

5. Policy Review

5.1 Term 1 Policy Review Update

- To send the Hare Krishna School Justified Absence Policy for Vedic Religious Observance to School Docs to check legality.
- Put in direct quotes from the integration agreement - make it more explicit.
- School Docs changes mean that the policy area no longer need 2 board members. Policy board members to alternate between terms.



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Due Date: 21 Jul 2025

Owners: Dharma-setu Das, Nrtya Gopal Krsna Das

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report

- Fundraising are donations
- Property expenses includes caretaking and cleaning, cyclic maintenance, grounds, heat lighting water, personnel costs, property services.

7. Property Matters if Any

7.1 Proprietor

New classroom building

- Meeting held with Keith Hay to obtain new buildings.
- Geotech completed today.
- Asked Keith Hay if they can complete it in modules with progress payments as we can't get loans.
- Keith Hay to provide costing eminently.
- Architect can provide a check on costing.
- Currently under time pressure to put in new classrooms.

Change in class application

- Huge pressure on the principal.
- Last 2 interactions with MoE have been positive.
- Looking to rebuild Trust with the MoE.
- Expect a boost in funding when change in class application is approved.
- New buildings required to show we have adequate space for new students.

- Science (general) classroom is set up. New building will be a chemistry room required to deliver NCEA lv2

7.2 Management

- Looking to do work on painting and pathways.
- Heatpump maintenance is scheduled.

8. Board Professional Development

9. Notified General Business

9.1 Any other business/items

10. Meeting Close

10.1 Next Meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

New Actions raised in this meeting

Item	Action Title	Owner(s)
5.1	Hare Krishna School Justified Absence Policy for Vedic Religious Observance Due Date: 21 Jul 2025	Dharma-setu Das, Nrtya Gopal Krsna Das

Signature:_____

Date:_____