

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONSLOW COLLEGE BOARD

OUT OF CYCLE MEETING

Location: Online

Date: 4 August 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Chris Albertson, Ezra Shaw, Jessica Churchman, Melina Hogg, Bronwyn Raybould, Piripi Evans, Tim Dagger, Chris Albertson, Marianne Taylor, Carol Murray Brown, Jono Wyeth, Craig McWilliam, Gianni Martin, Andy Inder, Huia Puketapu

Apologies:

Introductions: Bronwyn introduced the meeting, referencing the paper [UPDATE Number of Board members](#)

Discussion and Decisions:

Replacement of resigned parent representative:

Motion: To fill vacancy via selection, acknowledging this is outside the 8-week legal timeframe as specified in Schedule 23(13)(4) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

- **Mover:** Bronwyn
- **Outcome:** The board unanimously approved.

Reduction of Student Representatives:

The Board discussed the student representatives' proposal and its implications. It was noted that most New Zealand schools have a maximum of two student representatives, with none having four. A proposal to reduce the number from four to two was supported.

At the meeting on July 30, 2025, it was agreed that the students would produce a paper. However, it was noted during the follow-up discussion that this paper had not been submitted by the agreed deadline, which was a significant point of concern.

Discussions for reduction emphasized that the decision should prioritize the school's best interests and the Board's agility, rather than solely focusing on student voice and representation. Concerns were raised that a larger number of representatives could hinder the Board's nimbleness, especially during challenging periods. The importance of having expertise on the Board was also highlighted.

Some members mentioned that the student voice is highly valued by the school and should be reflected in the Board's composition. It was suggested that having three student representatives would allow for differing opinions and more constructive conversations. The idea that "we are not like other schools" and that the Board should uphold the school's professed values by actively incorporating student voice was also raised. It was acknowledged that the current situation regarding student representation might not align with legal requirements.

Key themes in the discussion included:

- The optimal structure of the Board.
- Maintaining a strong working relationship with the Principal.

- Presenting a united front as a Board.
- The importance of financial guidance.

Ultimately, several members indicated their intention to vote for a reduction to two student representatives, emphasizing the need for Board agility and expertise. One member expressed a desire for consensus across the Board but would vote for two to allow for expertise.

Motion to Vote (Student Representatives): Tim called for a vote on the motion.

Motion: To reduce student representatives to three members (e.g., one elected and two co-opted),

- **Vote Outcome:**
 - **For (3)**
 - **Against (8)**
 - **Abstain (1)**

Motion: To reduce student representatives to two members (e.g., one elected and one co-opted)

- **Vote Outcome:**
 - **For (7)**
 - **Against (4)**
 - **Abstain (1)**
- **Recording of Vote:** Ezra requested his name to be recorded as against the motion.

Next Steps: The Board will proceed with the decisions made regarding the open vacancy and the reduction of student representatives to two.

Moved: Andy Inder | **CARRIED**

Approved as a true and correct record:

Signed: 