

School Council | Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1 November 2022 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm



BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting opened at 6:08pm.

1. Introduction

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Presented by Samuel Zhu.

1.2 Attendance / Apologies

Dr Judy Smeed	Appointed Member (Deputy Chair)
Mr David Gillespie	Appointed Member
Ms Nancy Cole	Parent Member (Chair)
Mr Ryan Johnson	Parent Member
Ms Amanda Chamberlain	Staff Member (Non-Teaching)
Ms Kimberly Rase	Staff Member (Teaching)
Mr Sándor Harris	Staff Member (Teaching)
Samuel Zhu	Student Member
Ms Melissa Buirchell	Official Member
Mr Wade Haynes	Official Member
Observers	
Mr Barry Irwin	Brisbane State High Alumni President/Registrar
Apologies	
Mr Bryce Corbett	Parent Member
Francis Lau	Student Member

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Brisbane State High School Council Meeting of 9 August 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Motion carried unanimously.

1.4 Business arising from minutes of previous meeting

Nil

1.5 Correspondence

Nil

1.6 Business arising from correspondence

Nil

1.7 Conflicts of Interest

Nil

1.8 Membership

Best wishes and farewell to Student Member, Samuel Zhu. Sam has been a member of the School Council since 2021 and now concludes his two-year term, as he is graduating this year. Sam has applied to a number of universities – both within Australia and overseas – and hopes to be offered a place at the University of Pennsylvania.

Following the election process for one Staff Member, Ms Kimberly Rase was re-elected, uncontested.

An election for one Parent Member is being held at the November P&C General Meeting on Monday 28 November 2022.

2. Topics for decision

Nil

3. Topics for discussion

3.1 2032 Enrolment Scenario

The Council discussed the scenario of the school growing to a population of 5,000 students. This hypothetical allowed the Council to test the key parts of our identity that would be strained by this pressure. A number of innovative strategies were assessed.

3.2 Evaluation Questions

Some questions were posed and a discussion ensued about these topics:

- How are we performing as a group and what do we want to do next year?
School Council members expressed they felt well informed, however, noted the information is very data-heavy. Some key points would be preferable. Asking questions at the time the information package is sent may help guide the Council about what is sought from them at the meeting.
- Do we have the right skills to undertake Council work?
The answer to this question goes back to the purpose of the Council. It may be beneficial to have Council members undertake a governance course. It may be advantageous to have experts invited to present to the Council to provide a greater understanding of matters of interest to the Council.
- Have we focused on strategic work this year?
This year, the Council has focussed on, among other things, 'the why' of selective entry and opportunities that may come from the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.
- Has the trial working party been of benefit in 2022?
It was agreed that the work of the trial working party has been beneficial to explore opportunities for the school in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.
- Reflect on relationship with School Council and the Executive Principal – is the balance right?
*The balance feels right. There's a balance of people sharing their perspectives. People are heard in this space. Wade is prepared to listen and tries to garnish information from the group.
From Wade's point of view, the Council is getting some big agenda items for the school addressed. These meetings provide a sounding board.*

4. Topics for information

4.1 Executive Principal's Report [*Wade Haynes*]

The Executive Principal's Report was tabled and discussed.

- NAPLAN results released just prior to the School Council meeting show best ever reading results and strengths across the board.
- Recent media piece around student behaviour. No journalists contacted the school to follow up after publication, so we believe journalists have determined the article to be a beat-up and not newsworthy.
- Changes to extra-curricular – Council suggested capturing a broader set of activities in the data.
- Changes to volunteering – more focussed on skills to volunteer in one of six defined areas.

4.2 Working Party Report

An update on the working party was provided.

Some Council members recently attended a Business South Bank event where Minister Hinchliffe (Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement) was presenting about the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games which gave great insight. It was an opportunity to mention our Fursden Road Master Plan. Minister Hinchliffe was already aware of the Plan.

It was proposed that we develop an elevator message about Fursden Road.

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 February 2023

2023 Meeting Dates

Term 1	Week 5, Term 1	Tuesday 21 February
Term 2	Week 5, Term 2	Tuesday 16 May
Term 3	Week 5, Term 3	Tuesday 8 August
Term 4	Week 5, Term 4	Tuesday 31 October