

School Council

Minutes of Meeting



Meeting Date:	Tuesday 8 August 2017
Meeting Time:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue:	H Block Conference Room

INTRODUCTION

1. Attendance:

David Gillespie	Parent Member (Chair)
Marie-Claire Grady	Parent Member
Rob Farago	Parent Member
Christine Collins	Staff Member (Non-Teaching)
Dianne Goggi	Staff Member (Teaching)
Christie Mylrea	Staff Member (Teaching)
J. Park	Student Member
D. Hunt	Student Member
Scott Slade	Official Member
Wade Haynes	Official Member

Apologies:

Dr Judy Smeed	Appointed Member (Deputy Chair)
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2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the Brisbane State High School Council Meeting of 16 May 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nil

4. Correspondence

Nil

5. Business arising from the Correspondence

Nil

TOPICS FOR DECISION

6. Motions on Notice

Nil

TOPICS FOR INFORMATION

7. Reports

7.1 Executive Principal's Report

- Reported that Semester 1 results showed a good improvement from Term 1. Effort continues to track really well which is very pleasing with 90% of students achieving either an A or B.
- Reported that NAPLAN results have been received and our students have done really well with significant improvement in Writing. Means have moved up around 15 points in Year 7 and increased in Year 9 by about 16 points. Wade Haynes shared some data showing comparisons of results for this year's Year 9 students against their Year 7 results.
- Shared QCS Practice Test results.
- Shared enrolment numbers to date. Noted that our Enrolments staff are dealing with an onerous process.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

8. 8.1 Inner City Schools Update

A meeting had been held with The Honourable Jackie Trad MP. The Department of Education has established a reference group to undertake planning for the proposed inner city school planned for the inner south of Brisbane. The reference group includes representatives from West End State School, Dutton Park State School and our school, as well as The University of Queensland. Infrastructure decisions are being discussed, including the location and planned timing of the new school. The next meeting for this group is Monday 14 August. This is a separate reference group to the other new school in Fortitude Valley.

ABC News article dated 26/07/17 - *'Selective schools are failing our children. We don't need to build more.'* was tabled. The article led to further discussion about BSHS.

A question was posed, "Are we a 'selective' school?" to which the response was, "No". It was advised that there are 27 selective schools in NSW. School Council members discussed the article. It was noted that all students at BSHS are challenged to be the best they can be. All BSHS students do well, whether they are selective entry or local catchment students.

8.2 Facilities Master Planning at Fursden Road – Sports Academy

This Master Plan considers everything we would hope for over the next 30 years, including some accommodation which has been factored into the Master Plan. If Ministerial designation is granted now for all inclusions, approval will not be required for each separate item in the future.

A meeting is planned with Local Members to seek support for the concept of this Master Plan.

8.3 Engagement with Past Students and Foundation Projects

One of the ways in which BSHS engages with our past students is through an on-line community for our alumni. As reunions occur, more past students' contact information is being captured. The challenge is how to stay in touch with such a diverse group of people.

The BSHS School Sponsorship Proposal was tabled. We are close to securing a Platinum sponsor.

A comment was made about the frequent Facebook posts that many of our alumni are enjoying. Our Marketing and Communications Department, who manage our social media, were recognised for this work.

A suggestion was made to hold all school reunions on one definite date each year with the suggestion that perhaps the Rooftop Ball may be an ideal event for reunions.

The suggestion of holding an annual Home Game Day at the school was discussed. This could be an ideal time to hold reunions. A comment was made that it was an event that past students really enjoyed when we held such a day two years ago. Suggests this event could be held again in 2018 and become an annual event which would be a good lead up to our centenary year in 2021.

Two current State High Foundation projects were discussed:

One of the proposals is the relocation of the Museum to a more visible location – proposed to be into A/E Block area.

The second project is a proposed multi-purpose centre over the current Edmondstone Street carpark.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

NEXT MEETING

Term 4 – Tuesday 31 October