



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 16 May 2017</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:00pm to 8:00pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>H Block Conference Room</b>

## INTRODUCTION

### 1. Attendance / Apologies

David Gillespie	Parent Member (Chair)
Dr Judy Smeed	Appointed Member (Deputy 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

#### Guests

Barry Irwin	Past Students' Association (Observer)
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### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

*Motion: That the Minutes of the Brisbane State High School Council Meeting of 21 February 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. Business arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

#### Proposal to Offer Equity Scholarships

An update on the proposal to offer 'Equity Scholarships' was presented. Applicants would need to apply directly to the school. This proposal is still in draft phase.

The School Council greatly appreciates the efforts the team have put into developing this idea.

### 4. Correspondence

Nil.

### 5. Business arising from the Correspondence

Nil.

## TOPICS FOR DECISION

### 6. Motions on Notice

#### 6.1 That the Council endorses the final 2017 School Budget.

The draft budget was presented at the School Council Meeting held on 21 February 2017 and was approved by Education Queensland on 27 February 2017. No changes were made to the draft budget.

*Motion: That the School Council endorses 2017 Budget for Brisbane State High School.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## TOPICS FOR INFORMATION

### 7. Reports

#### 7.1 Executive Principal's Report

The School Council was advised of some recent outstanding results by our students and highlighted the following:

- In April, four Year 11 students travelled to Orlando, Florida, to compete in the finals of the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge where they won the Power Pitch Award for their category: Cyber Technology and Security.
- On Saturday 20 May, our Cross Country girls won the QGSSSA Cross Country Championships for the fourth consecutive year.
- One of our Year 7 students has won the LiteracyPlanet Legends – Sport category which includes \$10,000 in resources for the school and a visit by Australia's most capped international netball player and former captain of the national team, Liz Ellis.
- Four Year 11 students will travel to Dublin, Ireland, in July to participate in the International Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO).

Presentation of Executive Principal's Report. The school continues to work with Education Queensland in relation to enrolment difficulties and misunderstandings. The school has identified 273 families who were local at the time of enrolling their child, however are no longer living in the local catchment. Letters will be sent to some of these families to 'show cause' in a systematic process. We are aware of other families who have moved out of the local catchment without advising the school. We will start to work with these families too.

Noted that in August 2016, West End State School had 108 students enrolled who were outside of their local catchment area. They are moving tightly around their catchment.

A meeting was held with the Minister of Education's Advisor with another meeting scheduled in the next fortnight to discuss inner city schools.

Comment that it will be unfortunate to lose our School Chaplain due to a lack of funding being available. Our Chaplain runs many student programs and works with students who need assistance with developing relationships, etc. and he also assists the Heads of Year.

The School Council was advised of an email that was recently received by all teachers who are yet to do their country service, offering an incentive to do so, however, the subject line of the email was 'Required Transfer'. The Executive Principal was not informed; the email was sent directly to approximately 115 of our teachers. It was noted that as BSHS is an Independent Public School, we are supposed to manage our own staffing.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

### 8. 8.1 Gonski 2.0 & Funding

Presentation of a report informing the difference Gonski 2.0 could make to the school. Which included a graph showing the 50 richest high schools in Brisbane (ICSEA based). Based on their socio-economics, none of these 50 schools receive loading; four of these schools are government high schools.

Comment that parents believe they're saving the government money by sending their children to private schools, however, this is not necessarily true.

Ideally, all public schools should receive 100% of the base Gonski funding. Our school is missing out on approximately \$3,000 per student, per year. This would make a huge difference to us.

The presentation showed how significantly under-funded our school is.

### 8.2 Enrolments

Previously discussed as part of Item 7.1.

### **8.3 Senior School Reforms**

Discussion about changes to Senior School from 2020, and included the fact that we will have some Year 12 students aged 18 years.

School Council were asked to consider what they expect to happen in 2019 and 2020 (Year 11 and 12). Some of the comments were:

Maybe timing of exams may affect the students.

The new system will see around 50% of assessment in some subjects being undertaken right at the end of students' schooling.

This may mean having to start programs at the end of Year 10 instead of at the start of Year 11, therefore, programs will need to be adjusted.

It changes the level of specification that has to be defined so the syllabuses are 'higher definition' – students can't be surprised by what is on a test. Still doing internal assessment but differently – all pre-approved, pre-endorsed and results are sampled differently – a bit more robust.

Presentation of some discussion points that had been made by the school's LMT regarding student perspective and experience. The School Council members broke into groups of two and review the notes on display and then add their own comments.

Once the task was completed, each School Council member was asked to choose one idea that resonated with them and these were shared with the group.

A comment was made that it will be very important that BSHS finish strongly in the next three years before the Senior School reforms.

### **8.4 Master Plans and Projects**

The improvements and additions to the school over the past five years and the substantial changes made in a short timeframe were noted.

Presentation of the plan 'Development of Edmondstone Street Carpark Site (Building Over)' from the Master Plan which proposes the addition of a building over the top of the carpark.

The Fursden Road Master Plan was discussed. A business case is currently being prepared to seek partnerships to make this happen.

Some ideas were suggested such as a space for outdoor recreation, e.g. Year 7 camp, many opportunities for students – at risk / disengaged, etc. to have camps/activities in that space.

Comment that there is a great opportunity for this location to become a real piece of sporting infrastructure in Brisbane that would benefit both the school and the community.

Comment that the school site (our two campuses) could be utilised when not being used by our students. We have engaged a facilities hire officer for after-hours hiring.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

**Term 3 – Tuesday 8 August**

**Term 4 – Tuesday 31 October**

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

**The meeting closed at 8:08pm.**