

School Council

Minutes of Meeting



Meeting Date:	21 February 2017
Meeting Time:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue:	H Block Conference Room

INTRODUCTION

1. Attendance

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

Guests

M. Rowland	School Captain (Presenter)
Mr Barry Irwin	Past Students' Association (Observer)

- The meeting opened at 6:15pm.
- Welcome and congratulations to J. Park, our new Student Member.
- Introduction of all School Council members and guests.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the Brisbane State High School Council Meeting of 25 October 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nil

4. Correspondence

Correspondence from Leanne Nixon, Assistant Director-General, State Schools - Performance, Department of Education & Training, dated 6 February 2017, in relation to School Council training funding was tabled.

5. Business arising from the Correspondence

Action: Enquire of the Department of Education & Training as to how to obtain access to the funds.

TOPICS FOR DECISION

6. Motions on Notice

6.1 That the Council endorses the 2017 School Improvement Plan.

The 2017 School Improvement Plan was presented. The process used to finalise this plan involving work with Education Queensland. Brisbane SHS staff had the opportunity to contribute to the plan and input was provided by our Heads of Department resulting in sharp, narrow focus and the production of six performance indicators. Every teacher and every student has a role to work with this Plan.

Motion: That the School Council Meeting endorses the 2017 School Improvement Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 That the Council endorses the 2017 School Budget.

The draft budget was presented. It remains in draft until ratification by Finance staff at Education Queensland. Until then, it is not the approved budget. Once approved, the ratified budget will be presented at the next School Council Meeting for endorsement.

Our teachers were commended on their managed of the professional development they share in-house due to the small budget allocation available for external professional development. It was noted that professional development opportunities are available internally with coaches, etc. Praise for our internal professional development program noting that broad, diverse and quality professional development is available in this school by peers.

Motion: That the School Council Meeting endorses the 2017 Draft School Budget and it is moved forward to EQ Finance for endorsement.

Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 That the Council endorses the 2017 I4S Agreement.

The Investing for Success (I4S) Agreement was presented. This is a compliance document – all funds are being used for additional staff as the model for our school does not provide adequate staff for the large number of students at this school.

Question was raised as to where such funds will come from if I4S is not available in 2018. Should this be the case, we will need to rework the Workforce Plan based on available funds.

Motion: That the School Council Meeting endorses the 2017 I4S Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOPICS FOR INFORMATION

7. Reports

7.1 Executive Principal's Report – Enrolments, Results, QBI, PD Plan

The Executive Principal's Report was presented. Our school had the highest number of students in 2016 in the top ranges of any school in Queensland. The school was congratulated for these results.

2017 enrolment numbers: 3,190 students.

In Year 7, local enrolment is 58% of the group.

It was noted that there are 14 offerings in the Professional Learning Program and commented that our Teaching and Learning team are doing a great job.

Staff numbers were advised as 197 teaching staff and 83 support staff (these numbers include part-time staff).

7.2 Professional Learning Institute Report

The Professional Learning Institute Report was presented. Work on the Professional Learning Institute has been in place at Brisbane State High school since last year.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

8. 8.1 Year 12 Data 2016

The 2016 Year 12 Data report was presented showing the last nine years of student results.

External results were presented as a comparison noting that BSHS achieved the highest number of OP1s in Queensland in 2016.

An outlier graph was presented showing state schools perform better than independent and Catholic schools based on expected results and ICSEA.

8.2 Proposal to offer merit entry Equity Scholarships

Students presented their proposal advising the main reason behind this initiative is 'public education'. Proposal is to offer each of the 41 state primary schools in Brisbane an opportunity to select one student from each school to receive an Equity Scholarship. Annual cost would be \$17,220 (i.e. the enrolment application fee of \$420 x 41 students). Student presenter was asked to explain the proposed management of such a scholarship and advised that Government support has been considered but found this was not an option. Other ideas were sponsorship or assistance from the P&C. Students asked the School Council if they had any suggestions.

After much discussion, it was concluded that this may be inequitable as some schools may have more than one student who would benefit from such a scholarship while other schools may have none. Suggestion that the school should manage it and offer it via an application process, thereby maintaining a transparent criteria and open application process.

The students were commended for their initiative and leadership and it was suggested that there may opportunities for students to contribute. It was proposed that the students pursue this proposal with the Senior Leadership Team.

A query was raised about how financial hardship situations are managed by the school. It was advised that a Principal's Discretionary Fund, provided by the P&C, is available in some situations.

The P&C was commended for support of the Principal's Discretionary Funds.

Action: The School Council is in favour of the students pursuing this proposal.

8.3 Strategic Plan & ASAA Report

A summary of the Strategic Plan was presented, noting that in 2017, our four year review was undertaken. Work on the Strategic Plan started with the school's Leadership & Management Team and included some sharp focus about how we go about our business.

Three focus areas have been consistent over the past six years:

We are all improving
our **performance**



We are all **visibly
learning**



We are all building
positive culture



The School Council members discussed ideas and suggestions to be included in the Strategic Plan. Input and feedback will be considered with further discussion to be held at the next School Council Meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:06pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

Term 2 – Tuesday 16 May

Term 3 – Tuesday 8 August

Term 4 – Tuesday 31 October