

# School Council

## Minutes of Meeting



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 October 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

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)
Ms Dianne Goggi	Staff Member (Teaching)
Miss Christie Mylrea	Staff Member (Teaching)
J. Park	Student Member
D. Hunt	Student Member
Mr Scott Slade	Official Member
Mr Wade Haynes	Official Member

#### Guest

Mr 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 8 August 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

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

Noted – for discussion later in the meeting.

#### 4. Correspondence

Nil

#### 5. Business arising from the Correspondence

Nil

### TOPICS FOR DECISION

#### 6. Motions on Notice

6.1 That the meeting dates for 2018 be endorsed as proposed.

## TOPICS FOR INFORMATION

### 7. Reports

#### 7.1 Executive Principal's Report

Presentation of report and advice of the best results BSHS has had in recorded history. Maths B & HPE – results show three different sections of the assessment.

Maths B is 50% internal / 50% external – BSHS needs to ensure students have results locked away and that they are consistent.

HPE results are pleasing. Noted that external results are lower than internal results and that when the new system starts, assessment will be 75% internal / 25% external.

More trials will be on offer in 2018 and BSHS will participate where possible.

All assessment will be pre-endorsed and checked for its standard before our students sit the exams/assessment.

The School Council Deputy Chair asked that the School Council's thanks be passed on to staff of BSHS for their work.

Enrolments: The continued hard work by the enrolments team has been terrific.

Noted that enrolment numbers have decreased by 57 fewer than at the start of the 2017 school year.

Approximately 15 BSHS students will leave BSHS at the end of 2017 to attend the academies.

Presented a graph detailing local students and the schools they previously attended.

Noted that the School Council Chair and Executive Principal had visited several local schools in the past week and discussed capping local enrolment numbers. At the start of 2017, by Day 8, there were approximately 50 additional students enrolling as 'locals'. Belief that they should attend the high school in the area in which they attended primary school.

Feedback from the meetings with local schools will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Extra-Curricular Program was discussed and it was noted that there have been significant achievements in our classrooms and the school's desire to expand these achievements into our Extra-Curricular Program.

The belief is that this works equally as well in learning in the classroom and plans are to extend it into our Extra-Curricular Program, for example, we're not just putting kids on a rugby field because we're a GPS school; we want them to perform to their best ability and learn and develop. This applies to all of our students, not just those enrolled under selective entry.

A School Council member commented on a discussion held with the parent of an incoming Year 7, 2018, student. While the child is enrolled under Selective Entry – Art, there is not an opportunity to study Art within the Extra-Curricular Program.

Noted that the Leadership and Management Team are strategising around the school's 2018 Annual Implementation Plan and has some special presenters attending the next meeting, including the School Council's Chair and Deputy Chair.

The School Council Deputy Chair commented that the biggest factor in great results of our students is the teachers and noted that professional development has a lot to do with this; this is very important work.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

### 8. 8.1 Inner City Schools Update

Prior to this School Council Meeting, a Parent Focus Group was held with some parents of BSHS, facilitated by the Department of Education, which provided some limited information about the planning of the new Inner South State Secondary College.

As noted previously, a meeting had been held recently with four high schools – Holland Park SHS, Coorparoo SC, Balmoral SHS and Macgregor SHS – and discussed capping enrolment at BSHS. Noted that West End SS, Dutton Park SS and St Ita's are the local primary schools as shown on the map provided.

These schools were very supportive of BSHS having a cap on local entries. We would like all these schools to join with BSHS to support the proposed cap.  
Current number of local enrolments for Year 7, 2018, is 174.  
Discussions around the strategy going forward is this model.  
Made reference of a model used in Adelaide where they capped local places.  
Yeronga/Coorparoo/Balmoral – total vacant space is 2,500 students. (They could fit this number of students in their schools).  
As an exercise, the School Council Deputy Chair asked both of the Student Members to enquire of some BSHS students what local high school they would have attended had they not been successful in enrolling at BSHS.

#### 8.2 Meeting with Minister re Fursden Road

This was discussed at the previous School Council Meeting.

It was noted that 179 Fursden Road is currently available for purchase. (Note: BSHS land is located at 143 Fursden Road.)

#### 8.3 EMP Update

See above.

#### 8.4 Home Day Proposal

Presentation of 'State High Day' concept. A meeting has been held to discuss this proposal. This is based on a home game day (included music, The Arts, etc.) similar to the day held in 2015 which drew interest from a large number of people. Concept is to hold a similar event again and to also showcase extra-curricular activities. Proposed date is Saturday 4 August 2018.

The School Council Deputy Chair noted that School Councils do not facilitate such events, rather they agree on the concept and the school's P&C will facilitate the event; this is for School Council information only.

The P&C President advised of the P&C's support of the concept.

Guest of the meeting from the Past Students' Association advised that the PSA would like to be involved.

It was advised that an event coordinator would be required to be employed to run this event.

The School Council Chair noted that preliminary talks had been undertaken with the President of the PSA.

Guest commented this event could be a segway to the school's centenary celebration event (2021).

#### 8.5 Strategic Plan

Presentation of the draft Strategic Plan and copies of the plan were distributed to the School Council members noting that some of the content reflects the discussions at a previous SC meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Noted that this meeting was the final one for Student Member, who is graduating from Year 12 this year. The School Council Deputy Chair farewelled and thanked Student Member for his contribution to the School Council. Noted that the Student Member aspires to attend the University of Queensland to study Economics and Finance. The School Council wishes him well.

The School Council Deputy Chair thanked all members of the School Council for their work this year.

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

8:10pm

## NEXT MEETING

**Term 1 – Tuesday 20 February 2018**

## School Council Meetings 2018

Term 1	Week 5, Term 1	Tuesday 20 February
Term 2	Week 5, Term 2	Tuesday 15 May
Term 3	Week 6, Term 3	Tuesday 21 August
Term 4	Week 5, Term 4	Tuesday 6 November