

School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 9 August 2022 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm



BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting opened at 6:04pm.

1. Introduction

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was presented by Student Member, Francis Lau.

Wade Haynes passed on his thanks to Melissa Buirchell and the P&C on their tremendous achievement in the organisation of State High Day (6 August). There was a great representation of parents, staff, students and alumni who participated from early in the morning right through to the Rugby dinner in the evening.

Melissa Buirchell reported that the event was attended by approximately 5,000 people and over 2,700 serves of food were sold.

It was a very successful day.

1.2 Attendance / Apologies

Mr David Gillespie	Appointed Member
Ms Nancy Cole	Parent Member
Mr Bryce Corbett	Parent Member
Mr Ryan Johnson	Parent Member
Samuel Zhu	Student Member
Francis Lau	Student Member
Ms Melissa Buirchell	Official Member
Mr Wade Haynes	Official Member
Observers	
Mr Barry Irwin	Past Students' Association President/Registrar
Guest	
Genevieve Nissen	House Captain & QGSSSA Volleyball Captain
Apologies	
Dr Judy Smeed	Appointed Member (Deputy Chair)
Ms Amanda Chamberlain	Staff Member (Non-Teaching)
Ms Kimberly Rase	Staff Member (Teaching)
Mr Sándor Harris	Staff Member (Teaching)

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Brisbane State High School Council Meeting of 17 May 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Melissa Buirchell

Seconded: Bryce Corbett

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

2. Topics for decision

2.1 BSHS Olympics Opportunity – Brisbane 2032 Olympics & Paralympic Games

Samuel Zhu was congratulated on his selection as part of the Queensland Olympics Legacy Committee.

Nancy Cole discussed the 'Go for Gold' fund that was announced in the State Budget.

The School Council's Olympics Working Party's decision paper was tabled and discussed.

Motion: That the Olympics Working Party's decision paper be accepted.

Moved: Samuel Zhu

Seconded: David Gillespie

Motion carried unanimously.

2.2 Theme for 2022 School Council Award – recommendation 'Strengths Based Wellbeing'

The School Council Award was introduced in 2015 as part of the school's Teaching Excellence Awards. Wade Haynes suggests that one strategy from the Strategic Plan be chosen each year as the theme for the award for the life of the Strategic Plan.

Motion: That the 2022 School Council Award theme of 'Strengths Based Wellbeing' be accepted.

Moved: Bryce Corbett

Seconded: Ryan Johnson

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Topics for discussion

3.1 Our Identity Workshop

The School Council members undertook an activity to reflect on the school's current identity. The Council identified elements difficult to maintain without selective entry.

3.2 Our Community of Support – P&C and Students [5 minute presentations]

Guest Speakers: Genevieve Nissen – House Leader, Year 12, and Francis Lau and Samuel Zhu – Student Members

Francis Lau explained the function of the Junior School Leadership Group which provides an opportunity for Year 9 students.

Guest presenter Genevieve Nissen (House Captain, Year 12) spoke about the House and Spirit leadership groups. Their main goal for this year has been to build connections and spirit and promote a community feeling within the Houses.

Samuel Zhu explained the role of Prefects, the Student Representative Council (SRC) and Peers for Academic Success (PAS).

We have 31 Prefects who work on activities aimed to increase culture and engagement of students.



The SRC is one of the biggest groups in the school with over 200 students involved. There are five to six leaders who manage these students. The SRC has the opportunity to be involved in voluntary activities and to hold fundraisers for charities.

Peers for Academic Success (PAS) is a mentorship program.

These student groups attend a Student Leadership Forum each term where they hear from guest speakers, discuss different initiatives and learn what the other groups are involved in.

Guest Speaker: Melissa Buirchell – President, P&C Association

Melissa Buirchell discussed the P&C Strategic Plan and the purpose of the P&C. The P&C works in productive partnership with the school and the community to enhance the outcomes of students. Any profits made from P&C activities, along with fundraising efforts, support and enhance programs and projects within the school.

4. Topics for information

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

The Executive Principal's Report was tabled and discussed.

The meeting closed at 7:51pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 1 November 2022