

Minutes of School Council Meeting

Tuesday 14 May | 6:00pm to 8:00pm



The meeting opened at 6:13pm.

1. Introduction

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Presented by Nancy Cole

1.2 Attendance / Apologies

Attending:	
Ms Nancy Cole	Parent Member (Chair)
Dr Judy Smeed	Appointed Member (Deputy Chair)
Mr David Gillespie	Appointed Member
Mr Bryce Corbett	Parent Member
Mr Ryan Johnson	Parent Member
Ms Kimberly Hanley	Staff Member (Teaching)
Mr Justin Virly	Staff Member (Teaching)
Ms Amanda Chamberlain	Staff Member (Non-Teaching)
Danthila Jayasinghe	Student Member
Rishi Yerramachu	Student Member
Ms Jody Anning	Official Member
Mr Greg Pierce	Official Member
Observers: Nil	
Apologies: Barry Irwin (State High Alumni)	

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the School Council meeting of Tuesday 5 March 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Bryce Corbett

Seconded: Greg Pierce

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

1.8 Membership

A presentation was made by David Gillespie, an appointed member, to Dr. Judy Smeed, who is stepping down from her role as an appointed member and Deputy Chair.

Dr. Judy Smeed was recognised for her significant contributions to the Brisbane State High School School Council. She has been a foundational member since the council's inception and has dedicated over a decade of service.

David Gillespie highlighted Dr. Smeed's pivotal role and commitment, expressing gratitude on behalf of the council for her dedication and impactful contributions over the years.

The council acknowledged Dr. Smeed's leadership and wished her well in her future endeavors.



2. Topics for information

2.1 Executive Principal's Report (*Greg Pierce*)

The Executive Principal's report was tabled and discussed.

Greg presented the Key Stakeholder Survey Summary. The report highlighted communication results from the community and student body. It was explained that the results from this survey would be linked to the upcoming Strategic Plan for Brisbane SHS. A robust conversation ensued following the presentation.

Greg presented the Academic Summary Tables. No questions were raised regarding the tables.

2.2 BSHS performance (*Judy Smeed*)

Judy Smeed presented 2023 99.95 ATAR scores and the 2023 Subject Scaling data.



3. Topics for discussion

3.1 Term 1 Student Reporting data, NAPLAN data, AIP progress, School review 27 May – 31 May

Nancy invited Greg to report on any current NAPLAN data. Greg referred the council to item 2.1.3 in the Executive Principal's Report.

Nancy then invited Judy to share any additional NAPLAN data. Judy provided a brief update for 2023, noting overall improved results.

3.2 Policies to be reviewed this year: Student Leadership Framework (July), Reference Policy (July), Senior School Studies Policy (October), Responsible Behaviour Plan (October)

Nancy informed the council that a review the policy process is underway with the School Council secretary. After initial investigation the Chair will report back at a later council meeting.

3.3 Olympic & Paralympics Working Party update (Nancy Cole)

Amanda Chamberlain provided an update on Grid Iron Queensland. She shared that Grid Iron Queensland approached Brisbane State High School (BSHS) seeking facilities for training. An agreement to use the Fursden Road facilities has been finalized. Grid Iron, also known as flag football, has been recognised as an Olympic sport this year and through to 2032, which grants them access to substantial funding. They are applying for multiple grants to upgrade the Fursden Road facilities in alignment with the current Brisbane SHS master plan for the site.

Nancy Cole provided an update on the Olympic & Paralympics Working Party, referring to item 3.3. She reported that the Queensland Academy of Sport informed them that they have 8 students associated with Brisbane State High School (BSHS), whom they financially support and include in a wellbeing program. This concentration of students at a single school is quite rare. The Academy aims to strengthen their partnership with BSHS and support the school in becoming an official Olympic partnership school.

Additionally, Nancy mentioned a recent meeting with James Edwards, Engagement Director for the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). Edwards will visit the school and review the application for Olympic Pathways School before submission.

3.4 BSHS Enrolment Management Plan

Greg provided an update on the Enrolment Management Plan, referencing section 2.1.6. There is no specified due date for responses.

Local in-catchment figures indicate that approximately 400 students will enroll at BSHS in 2025. The Department of Education (DOE) has suggested a potential cap of 540 Year 7 students for enrolment.

Due to the percentage of out-of-catchment area students, no additional infrastructure will be provided by the DOE.

A robust conversation took place regarding the enrolment figures and infrastructure limitations.

Greg notified the council that a meeting with the DOE has been scheduled to further discuss the enrolment plan.

The meeting closed at 8:36pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 August 2024