



MCDOWALL STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Chairperson: Paul Johnson

Secretary: Deborah Lewis

MEMBERSHIP:

Name	Membership
Imogen Stager	Official (Principal)
John Bradley	Official (P&C President)
Deborah Lewis	Elected Staff (2021-23)
Katherine Paskin	Elected Staff (2021-23)
Heath McDonald	Elected Staff (2020-22)
Sally-Anne Summers	Elected Staff (2020-22)
Paul Johnson	Elected Parent (2021-23)
Kristian Lindhe	Elected Parent (2021-23)
Soraya Bews	Elected Parent (2020-22)
Maryanne Humphries	Elected Parent (2020-22)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This meeting: Monday 8th November, 2021 7pm – 8pm. School Staffroom.

Next Meeting: 2022 TBA 7pm – 8pm. School Staffroom.

- Please advise both School Council Secretary and Principal by email, if members are unable to attend a meeting.
- **Quorum** (Minimum of 7 members) requirement met with 10 members in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome – By School Council Chairperson

2. School Council Membership Apologies

▪ Kristian Lindhe, Maryanne Humphries, John Bradley

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

▪ Moved by Sallyanne Somers

▪ Second – Paul Johnson

4. Business Arising from Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

▪ Paul Johnson to sign 'Vote of thanks and Acknowledgement to previous members

▪ Letters handed to previous members

▪ Request that School Council Secretary formally write a brief thank you to Sallyanne Somers

Moved by: Paul Johnson

Second: Imogen Stager

Decision: Deborah Lewis to organise

5. Correspondence

▪ Nil

6. Business Arising from the Correspondence

▪ Nil

7. Reports

- Nil

8. Motions on Notice

- Nil

9. General Business / Published Meeting Agenda

Standing Requirement: Disclosure of Interest and Indictable Offences

This applies to a member of the School Council if:

- The interested member has a direct or indirect financial interest in an issue being considered, or about to be considered by the School Council; and
- The interest could conflict with the proper performance of the interested member's duties when considering the issue.

As soon as practicable after the relevant facts come to the interested member's knowledge, the interested member must disclose the nature of the interest to a meeting of the School Council. Unless the School Council otherwise directs, the interested member must not be present when the School Council considers the issue or take part in a decision of the School Council about the issue. The interested member must not be present when the School Council is considering whether the interested member can be party to considerations.

If a member is not present at a School Council meeting due to their disclosure of interest, the School Council is still considered to have a quorum (as if the member were present) and the remaining members present would consider the issue. A disclosure of interest must be recorded in the School Council's meeting minutes.

If a person is convicted of an indictable offence while a member of a School Council, the person must give written notice to the Principal of the conviction within seven days after the conviction.

▪ **School Strategic Planning**

Purpose to discuss and consult with school council the School strategic planning processes reflecting the school review findings, staff, parent and student discussions and alignment with State Schools Improvement Strategy.

- ✓ Thank you for feedback about the school direction
- ✓ As a leadership team, the school has taken feedback from staff, P&C and the community about the outcomes of the school review
- ✓ Have commenced collating the findings of the review
- ✓ Brief outline about the review process
- ✓ Collaboration has been a common theme
- ✓ The how and the what of where to next – refining and setting new targets
- ✓ Looking at 2 targets – having that narrow focus
- ✓ Looking at how we have precision with school leaders –capability development
- ✓ The What – The Australian Curriculum – how we implement the AC how we implement it through the four phases of planning
- ✓ After assessment – moderation – the end moderation process – folio
- ✓ What are the artefacts/processes we need?
- ✓ What are the instructional leadership & accountabilities
- ✓ What is the capability development we need to target?
- ✓ Teams – using teams to collaborate
- ✓ Half day planning days– coming together – taking all teachers offline on a grade to plan
- ✓ Staff on pupil free day had opportunities to see/reflect and discuss what is happening in the classrooms – teacher aides were able to sit with a cross section of the McDowall Staff – all staff members were included in the planning day – non-teaching staff
- ✓ Well presented, succinct findings – presented on one page
- ✓ Parents are pleased to hear teachers have opportunities to collaborate
- ✓ Staff discussed it is a different way of working and approach
- ✓ Collaborating more will mean the students journey with be seamless and consistent
- ✓ Valuing all staff
- ✓ We are looking at results of students – we are in conversations with leadership – looking at

students almost achieving year level standard (below year level standard)

- ✓ Looking at 4% increase – approx. 40 students more achieving year level standard – looking at a manageable increase – approx. one student per class currently 90% with a target of 94%.
- ✓ Students that are achieving A, B – currently sitting at 50% - what we are looking at bumping up B's to A's - target of 55%

▪ **Enrolments and classes update for 2022**

- ✓ Prep enrolments are currently down
- ✓ Class sizes are fine for next year – looking at upper school in particular – depending on numbers
- ✓ COVID affecting numbers
- ✓ Private school – grade 5
- ✓ Focus on 80% in catchment
- ✓ Transition day a success – a lot of families in the school – opportunity to speak with teachers
- ✓ Possibly more visits to promote the school
- ✓ Staff were involved in enrolment interviews
- ✓ Teachers valued being a part of the process – first time teachers were included
- ✓ TAPS commence tomorrow

▪ **School organisation for 2022**

- ✓ Parent feedback to know class placements – giving parents notice early in the new year – prior to the student free days – send an email to notify class placements along with text reminder

▪ **COVID Safe plans**

- ✓ Moving from pandemic – lead by Queensland Health – EQ sends how that will look in schools
- ✓ Information can change
- ✓ Principal has developed a contingency plan if cases were to arise in school
- ✓ 5-11-year-old vaccination to be in place soon
- ✓ Current modelling – borders open – January cases happen
- ✓ Enforce hand washing – keep up procedures
- ✓ Question on staff not vaccinated – not mandatory – unions are supportive of vaccine

▪ **Investing for Success – planning for 2022.**

- ✓ Reviewing Investing for Success
- ✓ schools will increase/decrease
- ✓ Review provides an opportunity for how funding will be used
- ✓ Funding will be targeting whole school data collecting – working on students achieve outcomes
- ✓ Questions on teacher aides funding - Previous year – there was a reduction – hard to guarantee with I4S funding changing
- ✓ Learning support allocation is similar to teacher aide – top it up with I4S
- ✓ Yes, to Speech Language Pathologist

School Council Meeting Closure = 8.13 pm.

10. Next Meeting: TBA 2022

Future Agenda Items

- TBA

MEETING MINUTES PREPARED BY:

SECRETARY SIGNATURE: Deborah Lewis

DATE:

Over-sign please.

MEETING MINUTES CONFIRMED AT NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: Paul

DATE:

Over-sign please.