



McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MEMBERSHIP:

	Name	Membership
	Imogen Stager	Official (Principal)
	John Bradley	Official (P&C President)
	Deborah Lewis	Elected Staff (2021-23)
Chairperson 22/23	Katherine Paskin	Elected Staff (2021-23)
	Naomi Thistlethwaite	Elected Staff (2022-24)
	Sally-Anne Summers	Elected Staff (2022-24)
	Kristian Lindhe	Elected Parent (2021-23)
Secretary – 22/23	Emma-Kate Clyburn,	Elected Parent (2022-24)
	Geraldine Mein	Elected Parent (2022-24)
	Vikram Anenden	Elected Parent (2022-24)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This meeting: Monday 13th February , 2023 7pm – 8pm. School Staffroom.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th May 2023 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
▪ Naomi Thistlewaite
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous School Council Meeting
▪ Moved by: Sally-Anne Summers
▪ Second: Geraldine Mein
4. Business Arising from Minutes of previous School Council Meeting
▪ N/A
5. Correspondence
▪ N/A
6. Business Arising from the Correspondence
▪ N/A
7. Reports
▪ See below notes.
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.

▪ **Update for 2023** –Time Allocated = 5 mins.

- classes, student numbers, teacher numbers, new staff

Current student number is 1019. Day Eight enrolment number was 1017. No out of catchment enrolments were accepted for the current prep year (except siblings of older students). There are currently 41 classes. Capacity is 1044 is capacity – 25 off max capacity. To accommodate the extra class the special needs room is now a classroom. Only limited capacity for in catchment enrolments only. School catchment areas are determined by the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) not by the school. Current prediction statistics had predicted enrolments to decline slightly in 2023, however it has increased. Seven new teachers in 2023 (some replacing teachers currently on leave). D block will be refurb in the April school holidays. Four classes will need to be relocated to other areas on the school while this refurb is happening.

There was parent feedback over the change from no parent info night / earlier parent teacher interviews. There was some confusion amongst parents around this change. It was discussed that maybe communication on the change to this format may benefit the parents and how to get the most out of your interview. It was decided at the end of 2021 to only have three formal parent contact sessions, an Enterprise Bargaining agreement states two formal parent contacts (2 x parent teacher interviews and TAP Info night at the end of the year).

▪ **School Strategic Planning and Annual Implementation Plan which now includes I4S** Time Allocated = 15 mins.

- Purpose to discuss and consult with School Council the AIP plan for 2023.

School initiatives - Learning (Excellence) & Belonging (Equity) – this is very similar to the department's strategic plan. This plan has been derived from the 4 year school plan.

Learning – helping student achieve great results – 97% achieve a C or better in English, 30% achieving an A in English, 70% achieving a B or higher in English and 80% of students who identify as having a disability achieving a C or better in English.

McDowall has already improved from 50% to 70% in those getting a B or better in English and from 12% to 30% in those getting an A in English. This has been due to access to learning walls and success criteria. An area which has also made a massive improvement to grades in English is full staff Curriculum collaboration days prior to implementing a unit. These days helped clarify how to best support the students to achieve higher academic results. Another area which has helped improve student's grades is having Academic Case Management, to target certain students to help them achieve higher. McDowall now has 2 teachers working on academic case management to help support more students achieve high academic results. Some other areas which have made improvements in grades have been making learning visible, cluster moderation and 'I CAN' statements.

Belonging - Inclusive education – including the child’s needs in the conversations. Providing curriculum differentiation in planning, assessing and teaching. Setting learning goals and having the students on the learning edge to realise and exceed their potential.

As one page brochure has been created to summarise this plan. The feedback was very positive. Once finalised this brochure will be communicated to all parents.

- **School Budget** Time Allocated = 5 mins.

Starting the year off on a solid budget (some carry over from last year). STEM budget was under spent last year due to wanting a strategic plan in place prior to spending. There is a strategic plan in place to utilise this budget this year. STEM learning will be imbedded into current classroom teaching as to having a specialist teacher delivering this. P&C Contribution - \$50k donation.

- **Review and Feedback from School Council members** Time Allocated = 20 mins.
 - Opportunity for representatives to share feedback and ideas on innovations for the school

It was asked if the Code of Conduct booklet has been distributed to children as mentioned in previous meeting. This booklet has been distributed to new students only but has been thoroughly talked about at assemblies and debriefing sessions.

School Uniform policy has discussed on assembly and is being monitored by the leadership team.

Running club well attended and sports communication this year has been great. Positive feedback from parents.

The difference between Sports and House Captains was discussed. House Captains are involved in McDowall Sports carnivals (swimming, running etc.) Sport Captains are involved the district sporting events.

Year 6 camp is next week, students and teachers are very excited for this. Nearly all students are attending Year 6 camp. For now, camps will remain as Year 6 only. It will most likely stay this way, due to wanting to solidify this into the school, being only in it second year. No parents attending this year only teachers.

School Council Meeting Closure = 8:15pm.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 15th May 2023 6:30pm-7:30pm School Staffroom.

To achieve best possible focus and use of available time What is the agenda for the next meeting? Please note that to ensure meeting time is as productive and collaborative, the agenda for future meetings should be set in advance. This ensures that advance documentation can be provided to members and that discussion is well considered.

Future Agenda Items

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