



McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MEMBERSHIP:

	Name	Membership
	Imogen Stager	Official (Principal)
	John Bradley	Official (P&C President)
	Ashley Proud	Elected Staff (2023-25)
	Megan Walker	Elected Staff (2023-25)
	Naomi Thistlethwaite	Elected Staff (2022-24)
	Sally-Anne Summers	Elected Staff (2022-24)
	Clancy Wall	Elected Parent (2023-25)
2023-2024 Chair	Vikram Anenden	Elected Parent (2022-24)
2023-2024 Secretary	Emma-Kate Clyburn	Elected Parent (2022-24)
	Geraldine Mein	Elected Parent (2022-24)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

This meeting:	Monday 20 May 2024	6:30pm – 7:30pm	School Staffroom
Term 3:	Monday 12 August 2024	6:30pm – 7:30pm	School Staffroom
Term 4:	Monday 4 November 2024	6:30pm – 7:30pm	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 and Acknowledgement of Country – By School Council Chairperson

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.

Acknowledgement of former School Council Chair, Paul Johnson and mark of respect for his commitment to McDowall SS.

2. School Council Membership Apologies

✓ Sally-Anne Summers

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

✓ Moved by: Ashley Proud

✓ Second: Naomi Thistlethwaite

4. Business Arising from Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

✓ None

5. Correspondence and Business Arising from the Correspondence

✓ N/A

7. Reports

- ✓ Budget Summary report (print outs were available to view)
- Imogen gave a very brief summary and budget are all healthy and current year building projects underway for completion this year.

8. Motions on Notice

✓ Nil

9. General Business / Published Meeting Agenda

- ✓ **The McDowall SS School Council Notice of Election 2024/2025 Time Allocated = 5 minutes**
- Imogen notified the school council of the 2024/2025 School Council Election process. There are 3 members due to finish their elected time in 2024. They are welcome to reapply. The Election process will be advertised in the upcoming Newsletter.
- ✓ **Infrastructure Update Time Allocated = 15 minutes**
- Wonderful news – Department of Education QLD have now purchased 105 Keona Rd McDowall
 - The money set aside by the P&C just in case they had to contribute to the purchase of this land can now be redirected elsewhere.
 - This land purchase does not affect school catchment.
 - The short term and long term use of this land still needs to be worked out by school Principal with the Dept of Education.
 - The Master Plan which considered the purchase of this land and the different options around its use is with Dept of Education QLD to work through, no further details available at present.
 - Security Fence will be erected in the interim.
 - Imogen thanked P&C president, John Bradley for all his support over the years to help secure this land.
 - Imogen acknowledged former School Principal Bruce Fogarty for his work with this acquirement of land leading up to now.
- ✓ **School Strategic Planning Time Allocated = 20 minutes**
- Purpose to provide and update on the strategic plan and inform school council. Learning (Excellence) and Belonging (Equity):
- Reading through the Australian Curriculum
 - There has been a change to reading in the curriculum. It is now taught through all learning areas not just English. It has shifted to research based – introducing decodable readers. P-2 – has a strengthened focus of phonics. Reading and writing is taught together as supposed too separately. Moved from visual memory (sight words) to decoding as this helped in upper years of reading. Word reading and language comprehensive, together gives reading comprehension. Brains are not prewired to reading and it needs to be taught explicitly. Synthetic Phonic has proven to have a 95% success rate in learning to read.
 - There was a twilight information session on this held in term 1.
 - 3-6 focus – It takes 10 years for a child to become a proficient reader. It goes beyond yr 2 to continue learning of reading. Teachers in these year levels work on morphology and word origins, how does spelling influence decoding and reading words. Fluency of reading and writing is needed so this becomes quick and easy. Still having these year levels read out loud and discuss what they are reading. TAP

sessions will evolve to explain this further in depth.

- It was suggested that maybe a session at grandparents day would be beneficial as they play such an active role in children's lives.
- Whole School Approach to Pedagogy
 - The department has released a new whole school approach to pedagogy, which looks at a range of pedagogy's that are research based. They have come up with 10 high impact pedagogy based on a wholistic viewed approach. Some examples: collaborative, developing language, explicit instruction, learning goals, feedback, making connections, metacognition and reflections, practicing and releasing responsibility. This will be discussed more in depth over the coming newsletters and with staff.
 - It was suggested this also be put on Facebook as well, to reach more parents and grandparents .

✓ **Review and Feedback from School Council members Time Allocated = 20 minutes**

- Opportunity for representatives to share strategic feedback and ideas on innovations for the school
 - Feedback was given on how effective Play is the Way has been in the classrooms and how much the students are enjoying this
 - Play is the Way - supports and builds social skills through play. Teachers use this as a teachable moment, working on team building to solve and make the most of the game.
 - Parent Teachers Interviews will be happening this week
 - Imogen Thanked the staff for all the effort that they are putting in especially for this time of the year.

School Council Meeting Closure = 7:30pm

10. Next Meeting

Monday 12 August 2024 School Staffroom

Future Agenda Items

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