



MCDOWALL STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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| Chairperson: | Soraya Bews |
| Secretary: | Sally-Ann Summers |

MEMBERSHIP:

| | Name | Membership |
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| | Bruce Fogarty | Official – Principal |
| | John Bradley | Official – P&C President |
| | Raelee Milne | Elected Staff (2017-19) |
| | Sandra Davis | Elected Staff (2017-19) |
| | Heath McDonald | Elected Staff (2018-20) |
| | Sally-Ann Summers | Elected Staff (2018-20) |
| A | Greg Young | Elected Parent (2017-19) |
| | Tracey Wilson | Elected Parent (2017-19) |
| | Soraya Bews | Elected Parent (2018-20) |
| A | Maryanne Humphries | Elected Parent (2018-20) |

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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| Monday 18th March, 2019. | 7pm – 8pm. | School Staffroom. |
| Monday 10 th June, 2019. | 7pm – 8pm. | School Staffroom. |
| Monday 19 th August, 2019. | 7pm – 8pm. | School Staffroom. |
| Monday 14 th October, 2019. | 7pm – 8pm. | School Staffroom. |
| Monday 11 th November, 2019. | 7pm – 8pm. | School Staffroom. |

Please advise both School Council Secretary and Principal by email, if members are unable to attend a meeting.

MEETING MINUTES: MONDAY 10th June, 2019. SCHOOL STAFFROOM. 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Quorum (Minimum of 7 members) requirement met with 8 members in attendance.

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| 1. Welcome – By School Council Chairperson |
| ▪ Soraya Bews |
| 2. School Council Membership Apologies |
| ▪ Maryanne Humphries, Greg Young. |
| 3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous School Council Meeting |
| ▪ Confirmation of previous School Council Minutes dated 18 th March, 2019. |
| ▪ Moved by: Sandra Davis |
| ▪ Seconded by: John Bradley |
| Decision: Endorsed by all members. |

4. Business Arising from Minutes of previous School Council Meeting

- School Council Minutes are available from the school website.
- School Council Constitution is available from the school website.
- School Council email contacts have been amended so that both Chairperson and Secretary should be accessing electronic communications.

5. Correspondence

- Nil

6. Business Arising from the Correspondence

- Nil

7. Reports

- Nil

8. Motions on Notice

- Nil

9. Published Meeting Agenda ... *Reference is made to the School Council Charter 2018-2021.*

Minutes are recorded as brief, dot point statements and will not be a detailed summary of School Council discussion. Minutes will record each motion placed before the School Council and in preference will record unanimous endorsement. If not, a vote will be recorded. (For and Against and Result.)

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.

Standing Agenda Item: Budget Overview Report & Balance Sheet Summary Report

School Budget tabled: Draft at 18th March and Final at 22nd March, 2019.

Budget Overview Report: As tabled dated 10.06.19.

Decision: Endorsed by all members.

▪ **School Council Returning Officers 2019.**

The following Elected School Councillors will retire on 30th June, 2019 but may nominate for re-election into a further two years.

Staff: Ms Raelee Milne (Teacher) & Ms Sandra Davis (Teachers Aide)

Parents: Mrs Tracey Wilson (Parent) & Mr Greg Young (Parent)

Nominations open from Monday 10th June, 2019 with publishing of a “Notice of School Council Election”. Nominations close with either the School Council Secretary or the Principal on Thursday 27th June, 2019 (noon).

Should a School Council Election be required 2019 the following Returning Officers are appointed:

Staff Election: Sally-Anne Summers Staffroom 22nd July, 2019: 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Parent Election: Soraya Bews K Block 22nd July, 2019: 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Moved by: John Bradley

Seconded by: Raelee Milne

Decision: Endorsed by all members.

▪ **Student Dress Code 2020-2023 Endorsement**

The **McDowall State Student Dress Code** clearly outlines standards of acceptable student dress and personal presentation when:

- Attending or representing their school.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours. *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Part 10 Items: 360-363.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL and P. & C. ASSOCIATION ENDORSEMENT

The McDowall SS School Council resolved on 17th May, 2016 that it supports a student dress code for the McDowall State School because it believes that a school student dress code at McDowall State School promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the School Council supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- * *Ready identification of students and non-students at school;*
- * *Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;*
- * *Ensuring suitable and appropriate dress for age, maturity and purpose is worn at school;*
- * *Fostering a sense of belonging; and*
- * *Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.*

The McDowall SS P&C Association resolved on 28th November, 2016 that it endorses the School Council resolution and approves the McDowall State School student uniform as described within the student dress code for McDowall State School.

THE McDOWALL STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

The McDowall State School, School Council & P. & C. Association expects that every student attending the school will be wearing school uniform each school day. It is expected that students attend school neatly dressed and well groomed each day. All parents are expected to dress their children in school uniform. Students are to wear the ‘Tartan Uniform’ on all school outings unless otherwise advised. At all times, students are to be modestly and suitably dressed. (*Shorts etc worn at the waist – not sagging. Long shirts tucked in. Undergarments, boxer shorts not visible*) McDowall State School implements a ‘SUNSMART’ endorsed expectation corresponding with Queensland Cancer Fund Guidelines.

Moved by: Sally-Anne Summers

Seconded by: Raelee Milne

Decision: Endorsed by all members.

▪ **McDowall SS School Data Profile 2019 In Confidence.**

The Principal issued the School Data Profile 2019 for School Council member perusal only. This 'confidential' data affords members with a systemic snapshot view of McDowall SS and may inform members regarding data trends (a) Celebrations (b) Issues that may need focus.

Issued and Discussed.

▪ **School Infrastructure 2019**

As outlined within the School Budget 2019 and has been discussed during previous School Council meetings, the following School Infrastructure Projects are now being architecturally designed for progress to tender as soon as possible. It is anticipated that due to current building activity down-turn that a better overall price may be achieved.

1. School Administration Building Extension: This includes a classroom for Japanese instruction and a large storeroom. Metropolitan Region Facilities have agreed to commit \$50,000 toward this project if the classroom is termed a 'Staffroom Extension'.
2. School Administration Care Park Extension: When the building is extended, the School Dental Van can no longer access its stand. It is therefore necessary to provide a new stand beside the Tuckerbox Covered Area. Delivery trucks are currently unable to safely turnaround to depart the school. The first grassed area is to be removed, bitumen put down and an extended car park established.
3. Remembrance Square: For many years, the school has sought subsidy for this project, initially designed by David Pedwell DP with collaboration with Tracey Wilson (Past P&C Association President). Both Poinciana trees will need to be removed (protecting the pathway). Relocated soil should level the Square so that a Remembrance Wall and associated flag poles can be positioned. A time capsule is proposed for the existing location.
4. Groundsman's Shed: The existing shed has long passed its used by date. The shed will include grounds work space and school furniture storage space.

Moved by: John Bradley

Seconded by: Tracey Wilson

Decision: Endorsed by all members.

▪ **Focusing Teaching Practitioners' Work to Deliver Heightened Achievement 2019 (Active Learning)**

The Principal has engaged Dr Annette Hilton via Queensland Education Leadership Institute, to deliver 3 x Full Day Seminar Sessions that relate to Action Learning (Inquiry): 18.06 + 08.08 + 04.09.19. These sessions and between session readings and tasks, enhance a teacher's mindset and capability within Action Research leading to heightened achievement.

Issued and Discussed.

▪ **What is STE(A)M? [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics]**

School Council members are requested to respond to the question. Now remember, this State School is charged with the responsibility of delivering the Australian Curriculum and to date, a STE(A)M Statement is yet to be found.

- What does it look like as curriculum?
- Is STE(A)M core curriculum?
- How is a teacher to interpret STE(A)M and implement it?
- How is a student to experience STE(A)M?

Member Discussion Points.

- * Robotics & Coding
- * Complex Reasoning
- * Deep understandings
- * Planning, Inquiry and Evaluating
- * Turning Theory into something that works
- * Beyond silo learning and problem solving toward integration and immersion experiences

Principal Tabled Reference Documents.

1. A 3D Model of the Australian Curriculum + Reference to STEM.
2. QCAA Time Allocations 2017.
3. McDowall SS Class Pathways Through Curriculum 2018.
4. QCAA STEM in Qld Schools.

STEM is based on Scientific Concepts.

STE(A)M is based on the same concepts + inquiry, problem based learning methodology within a creative process.

STE(A)M represents a paradigm shift from traditional education philosophy, based on standardised test scores, to a modern ideal which focuses on valuing the learning process as much as the results. In essence, we dare our students to be wrong, to try multiple ideas, listen to alternate opinions and to create a knowledge base that is applicable to real life as opposed to simply an exam. Ultimately, the objective of art and science is discovery!

STE(A)M is not new – Leonardo da Vinci combined science and art to make discoveries. Eg. The idea of ... What if?

Learners working collaboratively to create visually appealing product or object that is based on understanding of the STE(A)M concept.

School Council Members are to access and read articles / websites / etc to explore the concept of STE(A)M and its applications within primary education. This background information should inform further discussion to be held during the next School Council meeting.

Decision: Endorsed by all members.

10. Meeting Closure

- Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

11. Next Meeting ... 19th August, 2019.

FUTURE SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS: *A clear focus on that which matters!*

- Refer to School Council Charter 2018-2021.
- McDowall SS STE(A)M Vision and Strategy 2019-2022.

MEETING MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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| SECRETARY SIGNATURE: Sally-Ann Summers <small>Over-sign please.</small> | DATE: |
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MEETING MINUTES CONFIRMED AT NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

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| CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: Soraya Bews <small>Over-sign please.</small> | DATE: |
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