



Malanda State High School Council

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 30 March 2021 **Time:** 5.30pm – 7:30pm
Location: L02
Attendees: Gary Toshach (Chair), David Dickson (Parent Member), John Van Vegchel (Staff Member – Teaching), Tiarni Potts (Staff Member – Teaching), Bronwyn Watson (Staff Member – Non-Teaching)
Observers/Guests: Jack Munafo (Student Observer)
Apologies: Felicity Huston (Student member), Sahara Gobius (Student member),
Chair: Gary Toshach – (Acting)
Secretary: Bronwyn Watson (Acting)

Introduction	
1	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Chair opened the meeting 5.30pm, welcoming all School Council Member and guests. Apologies – Felicity Huston (Student Member), Sahara Gobius (Student Member)</p>
2	<p>Confirmation of minutes of last meeting</p> <p>2.1 Motion – confirmation of minutes – Bronwyn Watson Seconded – Gary Toshach</p> <p>Business arising from the previous minutes:</p>
3	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>3.1 Business arising from correspondence</p>
Topics for decision / endorsement	
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4.1	<p>Nominations called for Chair – John Van Vegchel appointed Nominations called for Secretary – Bronwyn Watson appointed</p>
4.2	<p>The Responsible Behaviour Plan has been changed to the School Student Code of Conduct. This new document has been amended to reflect current policy on restrictive practices and cyber bullying. Gary asked that the school constitution be amended to reflect the change in the document name. Motion – That the Constitution be amended – John Van Vegchel Seconded – Tiarni Potts</p>
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Topics for discussion	
5.1	<p>The Role and purpose of the School Council was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historic direction of the School Council was discussed and the flow on effect this has had on the school. Eg Curriculum structures; 21st Century skills has brought the PBL subject into being; business partnerships spearheaded by former council member Scott McCahon. Partnerships with Sustainable

	solutions – mentoring, tutoring and \$10000 bursary on offer. Other partnerships have been with the RSL and the Arnold-Nott family who contributed towards the well-being of staff.
5.2	The composition of the council and invited guests was discussed. The School Council is in need of more parent members
5.3	Membership Role Description – Gary spoke about the role of council members and referred members to the Constitution for more detail.
5.4	The 4 Year School Improvement Plan was discussed with an emphasis on the Annual Improvement Plan and the strategic priorities for this year.
5.5	EIB (Education Improvement Branch) External Review to happen 17-19 May 2021. Gary explained that the team will be contacting the School Council, staff, students and the community in order to get a broad view of how the school operates.
5.6	School performance procedure was discussed.
5.7	<p>School Council Policy and System Review Schedule 2021 was discussed. The following documents were viewed and explained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Improvement Plan 2021 - School purpose, values and beliefs - Student Services System / Education Services System – the flowcharts for these systems was reviewed. - School Performance Report – Headline Indicator Report 2019 was explained. There has been a positive trend in all areas of the school over the past few years. The school is currently awaiting the 2020 report. - Investing for success was explained. The funding is dependent upon the school population. The amount received this year is \$234, 316. P&C President Penny Johnson signed off on the direction of spending for this year as the Council was delayed in forming. The following areas are the focus for spending this year’s money: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Staff Capability o Diverse Curriculum – U2B gifted students in STEM subjects o Social Emotional support – the school employs more TAs and Engagement Officers to support students o High quality inclusive student support system o Provision of quality IT – bandwidth upgrade and ICT tech o Enable High quality education and instructional systems leadership course
	Topics for Information
6	Reports
6.1	2020 Senior Student Outcomes was discussed. All students, bar one, were in the A-C range last year. All students left with an ATAR/ VET Qualification, QCE or QCIA.
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7	General
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	Evaluation (meeting, progress, team, general)
	Next Meeting:
8	Focus for the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Review of School Council Policy and Systems
9	Next Meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday, 4 May 2021
	Meeting Closed: 7:00 pm

Associated Documents	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Report Sep 2020• School Council Policy and System Review schedule• Annual Improvement Plan 2021• School purpose, values and beliefs (Prospectus)• Student Services system• Education Services System• Headline Indicators report - 2019• Annual Budget 2021 – Investing in Schools Plan• Specific Role Description – School Council Chair• Specific Role Description – School Council Secretary.