



# Malanda State High School Council

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday 22 March 2022      **Time:** 5.30pm – 7.00pm  
**Location:** L02  
**Chair:** John van-Vegchel  
**Secretary:** Bronwyn Jones  
**Members:** Ben Harding (Acting Principal), Penny Johnson (P&C), David Dickson (Parent member), Gail Barton (Parent member), John van-Vegchel (Chair/Staff Teaching member), Tiarni McCarthy (Staff Teaching member), Bronwyn Jones (Secretary/Non-Teaching Member), Angus Hamilton (Student member), Lily Stein (Student Member)

<b>Introduction</b>	
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b> John Van-Vegchel opened the meeting at 5.30pm, welcoming all School Council Members.
2	<b>Confirmation of minutes of last meeting</b> Motion – confirmation of minutes – John VV Seconded – Bronwyn Jones  <b>Business arising from the previous minutes:</b> Nil
3	<b>Correspondence</b>
3.1	<b>Business arising from correspondence</b> No correspondence
<b>Topics for decision / endorsement</b>	
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4.1	Chair welcomed the new student representatives, Lily Stein and Angus Hamilton and also welcomed Ben Harding, as the Acting Principal.
4.2	The School Code of Conduct was discussed. John put a motion forward to change the mobile phone policy so that mobile phones be allowed to be used during lunch to order from the tuckshop. Penny seconded. Ben suggested that it would be better coming from the P&C.
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<b>Topics for discussion</b>	
5.1	Ben discussed the role and purpose of the School Council providing clarity on the functions of the Council.
5.2	The composition of the council and invited guests was discussed.
5.3	Membership Role Description – Ben referred to the documents presented.
5.4	The 4 Year School Improvement Plan - Annual Improvement Plan and Strategic priorities for the year 2022. Penny asked about how we are implementing strategies to get students ready for the workforce, entrepreneurship etc. PBL, HOP, Community Engagement projects and Focus groups were discussed as a major contributor in these areas along with a broader focus in everyday classes and visiting guests. Focus for 2022 includes teacher well-being. This has come about through corporate feedback after staff survey at end of 2021. Other focus areas coming from the survey have been factored into the 4 year plan with success indicators to show progress across various measures. The explicit teaching method employed by the school has a strong research background to show that it is a solid teaching method.

5.5	Construction has started on the new building. Evacuation maps have had to be changed due to the construction zone with changed routing to assembly area. Construction is scheduled to finish by end of 2022.
5.6	Investing for success was explained. Student numbers and socio-economic factors bring in the funding. The 2022 initiatives are Student Wellbeing, Diverse Learning Strategies, Information Technology and Staff Capability Development.
5.7	School Council Policy and System Review Schedule 2022. The following documents were explained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education Services System Handbook - Student support system. The consistency of practice console that underlies the system was shared. Our value continuum: honest, trustworthy, courageous, dignifying, fair, and loving. John suggested that it is our SOPs that have allowed us to continue through staff shortages etc through this time.</li> <li>- 2022 Organisational Chart – structure is to support the school purpose and SOPs.</li> <li>- Curriculum Management Map shows the alignment of subjects from year 7 -12. Three new subjects this year Cert I Financial Literacy, Year 11 Design and Hospitality Cert III. Also trying to get a dual Hospitality Cert III and Tourism Cert II. ATOMI has been purchased to enhance students study skills, it provides revision and consolidation on an individual basis for each student. Angus let us know that the Tues and Thurs afternoon Extension classes have four groups. 1. Is a plant group, tending to the grounds; 2. Concreting and plant boxes working with Mr Kilpatrick and Mr Burrows; 3. Mural and esthetic group – a mural up by the bus stop will be created by the year 12s, who are also repainting the handball courts; and 4. Habitat group – making bird boxes and native bee boxes to invite the wildlife in to school. Next term they may take this work into the wider community. Gail has some ideas through her work with the Chamber of Commerce, if the groups are interested.</li> </ul>
<b>Topics for Information</b>	
6	<b>Reports</b>
6.1	2021 Senior Student Outcomes – 100% pass rate. Happy with the overall outcomes. General Subjects A/B 80%, C 20%,. Applied Subjects A 28%, B 50%, C 22%. 40% of ATAR students got over 90.3. 2021 Academic Data was very positive. Year 10 into 11 cohort pass rates rose in comparison to other years
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7	<b>General</b>
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<b>Evaluation (meeting, progress, team, general)</b>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	
8	<b>Focus for the next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review of School Council Policy and Systems</li> </ul>
9	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday 12 May L02 at 5:30 – 7:00
	<b>Meeting Closed: 6:47pm</b>
<b>Associated Documents</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Report Sep 2021;</li> <li>• School Council Policy and System Review schedule;</li> <li>• Annual Improvement Plan 2022;</li> <li>• School purpose, values and beliefs (Prospectus);</li> <li>• Student Services system;</li> <li>• Education Services System;</li> <li>• Annual Budget 2022 – Investing in Schools Plan;</li> <li>• Specific Role Description – School Council Chair; and</li> <li>• Specific Role Description – School Council Secretary.</li> </ul>