



2019 Annual General Meeting of UHS Governing Council Minutes

Tuesday 12th February 2019

Staff Present: David Harriss, Lesley Holliday, Susan Mlaco, Sandra Ledgard, Sophie Pyromallis, Ian Groom, Paul Gavini, Luke Granleese, Franchesca Chillcot, Paul Davies, Jillian Gulliver, Heather Moyes, Anne Bell, Peter Savvas, Rod Del Nido, Deb Daniels, Kellie Woolford, David Baker, Phoebe Virgo Adam Carter, Mary Karic, Yuka, Claudia.

Governing Council Members Present: Brad Gould, Samantha Corns, Hilary Disley, Helen Carroll-Welsh, Shazia Choudhry, Sybilla Keys,

Guests Present: Carol Toole, Sally Wilson,

Minute Taker: Sandra Ledgard

Apologies: Mata Pangiotidis

1. **Opened:** 6:30 pm – Brad Gould– Opened meeting, welcomed families and staff to 2019.
 - Thanked Charlotte Heywood & Tina Sadedin's classes for the catering.
2. **Current GC Members introduced them and spoke about "what it means to be on Governing Council.**
Current Governing Council Members: introduced themselves and what it is like to be on the Governing Council. –
3. **Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting of Parents.**
Moved: Helen Carroll-Welsh **Seconded:** Hilary Disley - All in favour - **PASSED.**

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

5. Reports:

Governing Council Chairperson Report: Presented by Brad Gould, fundraising at Bunnings raised couple thousand dollars, uniform policy, feed back to school on phone policy, develop school life, students representing the school in sports, recognizing achievements of students.

- Welcomed parents and families to 2019.
- Overview of how governing council works and promoting the GC to parents.

It was my pleasure to Chair the Governing Council during 2018 and work with Parents, dedicated Staff and Students for the betterment of the School.

Last February members of the Governing Council, dedicated volunteers from the school community and students ran a fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings, raising over \$2000. That has been donated to Student Voice to be put towards further student driven projects around the School.

The School Uniform committee worked throughout the year on further developing and refining the Uniform policy with input from Student Voice.

The School Leadership team raised the idea of banning mobile phones from the classroom. Governing Council and Student voice gave feedback to assist in developing the policy which was introduced in Term 4 2018. Initial feedback is positive, and the vast majority of students have embraced the change. Governing Council has had the pleasure of assisting a steady stream of students excelling in extra curricular activities. This shows the Schools students performing at a high level in the greater community and is a source of pride for the School.

As Council Chair it was absolute personal highlight to be invited to the Year 12 graduation and see proud students and parents celebrate their young adults biggest life achievement so far.

Members of Council also work in various committees looking at the school facilities and finances throughout the year. Work was also done with the School for a site specific complaints/grievance policy and assist with various Education Department requirements.

Council was disappointing to see the decline of the School soccer pitches during the year because of the issues with the bore water. This has been managed and the pitches are looking good for the coming season this year.

Council was impressed with the old Year 8 corridor transformation into STEM classrooms which look amazing and has gathered glowing feedback from students and parents. The School is to be commended for executing the building work with minimum disruption to the students (and teachers)! And there is further capital works to look forward to over the next 18 months.

Finance Report: Presented by Susan Mlaco. 182 surplus, increase in hiring,

- **Tabled:** end of year financial Reports.
- 2018 Balance Sheet and 2018 Profit and Loss Statements.
- Explained the meaning of these reports.
- Achievements of STEM, new toilets, mains water now on oval, trying attract funding to new courts

Principal's Report: see attached

- Student results, focus is on improvement, NAPLAN results very proud of student improvement well above national averages. Improving students on all levels, problem solving skills, developing them as a person. Literacy & mathematics is a focus.
- *Phone policy need parents support*
- *Enrolments are continuing going up, great teachers, everyone gets along together, work together as a team,*
- *Thanking staff for attending and parents.*

6. Election of Governing Council Parent Members:

- Parents nominated – Tammy Markou, Chan Yee (Sarah) Lai, Pujja Uppal, Jo-Anne Blackburn, Elizabeth Hallam, Arun Mandal.
- All positions have been filled

7. Governing Council Meetings: GC meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 6pm on weeks 3 & 8 of each term in the Staff Room @ Underdale High School.

8. Any other business:

9. Sophie – Carol Dept of education & Sally from Parenting and family support team

- Delivering parenting workshops programs from DCP
- New workshops being developed - surveys
- Parenting SA hold seminars May & November,
- Running a pilot program – encouraging parents to come along hear ideas suggestions, what works well, what doesn't, showcase Underdale, really need parents to commit to workshops attending both, serving food.
- See Sophie if interested in attending
- Delivery workshops around parenting, what's going on, is this normal, 2 workshops, living with young people, 28th Feb & 28th March, showcase the school, look at the amazing parents, 11-17 year old, reflecting on those ages, talk about shift in parenting, how do you manage that?, what's happening in their heads, give handouts.
- Reality of the real world, go through different steps, scenarios to go through, write a plan.
- Sophie thanked them for coming out and talking with parents.

10. 2019 Annual General Meeting – Closed at 7:15pm.