



AGENDA FOR 2021

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UHS GOVERNING COUNCIL

Date: Thursday 27th January, 2021 at 7:00pm

Venue: Underdale High School, Resource Centre.

Business:

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: Julie, Sarah, Mata, Sophie, David, Shazia

2. Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting of UHS Governing Council

Minutes accepted from 2019. Motion – Brad, Seconded – Helen.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

4. Reports:

▪ **Governing Council** **Brad Gould, Chairperson**

2020 was challenging for the School and Students between the Redevelopment and Covid. Planning for Year 7's enrolling at Underdale High School in 2022.

▪ **Finance** **Susan Mlaco**

At the end of last year we ended up with a deficit of \$24,452. This deficit was due to staffing costs of which we are waiting for a reimbursement of approx. \$100,000 from the department. 2020 was a very busy year and we put approx. \$65,000 of school reserve funds back into our facilities. This included:

Science texts and equipment \$16,500

Two photocopiers \$7,439

Ride on mower \$3,540.91

Tractor and trailer \$21,136.36

Whiteboards for optimism \$2,757

Emergency laptops (due to COVID) \$10,220

Shelter shed modifications \$4,875

In addition to this, out of our breakdown maintenance we purchased two air conditioners for admin, gutter cleaning and a major repair to our chillers.

Currently we are working on finalising the 2021 budget.

I have the final Financial statements for 2020 available tonight if anyone would like to look over them.

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▪ **Principal**

David Harriss

What an unprecedented year it has been! I am so proud of the positive, supportive way our whole school community has been through all of the challenges that we faced. I am confident that the worst of the COVID impact is behind us, and that we can react effectively to any more barriers that we may face. It is imperative that we all follow the safe health practices that have enabled us as a state and a nation to be the envy of most of the world. The other major challenge to us this year has been the adjustments we have made due to the \$20 million school development. If you have seen the updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and through our newsletters, you will note that there has been a great deal of progress. By the end of Term 3, 2021 we will be in new and redeveloped buildings. This is a very exciting prospect! I would like to pay tribute to my staff and our students who, with continued support from home, have been able to show resilience, optimism and courage to continue developing knowledge. The progress in our students' learning is in many aspects greater than most schools. We have all contributed to this, and I thank you all. Final reports on your child's achievement will be available on DayMap shortly. We will let you know when they are available. Our school continues to grow, with nearly 130 Year 8s joining us in 2021. The recent Transition Day was an outstanding event, particularly considering the disruption caused by the unexpected state-wide shutdown. I would like to congratulate Ms Caitlin Videon, Ms Lauren De Bono, Ms Lee Knight and their team of staff and students that ensured the day went smoothly. The enthusiasm of our future Year 8s throughout the whole day is a testament to their planning and organisation, and bodes well for the contribution these young people will make to our school community in 2021 and beyond. Plans and preparations are well and truly underway for the arrival of our Year 7 Cohort as well as our new Year 8 Cohort in 2022. I will keep you updated throughout next year. One aspect that will be changing in 2021 to better meet the needs of our whole student body will be our Timetable structure. Details have been sent home regarding the new structure, particularly our adjusted start and finish times for each day. Please ensure you are aware of these changes and the implications they may have for your family organisation.

There have been some staffing changes for 2021, for details please refer to articles included in this newsletter. I would like to pay tribute particularly to the contribution Ms Phoebe Virgo and Ms Heather Moyes have made to Underdale High School in their time here. They will be missed by students, staff and parents alike. I wish them all the best in their future schools, who will benefit from their experiences in our school community. One person who has been preparing our children for longer than anyone I know is also leaving us next year. Ms Margaret Donovan has been teaching for over 50 years, with results that have been the envy of many peers. She has spent the majority of that time here at Underdale, with 10 years teaching at Henley High School. I have been fortunate enough to teach with her for a large number of those years both at Henley and Underdale. She has decided to retire from her career as a teacher and not follow the path that you normally associate with retirement by going back to study and will be at University next year, we wish Margaret all the best in her studies. She will be missed by the whole school community. Two other long serving staff who will be missed in 2021 are Mr Don Pappageorgiou and Mr Ted Keeley who are taking leave for all of next year. I wish everybody a safe and happy festive season, and look forward with great passion and excitement to 2021, and all of the rewards that come with being a part of the Underdale High School family

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5. **Election** of parent members of the Governing Council (2 year term) is only necessary if nominations received exceed positions available. There are 12 parent positions available.

Outgoing	Continuing for 2021		Nominations
Hilary Disley - Uniform	Helen Carroll-Welsh	Shazia Choudry	Megan Harris
	Julie Busuttil	Ferial Shabibi	Sally Bagnato
	Mata Panagiotidis	Mark Zigoronikos	Ross Boucher
	Puja Uppal	Samantha Corns	Judy Masters
	Tammy Markou		
	Brad Gould (AGM only at this stage)		
	Sarah (Chan Yee Lai)		

Other 2020 Positions:

Principal:	David Harriss
Teacher Representatives:	Sophie Pyromallis + Peter Savvas (Student Voice) Lauren De Bono 2021
SSO Representatives:	Susan Mlaco (Business Manager)
Student Voice Representatives:	2 Nominees
Community Representatives:	Zoi Papafilopoulos (Tom Koutsantonis MP) plus another 2 Nominees
Minutes:	Nicole Musci (Executive Assistant)

6. **Meeting Schedule 2020:** Tuesdays Weeks 3 and 8, 6pm to about 8pm (food provided)

- Positions to be elected at first meeting:
- Chair- Sam and Ross Boucher nominated Helen??
- Deputy Chair -
- Treasurer -
- Secretary -

7. Any other business

BIG thank you to Brad for being Governing Council chairperson.

New members introduced themselves to the Governing Council Group.

8. CLOSE @ 7:45pm

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