



## Term 1 Week 5

### Governing Council Minutes/Agenda

(These minutes become the agenda for the next meeting plus additional items.)

#### Tuesday Week 5 28/2/2023

Mary-Lou Michael – Principal  
Susan Mlaco – Business Manager/Finance Committee  
Nicole Musci - Minutes  
Rachel Brennan – Uniform Committee  
Lauren De Bono – Student Voice Teacher  
Zoi Papafilopoulos – Community Member  
Megan Harris – Community Member  
- Community Member  
– SAASSO Representative

Judy Masters	Chairperson / Facilities
Helen Politis	Deputy Chair / Parent
Samantha Corns	Treasurer / Parent
Julie Busutil	Secretary / Parent
	Uniform / Parent
Puja Uppal	Parent
Helen Carroll-Welsh	Parent
Ferial Shabibi	Parent
Matthew Wilson	Parent
Gorcica Gigovic	Parent
	Parent
Patrizia Uzycz/Alicia Balat	Student Voice Rep
Harrison	Student Voice Rep
McMorrow/Francesca Ergina	

We would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

Minute No	Minute	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	JM
1.3.1	Apologies: Ferial, Megan, Nicole	JM
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes Approved</b>	
2.3.1	Moved: Julie      Seconded: Helen      Passed/Adjustment made	SM
2.3.2	Adjustment(s)	SM
<b>3</b>	<b>Business Arising from previous Minutes</b>	
3.31	Nil	JM
<b>4</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
4.3.1	SAASSO report	JB
4.3.2		
<b>5</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
5.3.1	<b>Student Voice Report</b>	LDB
	Setting up Leadership page and calendar on FROG. Year level cup for clean areas/classrooms, prize at the end, to run the whole year. Interactive activities through social ed to get year levels communicating with everyone in the whole year level not just their own friendship group. Student Voice to meet with Mary-Lou this Friday.	
5.3.1.1	<b>Governing Council Chair Report</b>	JM
	As our Governing Council chair, my goal for 2023 is to work alongside our Executive Committee, staff, and Governing Council to collaboratively drive the growth and improvement of our school to ensure our children have a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences.	
	As a Governing Council, we have a responsibility to support the school, to offer our kids the best of what we have learned as adults, along with the latest innovations and trends in education so that they grow into successful, contributing members of their communities.	
	I want our school to be a safe and caring environment where our kids can voice their opinions and be heard. This is not solely the job of our teaching staff and executive team, but also the responsibility of this governing council to support and add value to our school community.	
	Together, we will brainstorm and then develop ways that this Governing Council can add value to our school.	

I welcome and look forward to your ideas and support as we progress through the year. It will involve change, and it will be challenging, we will need to roll our sleeves up and contribute, but our kids are worth it.

Effective change cannot happen without objectively identifying problems and finding solutions. It is vital that we have constructive conversations as a group about how we can work better and improve. We never stop learning; I feel we might learn a lot this year as a council.

I'm excited to work with everyone as a team, to achieve great things, as we work together, to do our bit, and to move Underdale High School forward together. I am looking forward in 12 months to reflect on our success.

Please do not hesitate to email me anytime.

Thank you for volunteering your time to support Underdale High School.

**5.3.2 Finance Report – Presented by Susan Mlaco/Samantha Corns** SM

The following reports for the month ending January 2023 were tabled and discussed:

- Profit and Loss statement
- Balance sheet

January reports show a surplus of \$697,361.46. This surplus is mainly attributable to the invoicing of the whole school M&S fees in January of \$464,410 and expenditure being low due to staff only being back since the 24th of January.

**5.3.3 Facilities Report** SM

Handover of the front canopy.  
Installation of LED screen to gym, at the moment investigating a quote for sound.

**5.3.4 Parents Affiliated Committee** JM

Picnic was a success, a lot of work. Learnt a lot from this. Next time will be called a Fete/Festival. Nice to see students' small enterprises. Some of the food truck vendors were disappointed in earnings. Next time will involve more students in setting and packing up and running the food options.

Researching a "colour run" for the whole school – info passed onto Student Voice.

**6 Principals Report** ML

**6.3.1** Researching Marketplace for a van to run a coffee shop at the front of the school.

See attachment.

EMS – discussion around issues. Feedback from all staff has gone into the department. In this report I refer to our newsletter article. Recent events have highlighted the strength of our staff and leadership here at Underdale to work swiftly and proactively, maintaining our core values and high expectations. Lieutenant-General David Morrison, addressed the nation in response to unacceptable conduct that potentially brought the Australian Army into disrepute, but also let down all those others, past and present, who respectfully and socially go about their business doing great work day after day. The phrase he used I often refer to here at Underdale, "*the standard we walk past, is the standard we accept.*" We are all responsible for the culture and reputation we create, bystanders included, and we must always protect the rights of others to feel safe. We are all working hard collectively because we believe we *can* and *do* make a difference facilitating opportunities for young people to thrive at Underdale High School.

Our **Acquaintance night** held early this term was an opportunity for families to meet home class teachers and connect to the **Community Portal**. Families attending were grateful for the opportunity to meet staff and gain important information ready for the year. Whilst we navigate our new system, we are working closely with the Department for Education to iron out problems and feedback concerns. Many of the glitches we have encountered should be resolved in the coming weeks, however if you continue to have issues, please let us know.

The **Celebration assembly** in week two provided an opportunity for two outstanding students to speak to the whole school about their outstanding achievements, university offers, lessons learnt and

importantly to ask for help. They both reflected on the great teaching staff here at Underdale and how significant they have *all* been in supporting their success. Their advice to students centred around connection with teachers, and how important it was to ask for help, because the support is there for you if you need it.

#### **What's NEW?**

**Café Culture** is a new subject here at Underdale in 2023, and students have been making staff coffee, mocha's and latte's, delivering them around the school as they learn the craft of the barista. Students have expressed how wonderful it feels to make people happy. As we consider the wellbeing of our students, we easily forget they have been thrown into a consumer culture of *what can I get*, rather than *what can I give*. *Giving* connects us as citizens, *giving* makes us feel great, validates our importance as individuals and as a community. Café Culture supports entrepreneurship as well of course, but community connection is at its heart too. Congratulations to the food technology team for driving this work.

**Lumination Lab** is here, and our staff champions are trailing this work in preparation for the official launch later this term. Observing staff, students and even our Governing Council Chair trial this space has been an absolute joy. The ability of the lab to provide tailored and shared experiences for learning to be explored in a dynamic and collaborative way is mind-blowing. We look forward to sharing this at our launch on Open Night, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Community Picnic - Affiliated Parent Committee**

We were all blown away by the response from families attending our picnic on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, it was a mammoth effort by the committee, particularly as it was our first as a school. I am extremely grateful to our chair Judy Masters and Julie Busuttill for spending many hours preparing, setting up and running the event. We are also grateful to staff, students and families who supported and or attended, helping to make this event the success it was. Some of our students made a profit on their stalls, a great reward for their entrepreneurship presentation of learning. We are now planning for this to be an annual event..

#### **International Program**

We launched an extensive International Program this year, greater than the school has seen for some time. We have students visiting from around the world and recently connected with students from across the state. We are constantly looking for Homestay families to sustain this unique program, and Covid has placed some amnesia around the significance around international connections. We know the benefits an international program can be far reaching for local students in terms of learning about cultural difference and developing an appreciation for the diversity of curriculum offerings Australian schools offer, something we can easily take for granted locally. We are also investigating further international exchanges to be announced later this year.

#### **Advanced Life Photography**

We have sourced a new school photo provider who have presented a professional package shared at governing council and they have begun taking photos of students, and staff. Advanced Life are also working behind the scenes gathering footage for a promotional video for Underdale.

#### **Technology upgrades**

Security cameras have now been installed across the entire school. Staff are working behind the scenes to upgrade and link screens across the school for better communication of events, it will also provide a chance to share learning activities and students' ideas internally. We have installed a screen in our school gym that can be used for students as they review and evaluate their sporting performance skills, as well as value add to presentations and assemblies.

#### **Year 12 Formal**

What a fabulous evening it was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Adelaide Convention Centre, how wonderful to see all our year 12s unrecognisable in their smart attire. We saw some truly outstanding outfits and some great dancing including the Waltz, Zorba, Nutbush and the Macarena! Some things don't change. The formal committee and senior school team needs to be congratulated on their set up and organisation, from centre pieces to award presentations, sashes, and delicious menu. The Convention Centre staff commented on the outstanding behaviour of all our students, apparently not always common from those that hire the venue. We look forward to seeing some of the photos.

#### **Literacy for Learning**

Our learning goal this semester is to Increase student achievement in literacy, specifically in writing. During our week 0 program staff worked with Bronwyn Custance to unpack the use of model texts to support writing. Our Professional Learning Day on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> will provide further opportunity

for staff to unpack writing genres of their subject and support students strengthen their ability to articulate responses.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding as we work through our changes here at Underdale High School. We look forward to upcoming events, such as our Sports Day and the Underdale Cup.

**7 Items for Discussion**

**8 Items for Decision**

**9 AOB**

9.1 New Model Governing Council Constitution - will defer to the next meeting. ML

**Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 6:00pm**  
**Close 7.20pm**