



Term 1 Week 8

Governing Council Minutes/Agenda

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

Tuesday Week 8 19th March 2024

Mary-Lou Michael – Principal
 Louise Spencer – Business Manager/Finance Committee
 Nicole Musci - Minutes
 Maya Williams – Uniform Committee
 Lauren De Bono – Student Voice Teacher
 Zoi Papafilopoulos – Community Member
 Vacant– Community Member
 - Community Member
 – SAASSO Representative

Judy Masters	Chairperson / Facilities
Helen Politis	Deputy Chair / Parent
Gorica Gigovic	Treasurer / Parent
Julie Busuttil	Secretary / Parent
	Uniform / Parent
Ferial Shabibi	Parent
Matthew Wilson	Parent
Cameron Marlowe	Parent
Lara Wilson	Student Voice Rep
Anastasia Simic	Student Voice Rep
Blake Jeffs	Student Voice Rep
Emma Laundry	Student Voice Rep
Emiliee Cotroneo	Secretary

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
1	Welcome & Apologies	JM
1.1	Apologies: Julie, Louise Welcome:	JM
2	Minutes Approved	
2.1	Moved: Seconded: Passed/Adjustment made	
2.2	Adjustment(s)	
3.1	Items to Discuss	
	Open Night – Monday 25 th – Governing Council table	
	Quiz night – Sat 4 th May 2024 - Donations	
	Morning Tea for families – Thursday 11 th April at 9:00am	
	Purpose Statement for DfE – Maja/Mary-Lou	
4	Correspondence	
4.1	SAASSO report	TBA
5	Reports	
5.1	Student Voice Report	LDB

5.2	Governing Council Chair Report	JM
	Quiz night preparations are in full swing. I will be calling on everyone to try and get some donations for raffle and auctions. I would also appreciate any assistance that you can offer on the night. We are looking at an offsite venue for the quiz night. This trip is now just for the soccer girls as the Language students have pulled out due to an increase in the price.	
	Parents and friends committee will be meeting next week to discuss several items including the quiz night. This committee has stalled slightly due to low numbers (Julie and I can't do everything) so if you can pitch in that would be great.	
5.3	Finance Report – Presented by Louise Spencer/Gorica Gigovic	LS
5.4	Facilities Report	Julie/MLM
5.5		LS
5.6	Parents Affiliated Committee	JM
6	Principals Report	MLM
6.1	It has been an eventful term since our last meeting with Sports Day, School Formal and a range of Excursions. All staff have commented on the exemplary behaviour of students at all school events. Participation, team spirit and energy levels at Sports Day were evident despite the heat and we were all extremely proud of our students at the Year 12 Formal held at the Convention Centre recently.	
	The NAPLAN testing has shown higher than ever expected attendance for our testing this year. Research shows that students perform better when they are tested in their <i>own</i> classroom. At Underdale students with their own devices completed the testing in their classrooms with their teachers present. Students without compatible devices completed the testing in the labs. This further highlights the importance of consistency for a recommended device rather than a BYOD device. At this point we are recommending Chromebooks for middle years students and Lenova for senior students.	
	We are celebrating Harmony Day this week, with many events including the wearing of cultural dress or orange on Friday. The Governor is visiting us all this Thursday and has asked to meet our student leaders to discuss citizenship and student voice. We value the opportunity for our students to meet the Governor, and they are all quite excited. We have other exciting happenings such as Open Night on the 25 th March and the Flinders University Western Roadshow Tuesday 9 th April, in which schools from around the western region will come to Underdale to immerse themselves in university workshops.	
	We are redesigning our leadership roles to encompass the new DfE directions as well as the addition of contemporary themes of student belonging, human connection, career pathways innovation in curriculum and student agency in learning. Our current team are all keen to support the next phase of our improvement journey and are passionate and proud about our work here at Underdale.	
	We have invited student leaders to be part of the current staff Action Teams recently, this means that students can contribute to some authentic decision making and propose new ideas in these areas.	
	Finally, we were approached last year by Google for Education, the Department and Adelaide University to participate in a research project. We are the first school in Australia to be approached to participate in this program, in which we will see all Year 8s provided with a Chromebook and ALL year 8 teachers will also receive a Chromebook and professional development from the Google for Education team (Yes that is 150 devices without cost!). Whilst we don't yet have a timeline for when the devices will arrive and when the training begin, we hope	

to have this in place ready for Semester 2. We believe this will give us an excellent opportunity to build on our current platforms and vision for Digital learning here at Underdale.

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