



Term 3 Week 4

Governing Council Minutes/Agenda

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

Tuesday Week 4 15/8/2023

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
Gorcia 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
1	Welcome & Apologies	JM
1.1	Apologies: Gorica, Rachel, Nicole, Ferial Welcome: Sean Cummins special guest	JM
2	Minutes Approved	
2.1	Moved: Julie Seconded: Helen Passed: all	SM
2.2	Adjustment(s) - nil	SM
3	Business Arising from previous Minutes	
3.1	Nil	Judy
4	Innovative Governance in Schools	
4.1	Items to Discuss	Sean
	1. EMS/Daymap integration - Sean Cummins Head of Department for Education, ICT Projects is coming and will talk for a few minutes about this next step, he can also answer questions: Sean talked about the EMS journey so far and where to next. Goal is to support UHS with an integration of EMS, Daymap and Edval. School will continue with Frog as this is working well for Curriculum.	
	2. Quiz Night – Will be held week 3, 3/11 or 4 10/11, term 4 Friday night. Venue not decided. Supporting soccer team going to Japan in 2024. Judy to get in touch with Rahimah tomorrow to find out what she needs assistance with. Soccer team parents to be involved in the organising and participate on the night.	
5	Correspondence	
5.1	SAASSO report - nil	Julie
6	Reports	
6.1	Student Voice Report	LDB

- End of last term the Arts faculty had 2 performances. There was a Dance and Drama evening in which the 9/10 Dance class performed "Murder on the Dance Floor" and the Year 10 Drama class performed a play called "The Perils of Modern Education".
- Our year 9 students attended the Women in STEM Day at Adelaide University. They partook in a variety of hands-on activities including building an Enigma Machine, exploring biodiversity and chemical engineering.
- We held the Taste of Underdale during term 2, where Year 5 students participated in variety of High School lessons. The students had a great time, and many expressed their desire to return to Underdale as students themselves. Student leaders helped throughout the day and received positive feedback from the primary schools.
- To celebrate the women's world cup, Patrizia and the house leaders organised a Futsal World Cup tournament to run during recess breaks of weeks 1 to 3. Each year level had house teams compete against each other for points, with Resilience taking out the win. Second place Optimism, and third courage.
- Learning Area Prefects supported our subject expo in the library last week. Sharing information with their peers about their learning area.
- This week is Science week with the science faculty running activities during each of the lunch breaks, ranging from paper plane competition to forensic science and making sherbet.
- Upcoming events this term, include book week next Wednesday. Students are encouraged to come dressed up with the theme being 'read, grow, inspire'. There will also be activities happening in the library. For Wear it Purple day next Friday students are encouraged to wear purple, there will be cupcakes for sale at breaks with money raised going to WIP foundation and students will participating in activities during home group, with a focus on ending the use of homophobic language in our school.

6.2 Governing Council Chair Report

JM

Term 3 already! We are holding the Principal/Chair morning tea this term with an invited group of parents.

We are waiting for a date and time for this event and for the parents to be invited.

The parents and friends committee are assisting in the arranging of a quiz night for the soccer team to go to Japan next year. I have requested a date and have asked the Parents group to start seeing if they can source prizes etc. We will meet next week to get the details sorted at which point I will request assistance from the Governing Council with setting up etc.

The picnic is scheduled to be run again in week 2 of term 1 next year. I feel this should be easier to manage this year as we have the blueprint from the last one. I would like to put the call out to the arts department to arrange some entertainment for the day. Students performing would be ideal. The last one event cost about \$1600, and I would like to be able to raise some money this time. Budget to be set aside for picnic but idea is that the event runs at a profit.

I will need everyone's involvement with both the quiz night and the picnic.

6.3 Finance Report – Presented by Susan Mlaco/Samantha Corns

SM/SC

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

- Profit and Loss statement
- Balance sheet

June reports show a surplus of \$251,029.23 this is mainly due to lump sum revenue from the Department - \$226,107 TRT reimbursement from 2022, \$49,600 M&S rebate and \$53,516.25 School card.

Fees for M&S in 2024 will remain unchanged.

6.4 Facilities Report

SM

Nil

6.5 Parents Affiliated Committee

JM

Will meet next week

6.6 Uniform

JB

Long sleeved polo going to be burgundy. Student Voice didn't like the grey.

Hijab to be made from black chiffon.
New fleece jacket
Looking at vest for music students, school to provide
Need to have students on the uniform committee

7	Principals Report	MLL
7.1	See attached report	

Handed out new Strategy for Public Education, Mary-Lou asked members to read and can discuss at the next meeting.

Governing Council Report

Term 3 has been an eventful term for Underdale with 18 new international students, the Career Expo, Achievement Assembly, Subject Expo, and the Flinders University Western Roadshow. Middle years students went to Woodhouse our Ice Factor Team was invited to Government House and students have attended Science Alive and Bangarra Dance Theatre's production at Her Majesty's Theatre. There has been a range of school sporting events, including our Futsal State Final Competitions and open Mixed Knockout Volleyball and afterschool basketball competitions.

Learning in Focus

Time has been allocated to staff to consolidate their curriculum, build their documentation and resources to strengthen core business, the teaching and learning of our students. We have formed a staff committee in response to feedback to meet with the Department for Education and liaise with staff around the EMS and FROG system pilot. We have found it has not met our expectations in terms of accurately recording attendance, assessment, and general daily features we had been used to in Daymap. Without change to the community portal and the parent sign on, we are looking to merge features of Daymap back into Underdale school life. How that will look is not entirely clear, but we will keep the community informed as we gain more details.

Numeracy will be a whole school focus for us in 2024 and we are developing the Project Albus

We are currently working with Google for Education, Adelaide University and the DfE as we have been approached as an innovative school for technology. We are currently waiting on the Research Department within DfE to finally approve this study. If all goes ahead the plan would be to introduce Chrome Books for our 2024 year 8 students, providing teachers and students with devices and training to integrate the Google suite into teaching and learning. Aside from being a more cost-effective device for families, with a range of cloud-based options, we know that there are opportunities for deeper metacognition and security benefits for using this device on site.

Community and Family Engagement

There have been a range of invitations created for parents to attend events this year, such as the Acquaintance Night, Achievement Assembly, Career Expo, and a range of performances. We have suggested to staff, should it be appropriate, to invite parents and students to their Action Team as they meet three times a term on Monday mornings. We believe we can only be stronger with more community involvement. One of our Action Teams, working on Parent Engagement has started to prepare our first ever Quiz Night, designed to bring people together for a fun night and raise funds for the 2024 Japanese tour. We would like to create a survey for all families to determine how others might like to be involved in future events and or projects.

School Mental Health Practitioner

We have secured a practitioner who will start at Underdale High School in Week 9 of this term. The practitioner will work half time and students will be referred by the wellbeing team and be provided with therapeutic sessions with this expert. We are really excited about this position and how the added personal will support our student need here at Underdale.

Student Review Team

We have formed a student review team for middle and senior school students, in which our leadership team meet with experts from the DfE Flinders Park Support Services and determine whether we need referrals for any students needing extra support. This can involve psychological support, behavioural, speech and language, students with additional needs etc... We are pleased to see that this structure is helping to strengthen the services that we can provide our students.

Department for Education – Purpose for Public Education

The new purpose for Education has been launched as the result of wide community consultation. This is a perfect opportunity for us as a school to develop a new strategic vision for our future. As a leadership team we have begun reviewing these strategic directions and thinking how they may influence our own directions, including leadership structure, programs of learning and approaches to teaching that strengthen student agency in learning. We will involve staff, students and parents in this 12 month process.

Mary-Lou

8 **Items for Decision/Discussion**

9 **AOB**

Next Meeting **Tuesday 19th September 2023 6:00pm**
Close **7.15pm**