



## Term 4 Week 4

### Governing Council Minutes/Agenda

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

#### Tuesday Week 4 7/11/2023

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 Busuttil	Secretary / Parent
	Uniform / Parent
Puja Uppal	Parent
Ferial Shabibi	Parent
Matthew Wilson	Parent
Gorcica Gigovic	Parent
	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
1.1	Apologies: Lauren, Zoi – No apology not present (Puja, Welcome: Steph (Devon)	JM
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes Approved</b>	
2.1	Moved: Julie Seconded: Helen Passed/Adjustment made	SM
2.2	Adjustment(s)	SM
<b>3</b>	<b>Devon Uniform</b>	Steph
3.1	Steph presented a uniform board with ideas and samples of uniforms. Price list and uniform options discussed. Uniform committee will meet with student uniform leaders. Discussions around Edwardstown store stock UHS school uniform.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Innovative Governance in Schools</b>	
4.1	Items to Discuss	Mary-Lou Michael
	Quiz Night Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 Picnic for families and students	
	Principals Breakfast Wednesday 29th November 2023 9-10am	
	Governing Council Dinner 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm – Parwana Henley Beach Road, Torrensville	
	2024 staggered start – Yr. 7 Mondays, Yr. 7,8 and 12 Tuesdays, all classes Wednesday APPROVED	
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
5.1	SAASSO report	Julie

<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Student Voice Report Events</b>	<b>LDB</b>
	<p>Friday of week 2 we celebrated the final assembly with our year 12 students. Year 12's enjoyed a BBQ breakfast, the assembly and then a wonderful cake to celebrate the end of their formal classes. Students are now completing final tasks and exams have begun. We look forward to their final send off in the graduation ceremony.</p> <p>Our Year 7's hosted their market stalls during week 2. This was a task that they have been working on through their HASS classes, culminating in a market week with a range of various items for sale including soft drinks, baked goods, lolly bags and even a car wash option.</p> <p><b>Learner Agency workshop</b></p> <p>Monday 6/11 a small group of students participated in an online Learner Agency workshop through the Department for Education. Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell and Professor of Education Guy Claxton ran the event sharing information about the department's new strategy for public education, in particular the focus area of 'learner agency'. Students were encouraged to think about 'learning zones' and 'performance zones' and the strategies and attitudes that help them make their way through the learning pit. Students look forward to sharing and building their ideas about how to improve learner agency at Underdale.</p> <p><b>Empowered leadership program</b></p> <p>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov a group of 20 year 9 – 11 girls attended the Port Adelaide Football Clubs Empowered Leadership Day at Adelaide Oval. Students heard from a range of inspiring women including Port Adelaide Captain Erin Phillips, Coach Lauren Arnell, a number of Port Adelaide women's players and stand up comedian, writer and presenter Becky Lucas. A key focus of the day was how each of the speakers have approached challenges and effectively lead in their range of roles.</p> <p><b>Governors Youth Leadership Graduation</b></p> <p>On Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, year 10 student Amani Abed graduated from the Governors Youth Leadership Program. Amani has been participating in this program throughout terms 2 and 3, working together with her team to complete a project on an important local issue in food wastage. Amani's group presented in front of a packed crowd, including our Governor the Honourable Frances Adamson. Amani also shared a speech on the evening about her own growth throughout the program and the impact the program has had on her.</p> <p><b>2024 Student Leadership</b></p> <p>Nominations have closed for 2024 student leadership applications. Interviews will be conducted in coming weeks for Head Prefect roles.</p>	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Governing Council Chair Report</b>	<b>JM</b>
	<p>I am meeting with Craig next week to arrange the annual picnic and the new annual quiz night which we are holding on the same day on the Friday in week 2 term 1 2024. We will hold the picnic from 4 in the school grounds and then into the quiz night that starts at 6. Mary-Lou and myself are hosting a breakfast for selected parents to attend which will be a fantastic opportunity for the parents to feel connected to the school and feel like they are contributing.</p> <p>I am penning a letter to go to all families requesting that they join the governing council as it is a requirement that we have certain numbers and we are starting to get low.</p> <p>Parents and Friends will meet again next week to discuss the fundraising opportunities for the picnic and Quiz night.</p> <p>Jude</p>	
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Finance Report – Presented by Susan Mlaco/Samantha Corns</b>	<b>SM</b>
	<p>4.1 The following reports for the month ending September 2023 were and discussed and approved:</p>	

- Profit and Loss statement
- Balance sheet

September reports show a surplus of \$65,002.25 which is mainly attributable to international revenue that was higher than budgeted for September. Salary costs were higher than budgeted.

Julie/MLM

**6.4 Uniform**

Devon Uniform updates

**6.5 Facilities Report**

SM

**6.6 Parents Affiliated Committee**

**Meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss 2024 picnic.  
Actively seeking to find new members to join next year.**

JM

**7 Principals Report**

MLL

**7.1** We have had a range of highlights this term, Year 12 student leaders attended Government House with Mr Morris, meeting the Governor of South Australia and Minister for Education. Elisha Ballot's speech after the Year 12 Breakfast, at the Celebration Assembly resonated with all of us, particularly her final statement, "Underdale starts with *you*".

Year 12 leaders and staff have been working hard with all students, many teachers came and worked through the holidays. Thank you to Louis and Cohen and all the Senior school team, including HG teachers supporting the Assembly this morning and preparation for the breakfast, Graduation and Exams. We look forward to the Graduation and wish all students luck with their exams.

Our High Achievers Breakfast provided the opportunity for the staff to chat with caregivers and students, listening to some lovely feedback from families. We also celebrated all teaching staff for **World Teachers Day!**

Year 7 students in Humanities have been demonstrating entrepreneurship as they prepared for their Market Stalls where they are selling various items and services, a great example of real-life learning and financial literacy.

**The EMS Staff Committee** has been working on refining our Daymap notes, and we are happy with the migration into this learner management system.

**Student Success:**

It was wonderful to watch Amani present to a packed crowd on behalf of the [Leaders Institute of South Australia](#). Incredible transformation and a credit to Lauren De Bono, and all the years team, support staff and teachers. Diya Talwar in 10.2 has been offered a place in the 2024 Class of Cabaret. She sang Over the Rainbow for the audition. 17-year-old Musa Toure scores his first goal for Adelaide United. [#MohamedToure](#), Underdale High School 2021 graduate, made his debut for the Australia national team v England at Wembley Saturday October 14th. Our students received second place at the Mars Challenge Showcase at the Space Discovery Centre [#Lot14](#) Adelaide City, competing against many students from across the state.

Transition team have also been incredibly busy behind the scenes working hard to give our new year 7s a smooth introduction to secondary life.

**Staffing news!**

We are excited to welcome three staff back from maternity leave in 2024, Claudia Reveruzzi, Lauren Marveggio and Paige Stewart. We also congratulations **Coby Rolph**, who has won and accepted the Dance Position here at Underdale High School, 0.6.

In other great news congratulations to **Lachlan Davidson** who we have secured as an on-site Speech Pathologist two days a week. Lachlan is very approachable, knowledgeable, and patient presenter who has delivered PD to us in Speech and Language. We are absolutely thrilled to have him working with us, on site for the next two years. We also welcomed **Helen Siasios** our new on-site Psychologist.

**In 2024 the ICT support help desk** will be moving to the Learning Hub to provide greater support to students and staff for laptop borrowing and for our Lumination Lab.

**Professional Learning Day**

We had a very successful day at Semaphore on Friday with all staff, diving further into co-designing the vision for our school future, creating galleries of outstanding ideas connecting to the new Department for Education Purpose for Education. We will look at a way to roll this out with all Home Groups before the end of the year and the leaders will work together during extended leaders to begin our strategic plan, using this work. Youth Opportunities presented some of the outstanding work they are doing with our young people this year, sharing the stars and holes strategy, a powerful tool we can use

**8**      **Items for Decision/Discussion**  
**8.1**

**9**      **AOB**

Next Meeting      **End of year dinner Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm at Parwana Restaurant.**  
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