



You may know that Rossmoyne Senior High School has a school Board that meets regularly. We also wish to keep you informed about what the Board does (chances are you don't know too much about that).

Given our role, we think it's important to let you know what the Board has been doing via an overview of the outcomes of each meeting. Being connected and engaged with parents, students, staff and our local community is an important part of how we can do what we do well.

Here is a summary of business covered at our May meeting:

Outcomes of Board Meeting – 9 May 2017

2016 National Schools Opinion Survey

Further analysis of parents' responses to the survey have highlighted the ongoing priority to maintain and enhance communication with parents so they continue to be engaged and involved with their child's education, given parents' crucial role in the success of the school.

Finance Report

The Board considered the financial report and noted that proposed expenditure complies with the Department's minimum expenditure requirements. It was also pleasing to note the strong support the school receives from parents through their payment of the voluntary contributions.

There are several maintenance issues within the school that require attention. We talked about the school's plan for addressing these, in the context of the ongoing commitment to promote the need for the whole school development to continue.

Business Plan

We reviewed a draft of the targets and milestones in the Business Plan, and considered the nature of the benchmark data which will underpin the monitoring of performance against the plan.

We discussed the key issues, challenges and risks for the school, to ensure that the measures were focused and supported on the key areas and activities within the school. The Board agreed that the targets in the business plan should remain high level and focused on benchmark targets, with more explicit and specific targets to be outlined in the school operational plans.

The Board endorsed the plan as an accurate and meaningful blueprint which clearly outlines the strategic direction for the school.

Department of Education – Mandatory Criminal History Screening

The Board noted the Department's requirement that new Board members are required to undertake a criminal history screening prior to their appointment. All Board members were advised and the school Board nomination documents will be updated to include this.

Board Appointments

The Board sincerely thanked Paul Ng and Phil de Garis for their valuable contribution and commitment to the Rossmoyne School Board, and previous School Council for Paul, who has been involved with the school community over many years. The Board will appoint two community representative members based on the school and Board needs.

Public Sector changes

We noted the State Government public sector changes which will result in the Department amalgamating with the Department of Education Services and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, commencing 1 July 2017.

Kirsty Barnetson

RSHS School Board Chair