



School Board Nomination Eden Hill Primary School

Nomination for a Parent and Community position on the Eden Hill School Board 2021 – 2024

Background information: SCHOOL BOARDS

What is a School Board? A School Board is a formally constituted group that includes the principal and parent, staff and community representatives.

Must a school have a School Board?

Yes. It is a requirement under the *School Education Act 1999*.

What is the purpose of a School Board?

Community participation is a major factor in improving education at your school. Boards are a formal means of achieving community participation in schools to ensure they are responsive to local needs.

What experience is needed to be a School Board member?

None. What is needed is an interest in your child's school and the skills to work co-operatively with others to help shape its future.

What does a School Board do?

The Board's functions include:

- Taking part in establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Taking part in the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Taking part in the evaluation of the school's performance in achieving its objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- Approving certain charges and contributions and advertising and sponsorship agreements;
- Determining the school's dress code in consultation with students, staff and parents;
- Participate in processes to review school performance
- Promoting the school in the community.

The Board does not take part in the day-to-day management of the school or its staff.

Are there different types of School Boards?

Yes. Most schools will have a non-incorporated Board. However, Boards may become incorporated to enable them to carry out some additional functions. Two or more schools may have a joint Council.

Who can be on the Board?

Representatives of:

- Parents of students attending the school;
- Staff at the school;
- Other members of the general community; and
- The Principal is automatically a member of the School Board.

Parent and community members must be in the majority.

The Board elects its own chairperson.

Our current Board Chair is Mr Stephen Bakes.

Membership can be for a period up to **three years**.

Members may stand for re-election.

How often does a School Board meet?

Each Board sets the frequency of meetings. Currently the Eden Hill PS Board meets once/twice a term.

Who is the School Board responsible to?

While formally accountable to the Minister for Education, each Board has a fundamental responsibility to the school community.



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Nominee (Please print name)

Address _____

Signed _____

Contact phone number _____

(When an election is to be held, candidates will be asked to provide a half page statement supporting their candidacy.)

Nominated by (can be self-nominated)

Address

Signed

Please hand your form to the Principal **by 4pm on Wednesday 21st April 2021**, or email to edenhill.ps@education.wa.edu.au