



An Independent Public School

School Board Nominations

As part of the cyclic process of a School Board, places become available due to either the end of tenure or members are unable to complete their tenure. At this point in time, Morawa District High School IPS Board is calling for Nominations to fill the positions on the School Board.

The current School Board consists of parents, community members, staff and the principal as ex-officio.

Tenure

3 year terms

What is a school board and what does it do?

The Independent Public School board is a signatory to the Delivery and Performance Agreement with the Principal and Director General. There is also an expectation that the board participates in the external review of the school that is undertaken by the Department of Education Services in the final year of the Delivery and Performance Agreement.

An unincorporated board uses approved terms of reference to define its way of working and to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Who is on the school board?

There are three possible categories of membership:

1. A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category.
2. A mandated elected Department of Education employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Board.
3. An *optional* Community Member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Board because of their special skills, interests or experiences. (Members for this category may come from the Community Members, P&C Representative or Association Representative groups).

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on a school board provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held on a cyclic basis as determined by the *Terms of Reference*.

Ballots are only held **if more people nominate** as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the School Board
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Board?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Induction

There is an induction for new members prior to the first meeting with the Chair and principal. Further training is available upon request. Ongoing support is provided throughout the tenure as members become aware with the governance role.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations prior to the commencement of Semester 1 each year.

Request a nomination form , via the school office, a member of staff or the IPS assistant.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on the School Board, a ballot will be conducted during the weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Frequency & Time of Meetings

Meetings are held a minimum of once per term, with one of those meetings being a designated public meeting.

More meetings can be called if required.

Remember

- Ask at the school for more information if you would like to stand for nomination/election and are not sure what to do
- Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Contact the Principal, Mrs Tonia Carslake or Tonia.Carslake@education.wa.edu.au

**Nomination of a candidate for
The IPS School Board**

I wish to nominate myself as a candidate for election to the Morawa District High School IPS Board.

Full name:

Candidate Profile

Please provide a brief outline of your experience so if nominees have to go to ballot, members of the school community who may not know you can develop a profile of your experience prior to voting.

(a separate document can be attached)

Declaration of candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if elected will accept the responsibility of being a representative on the Morawa District High School IPS Board.

Signature of candidate:

Please submit either to the Principal or the IPS Assistant