

TOPIC: IMPROVING SCHOOLS BY THE BOARD'S EXECUTION OF QUALITY GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

DESCRIPTION

An understanding of the role of school boards (councils) in the education arena to provide quality governance frameworks can greatly assist all school governors to indirectly improve student learning outcomes. By providing a healthy governance platform upon which schools governors govern the school is crucial to the overall performance of the school. Ensuring that the school board has the right legislative and regulatory frameworks in place will provide the optimal environment for quality governance practices to occur. School Council member education learning and school council assessments underpins our work with schools.

AREAS OF FOCUS

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD ASSESSMENTS

Is your school looking to identify, develop governance frameworks and practices? If so, then we can provide and execute/facilitate a school council/board assessment plan which provides a detailed report on strengths and areas earmarked for improvement/focus. Current practices in governance aspects can be used to address any shortfalls in the governing bodies' performance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD COMPLIANCE

All schools are required to comply with a raft of legislative and regulatory frameworks. Directors on a school council/board may have responsibilities to school systems' authorities including State and Commonwealth governments. All school governors are required to bear knowledge and execute their duties in a responsible and effective fashion, having due regard for all of the various due diligence aspects of being on a school council/board. We can assist with the improved outcomes in relation to quality governance compliance processes and policies.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD EDUCATION

Current governance practices in the non-profit sector are required to be as robust, and often these requirements are more onerous than those of for profit boards. We provide continual professional development in this critical area of responsibility and cannot be underestimated. Some of the topics covered include the role of the director, legal implications of directorship, monitoring of CEO/Principal, setting the risk appetite, role of strategy formulation, risk management for directors, policy formulation, financial sustainability, compliance, school performance monitoring.

OPTIONS

Improving Schools Australia offers support in this topic through:

- School Council/Board professional development days/sessions; Individual director and group mentoring;
- School Council/Board assessments/evaluations; and
- Workshops on risk culture and setting the risk agenda.

FEE

Fees are determined based on preparation, travel, pre and post support involvement and resource provision. Detailed costs would be included in a Proposal specifically designed for your school.