Facts about a School Board.

- There are three categories on a school board: staff members, parent members and business, industry and community members.

- Parents and staff are elected. Business, industry and community members are appointed by the board.

- The length of a board term is three years but a person can be nominated for further three-year periods.

- The School Board should meet at least once a term, although it may be beneficial to meet more frequently when getting established.

- Elections will be run if there are more nominations than positions. They operate in the same way as any public election with secret ballot. ‘First Past the Post’ counting method will be used.

What is the role of the School Board?

The role of the School Board is one of setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school’s operation. It is not about running the school- that is the job of the Principal. The School Board provides additional input and suggestions to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the students.

Some of the responsibilities of the School Board are to

- contribute to the School Delivery and Performance Agreement and the Business Plan. This document summarises what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there;
- endorse and review the annual budget;
- assist with the formulation of Codes of Conduct and endorse school policies;
- approve fees, charges and contributions;
- liaise with other committees within the school such as P&C.

Parent members of the School Board bring their experience as parents at the school and the views and context of the wider school community to School Board meetings.

The School Board does not

- manage the day to day running of the school. For example, it does not employ staff, decide which classes students will be assigned to, or resolve issues relating to individual teachers and students and/or parents;
- discuss individual issues relating to teachers, staff or parents-these are very clearly management roles, and therefore the responsibility of the principal;
- intervene in educational instruction of students.

For more detailed information on the role of the School Board go to the Department of Education website- det.wa.edu.au/independentpublicschools or talk to some of the current board members.
General School Board Elections

Nominee Form

Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

School

School Name: Walpole Primary School

Returning Officer: Mrs Debra Doust

Phone: 9840 1020

Name of Position | No. of Vacancies | Eligibility criteria
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Parents members | 2 | A registered parent of a student
Staff members | 0 | A member of the staff at the school

Nomination

I, _______________________________ am nominating for the positions of

Parents member / Staff member _______ on the school board. If elected I will undertake the duties of the position.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________________

Lodgement

Nominations are to be submitted to the school’s front office between Monday February 10 and Friday February 14. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 8:30am – 3:30pm.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the front office at Walpole Independent Primary School
- email to walpoleps@education.wa.edu.au or Debra.Doust@education.wa.edu.au
- fax to 9840 1334
- mail to Walpole Primary School PO Box 310 Walpole WA 6398

If more nominations are received than places, nominees will be asked for more information to assist with voting.