

## Role of the Governing Council

### Management vs Governance

The Governing Council is responsible for helping with the *Governance* of the school. The Principal is responsible for the *management* of the school. Below is a table that may help sort out the difference.

### Role of Council

	No Role	Can Discuss	Provide Advice/ Recommendations	Make Decisions
Develop School Objectives				✓
<b>Curriculum</b> Directions Programming Learning objectives Time allocation	✓	✓ ✓ ✓		
Teaching Style	✓			
Principal Selection			✓	
Staff Selection	✓			
Selection of Council Chairperson				✓
Nomination of Staff to Council	✓			
Appointment of Community Reps. to Council			✓	
Enrolment of Students	✓			
Allocation of Students to Classes	✓			
Allocation of Teaching loads	✓			
Determination of School Budgets		✓		
Monitoring of School Absenteeism		✓		
School Policy and Procedures			✓	
Selection of Language to be taught			✓	
Changes to school uniform / logo / colours			✓	
<b>Staff Professional Development</b> Objectives/direction Approval for Pupil Free Days Approval for School Closure Days		✓ ✓		✓
Performance of Teachers/SSO's/GSE's	✓			
Behaviour of Pupils	✓			

### Principal's Responsibility

Principals are responsible under the Education Act to the Chief Executive Officer for the management, organisation and administration of the school and the welfare and development of its students. Thus the Principal carries the final responsibility for all decisions regarding school management, policy and curriculum. Therefore the Principal's acceptance of any decision is essential.