



DEVELOPING THE COUNCIL TEAM

Council inducts new members

For example:

- Becoming a councillor session
- Improving School Governance Induction
- School Council Leadership training
- Financial training
- Strategic Intent training

Council sets ground rules for its operation.

For example:

- Strong standing orders
- meetings to start on time.
- Establishes appropriate Sub-committees and working parties.
- Ensures the right people are on the right team.
- Develops and adopts a code of ethics and practice.

Develop a Team Approach

For example

- Plan a get to know you social activity.
- All Council related meetings are at agreed times and locations.
- Have a Council Professional learning plan.
- Provide pre meeting meals or supper.
- Value everyone's opinion.
- Plan an end of year thank you activity.

Focus on their role

For example

- Building a common vision
- Focus on planning and policy
- Prepares and develops people as office bearers
- Has a council learning plan

MEETING PROTOCOLS OR GROUND RULES

- Protocols are likely to include some or all of the following:
- Everyone is listened to -this does not mean agreement but it does mean trying to understand keep to the issues under discussion
- keep the focus on improving learning outcomes for all students
- discussion should focus on issues, not people or their personalities
- one conversation at a time present information, opinions or feelings Clearly and succinctly - don't hog the meeting time no question is too trivial
- avoid jargon represent the entire community.

