

AITSL BOARD MEETING REPORT

25 June 2019

Attendance

The meeting was attended by Board Directors: Laureate Professor John Hattie (Chair), Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair), Ms Beth Blackwood, Ms Alex Gordon, Prof. Donna Pendergast, Dr Jennifer Buckingham, Mr Mark Mowbray, Dr Peter Lind, Ms Renez Lammon, Mr Rob Nairn, and Mr Tony Cook. It was also attended by Mr David Pattie as the Department of Education Observer.

Update from the Chair

The Board considered a number of key pieces of work that drive AITSL's focus on supporting and promoting high quality teaching and school leadership across the country.

Update from the CEO

The Directors were informed that the 2018–2019 Work Plan was nearing completion and the teams were preparing to commence the 2019–2020 Work Plan.

The CEO informed Directors that he would be attending a meeting with the Commonwealth Minister for Education, the Hon. Dan Tehan MP, along with the AITSL Chair, to discuss AITSL's continuing and potentially growing pipeline of work.

Learning Progressions and Online Formative Assessment Initiative

A presentation by Dr Jenny Donovan, Managing Director of the Learning Progressions and Online Formative Assessment Initiative, provided Directors with an overview of the initiative and its purpose. Dr Donovan also outlined the agencies involved and the governance arrangements, as well as the research that has been, and continues to be, undertaken with the profession, to ensure the initiative progresses.

Dr Donovan outlined AITSL's role in researching the evidence base for best practice in professional learning content and practices to support effective implementation and use of learning progressions and online assessments. This research will include a literature review, environmental scan and engagement with the profession by convening a reference group of teachers and school leaders to help inform the initiative. In addition, AITSL will report on design specifications for professional learning to support future implementation of the initiative.

The Directors noted the presentation, and discussed various elements of the initiative at length. Dr Donovan will circulate a report on next steps to the Board later in the year, prior to the Education Council meeting in December.

High Quality Professional Learning tool

The Board was provided with a demonstration of a High Quality Professional Learning (HQPL) technical solution prototype.

The Board discussed the HQPL business case, associated risks, and proposed options to progress the technical solution.

Directors agreed that additional work to define what HQPL is and the narrative around it, as well as additional user research as to why teacher and school leaders would use the tool, was required before development of the tool could proceed.

In other business, the Board discussed and approved the 2019–20 Operating Budget, which had previously been approved by the Finance Committee.

The AITSL Board next meets on 27 August 2019 in Melbourne.