

AITSL BOARD MEETING REPORT

26 February 2019

Attendance

This 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, Mr Mark Mowbray, Dr Peter Lind, Ms Renee Lammon, and Mr Rob Nairn.

Update from the Chair

Board Directors considered a number of key items during the February meeting, including work currently underway, and new work that AITSL is about to undertake.

Directors also discussed audit and risk with its independent expert, Ms Jenny Morrison, and AITSL's ongoing work towards improving AITSL's digital and technology position.

School Leadership

AITSL continues to explore further resources that help support and develop principals and aspiring principals. It was noted that there is a need to provide clear, practical guidance to aspiring principals, including what is expected of principals, examples of best practice, and instructional leadership.

Directors noted that AITSL must ensure the right questions and issues are being considered, the importance of context, and how the role of a principal differs in regional/rural settings, compared to the bigger urban schools, needs to remain at the forefront of discussions about school leadership.

High Quality Professional Learning

The Board received an update on work being progressed on solutions for identifying high quality professional learning. In particular, the proposed solutions for three cohorts of teachers: casual/relief, early childhood, and those working in rural/remote settings.

Directors discussed the proposal at length, raising a number of clarifying questions with the team. The Board agreed on a number of the solutions and noted that ongoing work will continue in this space.

The AITSL Board next meets on 23 May in Darwin.