

## SP HO1: The role of the school council president

Scenario	Considerations / response
<p><b>Scenario 1:</b></p> <p>Your school council meeting is about to start. Your membership according to the council Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils is 14 (seven parent members, four school employee members including the principal, and three community members). Two of your parent members are department employees at other schools and one community position remains unfilled. Present at tonight’s meeting are the principal, three teachers, two community members (including the president) and four parents, one of whom is a department employee. Do you have a quorum?</p>	
<p><b>Scenario 2:</b></p> <p>You receive a letter from a parent upset at how the principal has handled a situation that resulted in her son being suspended for three days. The parent believes the suspension was not warranted and the principal was victimising her son. The parent wants this matter raised at school council and plans to attend the next council meeting to see that it is.</p>	
<p><b>Scenario 3:</b></p> <p>Your school council has been considering a contentious issue for several meetings. Finally, a motion has been put and the voting sees five votes for and five votes against. As president and chair, your vote went for the affirmative. Now what do you do?</p>	

**Scenario 4:**

School council decides it is time to review the student dress code and sets up a working party to consider this. Department policy states the community must be consulted on changes to the school's dress code. How should you proceed?

**Scenario 5:**

As president of the school council, you are approached by a small group of staff members who would like to have a discussion with you about the school. You feel this is positive and agree to meet with them. At the meeting the group begins to make direct comments about their dissatisfaction with some teacher colleagues and the principal.