Knowing the difference between governing and managing

School council focusses on making decisions about strategy, policy and risk.

Principals focus on enacting the decisions of school council through managing the school.

Who does what?

| | | Governing | Managing |
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| 1 | Adding a goal to the school's strategic (action) plan | | |
| 2 | Appointing a new teacher assistant | | |
| 3 | Approving staff attendance at conference | | |
| 4 | Authorising expenditure on classroom resources | | |
| 5 | Co-opting a new member to the school council | | |
| 6 | Signing cheques for classroom equipment | 7) | |
| 7 | Deciding on content of school's annual report | | |
| 8 | Approving school policy on staff development | | |
| 9 | Initiating policy discussion amongst the school staff | | |
| 10 | Monitoring the school's year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN results | | |
| 11 | Debating the student behaviour code | | |
| 12 | Monitoring information on literacy levels at the school | | |
| 13 | Developing new student reporting procedures | | |
| 14 | Inducting a new teacher to the school | | |
| 15 | Discussing views on alcohol sale at school functions | | |
| 16 | Producing the school timetable | | |
| 17 | Revising the school's mission statement | | |
| 18 | Selecting new computer equipment | | |
| 19 | Signing a construction contract for a new building | | |
| 20 | Advising on the use of school buildings | | |

