

Meeting of Education Policy Committee to be held by teleconference on Friday 13 September 2019 at 9:30am.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Prayer Page 2
4. Conflicts of Interest – The Chair to enquire whether any Committee Member or attendee has any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest regarding any matter to be addressed at the meeting or affecting the Federation more broadly.
5. Minutes of the meeting dated 16 August 2019 Page 3
6. Business arising from the minutes
 - Recurrent Funding NSW & Commonwealth Pending AGDET
 - NSW Curriculum Review Pending NESA
 - Memorandum of Understanding Pending – Br Paul
 - State of the System Report For Discussion
7. Principals' Forum – Discussion of Outcomes & Required Actions For Discussion
8. Business of Remaining Meetings for 2019 For Discussion
 - 25 October 2019
 - 29 November 2019
9. CSNSW - 'analytics showcase' for CED3 and SCOUT Verbal Report - Tony
10. Next Meeting - 25 October 2019
11. Other Business
12. Closure

A prayer of compassion from Mother Teresa

Lord, open our eyes
that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.
Lord, open our ears
that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.
Lord, open our hearts
that we may love each other as you love us.
Renew in us your spirit.
Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen



Tamil couple Priya and Nadesalingam came to Australia separately by boat in 2012 and 2013 following Sri Lanka's civil war and established themselves in the Queensland town of Biloela, near Gladstone. Their children, Kopika, 4, and Tharunicaa, 2, were born in Australia.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee
held at Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney on 16 August 2019 at 11:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair

John Robinson
Jennie Hickey
Marea Nicholson
Anne Wenham
Jane Curran

In Attendance: - Greg Smith - Executive Officer
- Br Paul Oakley – Chair of Council – from 12:30pm
- Danielle Cronin Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) – from 12:30pm

Apology: Tony Fitzgerald

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present and noted the apology listed above.

Acknowledgement
of Country: Kitty acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting took place and paid respect to the elders, past, present and emerging.

Prayer: Kitty led the meeting in prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: In response to enquiry from the Committee Chair, no person present declared any conflict of interest in relation to any agenda item or other matters relating to the Federation.

Previous Minutes: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 be adopted.

Business Arising from
the Minutes: It was noted that:

- Schools had not yet received advice from the Commonwealth Department of Education of their **revised SES scores** calculated with reference to the direct income measures of parents and carers. Greg advised that he would be presenting an analysis of the impacts of changes to schools' SES upon recurrent funding at the afternoon's principals' forum.
- No further information had been forthcoming from NESA regarding the **NSW curriculum review**.
- Br Paul had arranged a meeting with Bishop Randazzo regarding the development of the **memorandum of understanding** between NSW/ACT Bishops and Federation members, to take place during September 2019.

Principals' Forum: The committee discussed the outcomes expected from the afternoon's principals' forum and Marea suggest that the following be included:

- a) framework of relationships between the parties
- b) actions required by Federation
- c) actions required by CSNSW
- d) actions required by individual College/ PJPs
- e) managed expectations

It was also agreed that the forum may assist in providing a scaffold for relationships for schools and their Canonical authorities, particularly in light of recent and likely future changes in heads of schools. The facilitation of professional development in this space, for principals, governing bodies and business managers by the Federation was also discussed.

Commonwealth
Census:

In response to concerns raised by some principals relating to data errors in the upload of data by CSNSW, Danielle advised that this had arisen from a processing error by the department and that she would mention this at the afternoon's forum.

State of the System: The Committee discussed the "State of the System – 2019" report prepared by CSNSW, including data on Congregational schools. It was agreed that the authority of CSNSW to publish this data be discussed with them.

Next Meeting:

Next scheduled meetings:

- Friday 13 September 2019 at 9:30am.
- Friday 25 October 2019 at 9:30am.

This committee discussed whether there was a need to proceed with the September meeting and it was agreed that this be considered following the afternoon's principals' forum.

Other Business:

Read and Confirmed as
A true and correct record

Chair

Dated

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Impact of funding changes upon RI/PJP schools
 - Pending advice from Commonwealth – approx. August 2019
2. NSW Curriculum Review
 - Pending NESA final report to Minister – end of 2019

3. Br Paul Oakley to meet with Bishop Randazzo.
4. Progression of CSNSW Services Offering – Principals' Forum
5. State of the System Report – Greg/Marea
6. 13 September meeting - Committee