



FEDERATION
of Religious Institute
and Ministerial PJP
Catholic School Authorities
in NSW and ACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee
held by Teleconference on 13 September 2019 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair
John Robinson
Jennie Hickey
Marea Nicholson
Anne Wenham
Jane Curran
Tony Fitzgerald

In Attendance: Greg Smith - Executive Officer

Apologies: Nil

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present.

Acknowledgement
of Country: Kitty noted that the participants in the teleconference were located in different parts of the State and acknowledged the traditional owners of these places 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 16 August 2019 be adopted.

Business Arising from
the Minutes: Greg reported that advice had been received that the details of the implementation of **direct income measures (DIM)** in the determination of Commonwealth and State/Territory recurrent funding was unlikely to occur before the start of 2020. This would mean that where such changes would result in increased funding for a school, the increases would not apply from the start of the 2020 year, leading to the possible need for backdating the increases. It was noted that where the DIM would result in a decrease in funding for a school, the reductions would not apply until 2022.

Jane undertook to circulate materials provided by AHISA in relation to the progress of the **NSW Curriculum Review**.

The Committee noted that Kitty and Br Paul were scheduled to meet with Bishop

Randazzo regarding the development of a **memorandum of understanding** between the Bishops of NSW and Federation members. The Committee discussed the need for procedural fairness in the drafting of the final memorandum. Greg undertook to provide a copy of the Council's notes in preparation for this meeting.

The Committee discussed the following issues pertaining to the **"State of the System"** report from Catholic Schools NSW:

- Use of the term "system" when referring to all Catholic schools, not only systemic schools.
- Selective combination or separation of data for systemic and congregational schools.
- Inclusion of congregational schools whether representative body or not.
- Whether consent of RI & PJP school authorities should be obtained.

It was agreed that timely consultation with the Federation should occur in future years prior to production of such reports.

Principals' Forum: The Committee discussed the outcomes of the Principals' Forum held on 16 August 2019, including the need for preparation of a services directory and network matrix around governance relationships and where the Federation fits in this matrix. Marea offered to assist in the preparation of these documents.

Business of Future Meetings: Deferred for discussion at next meeting.

Analytics Showcase: In response to a communication from Danielle Cronin (Catholic Schools NSW), the Committee agreed that it would be valuable to receive a demonstration of CED3 and SCOUT analytics. Greg agreed to follow this up with Danielle for a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Next scheduled meeting - Friday 25 October 2019 at 9:30am [to be hosted by Jane at Brigidine College, St Ives].

Other Business: There being no further business, the meeting closed.

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 – expected 2020 - AGDET
2. NSW Curriculum Review
- Pending NESA final report to Minister – end of 2019 – AHISA materials - Jane
3. Br Paul Oakley & Kitty Guerin to meet with Bishop Randazzo - Kitty
4. MOU notes - Greg
5. State of the System Report - Greg/Marea
6. Services Directory & Network Matrix - Greg/Marea
7. Future Meetings - Committee
8. Analytics Showcase - Greg