



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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee
held at the Marist Centre, 247 Coward St., Mascot on 29 November 2019 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair
Jennie Hickey
John Robinson
Marea Nicholson
Tony Fitzgerald

In Attendance: Sue Lennox – St Patrick’s College Campbelltown
Craig Wattam – St Patrick’s College Strathfield
Lee MacMaster – St Gregory’s College Campbelltown
Greg Smith - Executive Officer

Apologies: Anne Wenham
Jane Curran

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present including those attending as new members from 2020.

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

Prayer: Greg 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 25 October 2019 be adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: **Direct Income Measures** – Nil further to report.

NSW Curriculum Review – Nil further to report.

Memorandum of understanding – Nil further to report. Expect to be followed up with Bishop Randazzo early in 2020.

Analytics Showcase - Greg reported that he had spoken with Danielle Cronin (CSNSW) who advised that she would be unavailable on 29 November and had suggested deferral of her presentation until 2020.

State of the System Report – Nil further to report. Greg to distribute copies to all committee members.

Service Directory and
Network Matrix:

Greg referred to the work during 2019 concerning the availability of services from CSNSW and more broadly. Marea referred to the need for a directory of services for the benefit of members, principals and boards, as well as a document mapping the relationship and governance alliances for RI and PJP schools. Greg undertook to prepare a table for Marea's review in the first instance, and for distribution to committee members. Greg undertook also to contact Bronwyn Hession (CSNSW) regarding their progress on development of a service directory.

Multi-Enterprise
Agreements:

Kitty raised concern about two issues included in the negotiation for a new enterprise agreement covering Lists B and C schools. These were the demand for significant pay increases for support staff and specifying work practices for teachers. The committee discussed the disproportionate number of support staff in RI and PJP schools compared with public and systemic schools, resulting in a much higher cost impact for RI and PJP schools. The committee also discussed the desire to continue to manage teaching work practices at individual school levels.

Greg undertook to prepare a draft letter to CCER, outlining concerns at the process for negotiating the new agreements and at the abovementioned specific issues.

Committee
Membership 2020:

Kitty reported that Sue Lennox, Craig Wattam and Lee MacMaster had agreed to join the Education Policy Committee from 2020 and the Committee was pleased to note their attendance. Kitty reported also that she had approached Nicole Christensen to join the committee but that she declined as she would not be able to commit to regular meeting attendance at this time. Greg undertook to seek the Council's confirmation of these appointments.

Kitty undertook to also approach Marina Ugonotti, Principal at Loreto Normanhurst regarding her possible interest in joining the Committee.

Suggested Meeting
Dates 2020:

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting dates and made amendments as shown on the attached schedule.

Next Meeting:

The committee confirmed that the next meeting would be at 9:30am on Thursday 20 February 2020 at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

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 - NESA
3. Bishop Randazzo responses to discussions with Br Paul & Kitty - Bishops
4. State of the System Report – Next Year - Marea
5. Services Directory & Network Matrix - Greg/Marea
6. Danielle Cronin – Analytics Showcase - Greg
7. Multi-Enterprise Agreement – CCER - Greg
8. Additional Committee Member - Kitty

Proposed Meeting Dates 2020

Venues to be decided

Principals' Briefings

~~Friday – 27 March 2020 – 2pm *~~

*Revised to Monday – 30 March 2020 – 2pm **

Friday – 11 September 2020 – 2pm *

(* following Education Policy Committee Meetings)

Education Policy Committee

~~Friday – 21 February 2020 – 9:30am~~

Revised to Thurs – 20 February 2020 – 9:30am

~~Friday – 27 March 2020 – 11:30am *~~

*Revised to Monday – 30 March 2020 – 11:30am **

~~Friday – 8 May 2020 – 9:30am~~

Revised to Monday – 4 May 2020 – 9:30am

Friday – 12 June 2020 – 9:30am

Friday – 31 July 2020 – 9:30am

Friday – 11 September 2020 – 11:30am *

Friday – 16 October 2020 – 9:30am

Friday – 20 November 2020 – 9:30am

(* prior to Principals' Briefings)

Council

~~Tuesday – 3 March 2020 – 10am~~

Revised to Tuesday – 10 March 2020 – 10am – To be confirmed

~~Tuesday – 2 June 2020 – 10am~~

Revised to Tuesday – 9 June 2020 – 10am

~~Tuesday – 1 September 2020 – 10am~~

Revised to Tuesday – 8 September 2020 – 10am

Tuesday – 27 October 2020 – 10am

Annual General Meeting

Monday – 16 November 2020 – 9am