

Meeting held on 12 March 2020 at the Marist Centre, Mascot commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Attendance Dr Frank Malloy Chair and Councillors Kitty Guerin, Marita Winters, Mr Paul Mastronardi and Fran Warner.

Present Michael McDonald

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Acknowledgement of Country undertaken by the Chair.
3. Prayer: A Lenten Prayer was prayed together.
4. Apologies: Mr Peter Leuenberger.
5. Additions to the Agenda
 - i. Release of the Direct Income Measurement letter to Schools has occurred. What has been the impact on the Schools of Members? How will the distribution of the affordability fund work? Discussion returned to this later in the meeting
6. Conflicts of Interest: Nil
7. Confirmation of the Minutes of 23 October and 18 November 2019. Moved by Councillors Kitty Guerin and Fran Warner. The Meeting approved the minutes.
8. Confirmation of the Circular Resolution dated 13 December 2019. Moved by Councillors Kitty Guerin and Fran Warner. The Meeting approved the circular resolution.
9. Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil however some matters are ongoing.
10. Correspondence:
 - 10.1 The Council discussed the letter and draft Terms of Reference from the Association of Ministerial PJPs and CRA for the Religious Institute and MPJP school authorities. Appreciation is to be sent to Catherine Slattery sgs and Elizabeth Dodds rsc for their work in having RI and MPJP Schools represented on the NCEC and replacing the CRA nominee.

Discussion took place on the draft CORMSAA Terms of Reference and the following issues were raised:

- i) Clarity as to the role of the proposed Committee in relation to the Association of MPJP and RI. The Committee is an Education focussed Committee and is like the Education Policy Committee in its relationship with the Council.

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- ii) Purpose. The Terms of Reference should include its purpose to express a voice for PJPs and RIs school authorities on: expressing a broader framework and recognition of RI and MPJP schools in the context of the Catholic Church and Community; connection to a broader church; sustaining the CRA voice in the church; expressed commitment to safeguarding children and young people; government funding; national curriculum testing; boarding; a voice for disability, indigenous students and commitment to the option for the poor.
 - iii) Context. Create and foster a two-way communication between state and national level associations and by building constructive relationships with education bodies.
 - iv) Composition. The membership of the Committee should be balanced and diverse.
 - v) Term. This section needs to be clearer. The Terms of Reference should provide for a rotation of members which is staggered so that not all members leave the Committee at on time. Perhaps in the initial appointment 50% are appointed for 2 years and 50% for 3 years.
 - vi) Authority. The budget should come from the Association MPJP and RI. The budget funding would be decided by MPJP and RI after consultation with the Committee.
 - vii) Office Bearers and members. The expectations of NCEC and MPJ should be clearer e.g. number of meetings and reporting requirements etc.
 - viii) Communications. This should be clearer and identify who should communicate at what level.
 - ix) A letter is to be sent NSW/ACT members when the Council resolves a nominee for the Committee and when Association MPJP and RI appoint a member to the NCEC.
11. Noted. Annual Report of Parents Council
 12. Noted. Services by CS to RI /MPJP schools and check distribution of the CS brochure to schools.
 13. Education Policy Committee. Councillor Guerin reported on multi agreement meeting between CCER and Principals in February. List A and C schools to negotiate this year.
 14. Executive Officer Report. Noted. Agreed to work on Strategic Planning during the year.
 15. Implementation of the Levy. In future distribute a letter with levy invoice and explain and change.
 16. Other Business. Chair to speak to Dallas about Santa Sabina experience when a young student died.

Federation to write to schools about DIM. Check on impact on boarding schools and whether any issues generally have arisen because of DIM. Councillor Guerin to supply a copy of the DIM letter.

St Kelvins Toorak briefly discussed. It creates a stimulus to test our church authority capacity to respond in similar circumstances. Federation to raise with CS schools media training/ governance.

17. Council went to in camera and Executive Officer left the meeting.

18. Meeting closed.