



Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee

held on Zoom on 16 July 2021 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair Jennie Hickey, Marea Nicholson, Tony Fitzgerald, John Robinson, Stephen Dwyer, Vittoria Lavorato, Sue Lennox.

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Joe Zavone, Lee MacMaster

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present and acknowledged the apologies.

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

Prayer: We cry out to you

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 21 May 2021 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

Items of Discussion

1. COVID –19 and Lockdown.

Committee members expressed concern about the lack of clarity about the conduct of trial examinations and the HSC generally. Learning about the conduct of student assessment and HSC through Media Briefings is not helping schools look after the wellbeing of students. To be discussed with the Danielle Cronin.

2. CER and Negotiations

CER has distributed information on the conduct of EA negotiations. Members expressed satisfaction with the work of CER and its staff.

3. Principals' Briefing 10 September 2021

Agreed to invite Fr Joseph Parkinson to provide input at the Briefing. Also, some time would be spent on Consent and Covid 19 issues for Principals.

4. CSNSW and Danielle Cronin (10.00 a.m.)

4.1 Commonwealth ITE Review: Paper attached to the Agenda noted.

4.2 CSNSW Board Stakeholder Day feedback and next steps: Paper Attached.

4.3 HSC Reporting: Papers attached.

4.4 CSNSW Professional Learning update and Federation collaborations. See <https://learn.csnsw.cloud/p/#/app/dashboard>

Members will need to log on and may be prompted for a NETiD Logon. Information on the login process will be provided and disseminated.

4.5 COVID 19

Danielle updated the Committee on the current position of the Government and that position is likely change. Members expressed concern about the level of communication and how that communication from the Government has not helped student wellbeing. School will advise students about arrangements for trial HSC exams. HSC students in Greater Sydney continue to be able to access school to prepare for the HSC where they cannot do so from home, including to use specialist equipment to work on major projects or rehearse for performance exams. As per broader NSW Health advice, HSC students in Greater Sydney are asked to learn from home where possible. All HSC students school must follow COVID safe practices at school, including wearing a mask. The COVID illness/misadventure process is available for students whose ability to work on their major project or performance has been significantly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. The Covid -19 Committee established by the Government provides an opportunity for the voice of Principals to be heard. Dallas McInerney is on that Committee.

4.6 For Noting CSNW Federation Briefing: Paper attached along with Sports Reference Group ToR.

5. ACT Report. No report.
6. CORMSAA. The final version of the CORMSAA document on Catholic School Governance will be distributed to Bishops and School Authorities.
7. Council Strategic Planning. The Committee was advised of the work of Federation Council and the engagement of the Committee will occur and individuals might be requested to assist in some of the work.

10 Other Business

11 Close of Meeting

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