



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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee
held on Zoom on 20 November 2020 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair

Jennie Hickey, John Robinson, Marea Nicholson, Tony Fitzgerald, Sue Lennox, Lee MacMaster

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: John Robinson, Tony Fitzgerald

Welcome: Kitty welcomed those present.

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: Leadership 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 11 September 2020 was adopted subject to amending Mr Lee MacMaster's name with the insertion of an 'a' after the first 'M'.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Members of the Committee. Agreed to ask Mr Joe Zavone, Ms. Vicki Lavorato and Mr Stephen Dwyer to join the Committee.

2 Mr Tom Galea's email concerning Sporting Groups and Industrial Relations for discussion about the Principals' Briefing.

Items of Discussion

1. Ian Yard-Smith joined the meeting. Ian has spoken to every Principal. Need for early engagement with RI/PJP schools in relation to EA negotiations. Adopting a commercial approach to create transparency and not profit. Will have the new governance in place by the middle of the year. The transition to a different cost recovery method has new challenges. The intention is to provide a legal service. EPC members stated the need to rebuild the relationship so negotiations can proceed in a more effective way.

2. Catholic Schools NSW. Danielle Cronin attended the meeting briefly and she provided updates on the Educational Landscape.

a. Teacher Quality and Workplace issues. Possible issues with the harmonisation of occupational licences across state boundaries.

b. Accountability and Regulation. Current Teacher Accreditation structure is being reviewed. NESA wants to reduce TAAs. To be finalised in 2021 and commence in 2022. This will be an issue for RI/PJP schools.

3 Principals' Briefings

The Principals' Briefing is a way to support Principals. Require personal contact with new Principals. To help Schools understand the governance structures/ issues. CSNSW is the defacto representative on many things and is collecting data. Need to understand what information that is being sought and why. Not only CSNSW may want to know information.

4 CORMSAA

No meeting.

Next meeting 19 February 2021

The meeting concluded 11.15 a.m.

