



**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 8 October 2021 at 9:30am.

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

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Tony Fitzgerald

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: Light in the darkest times

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 July 2021 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

Items Discussed

1. Review of Principals' briefing.

The Principals' Briefing was valuable. Should look to provide areas of interest at such Briefings. Face to face meeting would be appreciated although not all may attend and so providing a hybrid format would be appropriate. Some future issues might include CORMSAA and the Plenary Council. Need a similar chart as the CORMSAA one for NSW and ACT. What is the role of the Federation? The importance of an MOU with the CSNSW? Loudest

voices in the sector are not the RI/PJP and so the Federation has an important role.

## 2. Membership of Committee 2022

No changes declared at the meeting any member not wishing to continue should advise the Chair.

## 3. CER and Negotiations

Model A discussions are continuing. No other movement has occurred.

## 4. CSNSW and Danielle Cronin

4.1 CSNSW Strategic Projects 2022. The following projects will be undertaken by CSNSW in 2022

- a. CSNSW Strategic Review – The Federation will be involved.
- b. Core Social Centres – building community and role of schools in doing so.
- c. Statewide Capital Planning
- d. CBGA Review, Implementation and Systems
- e. Treasury Services Project
- f. Strategic Workforce Review Phase 3

4. 2. PL/ Governance Training 2022 Priorities (feedback from Ed Pol Committee). What would RI/PJP like to have on the portal? Are their areas of where CSNSW and the Federation could partner in training?

Disruptability Virtual Conference. Currently a fee for the conference but that may change. Register online.

4.3. CSNSW Reference Groups - Renewal of Committee Member Terms. Terms expired in August however current membership is continuing and will be reviewed next year.

4.4. NESA Reconceptualizing School Registration and Teacher Accreditation – Update. NESA moving to a more risk approach and would like to replicate the DOE structure for the catholic sector and that would not change the authority of CEO/Schools. DOE and NESA will have a tighter MOU and then do the same in the Catholic Sector. In 2022 some changes to the Registration Manual will take place. Proprietors will need to be consulted with about any such

structure and that would involve discussions by CSNSW and Bishops. Not want to increase red tape or cost shift from NESAs. NESAs would like the change to take place in 2022 however that is unlikely.

4.5. Review of the Non-Government Reform Support Fund (DESE) It is likely to continue.

4.6. NCEC COVID Learnings Project. This project will involve schools.

4.7 ROSA and Catholic Studies. Responses are coming which largely support continued recognition of Catholic Studies on ROSA. Also, responses show a growing number of specialist RE teachers. NESAs have been reluctant to support this recognition.

4.8 COVID. CSNSW to follow up distribution of COVID materials from presentations from the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance - Report and Presentation.

5. ACT Report. ACT negotiations settled and CER has done a good job. It was a smooth process. COVID -19. There will be a staggered return to school. Teachers are largely vaccinated. Able to resolve the easy movement of NSW teachers into the ACT through an exemption with ACT Health.

6. CORMSAA Marea Nicholson will do a one page report for each meeting. CORMSAA has established a Political Advocacy Committee for the next Federal Election. Marea is on the Committee.

7. Council Strategic Planning. A survey will be distributed to Members and Principals. The survey will focus on what role should the Federation play in the Catholic Education sectors of NSW and the ACT.

6. Meeting Dates 2022 The dates were approved subject to moving the 25 March 2022 EPC and Principals' Briefing to 1 April 2022.

10 Other Business Nil

11 Close of Meeting

Education Policy Committee Meetings 2021  
Education Policy Committee commencing at 9.30 a.m.  
19 November

