

Meeting held on 9 March 2021 at Marist Office Level 5, 147 Coward Street Mascot commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Attendance Dr Frank Malloy Chair and Councillors Kitty Guerin, Marita Winters, Kathy Freeman, Nicole Christensen, and Jane Comensoli.

Present Michael McDonald

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and particularly the new Councillors.
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Prayer: "Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty"
4. Apologises: Nil
5. Additions to the Agenda: CORMSAA
6. Conflicts of Interest: To be declared as required.
7. Confirmation of the Minutes of 27 October 2020. Moved by Councillors Kitty Guerin and Marita Winters. The Meeting approved the Minutes.
8. Business Arising from the Minutes: Matters covered by the Agenda.
9. Correspondence:
 - 9.1 COVID-19 Briefing Note - CSNSW - 19 February 2021: Noted
 - 9.2 200 years of Catholic Education: Noted
 - 9.3 Summary of the 19 Jan 2021 CORMSAA meeting: Noted
 - 9.4 Save the Date - Education Law Symposium 2021 I July 2021: Noted
 - 9.5 Education Parental Rights Bill: correspondence 9.5 -9.7 discussed together. Councillor Christensen spoke of involvement with Kate Allen and AHRC establishing a AHRC Roundtable. Request for a Council member on the group. This issue has a connection to Members and their outcomes. How do we have a voice other than

through CSNSW. This is part of the current work of CORMSAA. The Federation will be meeting with Bishop Randazzo.

9.6 Letter to Dallas McInerney in relation to Education Parental Rights Bill

9.7AHRC Letter Sexual Harassment and Prevention (see attached) Noted

9.8 CER Letter 24 February 2021. Discussed consultation mechanisms for Enterprise Agreements, the membership of the CER Board and agreed to invite Anne Cummins, Chair CER to our next Council Meeting.

10 Induction of New Councillors. The Council fosters collaboration by RI/ PJP School Authorities. Engage with RI/PJPs and encourage volunteer contribution to this work. CLRI encouraged the development of the Federation as it wound down. How does the Federation add value to the work of RI and PJP School Authorities?

11.Executive Officer's Council Report: Noted. Discussed Strategic Planning and logistics of the planning day on 12 March 2021. It is an opportunity for creative dialogue, discernment and finding the Federations' space.

12.0 Education Policy Committee draft minutes 19 February 2021: noted.

13.0 Matters for Discussion and Decision

13.1 Dallas McInerney and Danielle Cronin attended the meeting by WebEx.

Issues discussed were:

i. Accreditation/ Registration

Government wanting to reconceptualise Registration and there are too many teacher accreditation authorities. Is there a better way? CSNSW meeting with RI/PJP Schools. Changes to implemented in2022. In RI/PJP Schools who has the power to make the decision – the School authority or the School board?

ii. Education (Parental Rights) Bill

CSNSW is finalising a submission on the bill. Parental rights and the professionalism of teachers to provide pastoral support to students dealing with gender dysphoria are important elements of the discussion. If not a distinction made for counselling of students then cannot support the Bill.

iii. AHRC

a. Consent

The AHRC roundtable is important. A risk mandated program is problematic to argue against.

b. Narrowness of the debate

Undue focus on schools not under the community/family.

c. Criminal code

Law reform not a focus.

Important to invest in the AHRC Roundtable.

12.3 Principals' Briefing

Noted. The briefing is due to be held on 26 March 2020.

12.4 Audited financial Report

The Council approved the following Resolutions.

i. That the draft Councillors' Report as tabled be adopted and two Councillors be authorised to sign the report in accordance with this resolution.

ii. That the draft financial statements and Councillors' Declaration as tabled be adopted and two Councillors be authorised to sign the declaration in accordance with this resolution.

iv. That there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Federation of Religious Institute and Ministerial PJP Catholic School Authorities in NSW and ACT can pay all its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

v. That the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

13. Next meeting 9 June 2020

14. The meeting closed at 12.00 p.m.