



Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee

held on Zoom on 11 February 2022 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair Jennie Hickey, Marea Nicholson, Stephen Dwyer, Vittoria Lavorato, Joe Zavone

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Tony Fitzgerald, Sr Margaret Ghosn, Sue Lennox, John Robinson.

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: New Year 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 19 November 2021 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Replacement for two committees, time, and nomination process. To be discussed with CSNSW.

Items Discussed

New Principals – St Joseph's Hunters Hill, St Edmund's Wahroonga, Acting Principal St Gregory's.

ACT Report – EA approved. CER helpful in finalising the Agreement. All else is stable.

Community Grant \$11.2m for post Covid Welfare. Application extended to 17 February from 11 February. Timeline difficult given circumstances at the start of the school year. Schools can't prioritise this opportunity. Discuss with CSNSW about strategies to voice concern about wellbeing for students and timeline.

CSNSW –

- Return to School. Agreed to support extension of RAT beyond the initial 4 weeks. CEO top advance that position with DOE Secretary.
- HSC Reporting. Reporting is underway. Is there a better way to report HSC results? CSNSW to release a paper later today.
- Religious Freedom. CSNSW position for Catholic Schools to operate consistent with values without legislative interference.
- Curriculum NESA. Feedback will be sought on 3 – 10 English/Maths syllabus. CSNSW will keep the Federation and RI/PJP Schools informed. Other courses being reviewed – Aboriginal Languages. Challenges for teachers to be involved in the review – timeline and resources.
- School Registration. – Single authority. Where's the dividend for Catholic sector? CSNSW will decide in the next 6-8 weeks about the proposal and move to the next step in consultation. Implementation in 2023.
- Funding opportunity. 1-2 weeks turnaround. CSNSW does not apply for Community Grants only recurrent targeted money. CSNSW supports writing to local MPs about the funding and its timeline.

Principals' Briefing

Principals Briefing to be held on 1 April 2022. Jennie, Stephen and Kitty to work on the Agenda. Perhaps a session on Canon Law and Governance would be beneficial and other issues are time for Principals to identify particular issues and following up respectful relationships.

Committee Nomination

The EPC will seek nomination from its membership for two Committees - CSNSW School Regulation Reform Expert Working Group-School and the NESA Secondary Principals Advisory Panel.

Other Business

Nil.

Close of Meeting at 11.10 a.m.

Education Policy Committee Dates 2022 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

1 April

27 May

29 July

9 September
14 October
18 November

Principals' Briefings commencing at 10.00 a.m.

1 April 2022
9 September 2022

