



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 27 May 2022 at 9:30am.

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

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Sr Margaret Ghosn, Sue Lennox, John Robinson, Vittoria Lavorato

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:

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 February 2022 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Items Discussed

1. The Committee discussed Teacher Supply issues currently experienced by Schools which extends to challenges in employing teachers from overseas. Also discussed was NESA's proposal for Accreditation and Registration to be the responsibility of CSNSW. This proposal applies at this time to Diocesan systems but could be extended to RI/PJP schools in the future. How does this move support quality curriculum and outcomes? Naplan school data shows Catholic schools are not performing well. No service agreement exists with CSNSW. The Federation Council is working on how the relationship with CSNSW might be formalised with the agreement of the Members and that relationship is to be discussed with CSNSW.

2. Danielle Cronin CSNSW joined the meeting.
 - a. Accreditation. The NESA model only applies to Diocesan systems. CSNSW supports the proposal, and it will now go to the NSW Bishops for their consideration. Systems will no longer monitor their own schools. CSNSW will prepare a Business Case for the proposal. The Minister and NESA CEO support the proposal. The cost is absorbed in the current CSNSW budget. Possible to consider RI/PJP Schools in the future.
 - b. Teacher Supply. Stakeholder day considered this issue, and a report will be prepared and distributed.

Some issues are: attracting individuals to teacher in a faith context, need for a more holistic approach by universities and consistency in their relationship with employing authorities is required, EA/EB process needs to be streamlined leading to more flexibility, teacher education while in the job, teacher identity and engaging quality teachers.
 - c. Mutual recognition of qualifications should exist between Victoria and NSW and that should support employment of teachers.
3. ACT Report. Education Amendment Bill 2022 is before the Legislative Assembly. It requires notification to the Department when e.g., expulsions occur.
4. CORMSAA Report. Expression of interest form will be distributed generally to find volunteers for Working Parties at a national level as required. Funding will be challenging issue in the future.
5. Principals' Briefing – Perhaps accreditation and Registration or Teacher Supply might be a future topic.

No other Business.

The Meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

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

29 July

9 September

14 October

18 November

Principals' Briefings commencing at 10.00 a.m.

9 September 2022

