



Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee

held on Zoom on 28 July 2022 at 9:30am.

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

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Joe Zavone, 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: NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

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 27 May 2022 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Items for the Agenda

- i. CSNSW Reference Groups. CSNSW has several Reference Groups which the Federation can make a nomination. the governance and advisory structure of the Education Policy Directorate at CSNSW includes four Education Policy Reference Groups:

- Education Policy
- Mission and Identity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Vocational Education and Training.

An extension of the nomination time has been received so the EPC can consider and make nominations to the Reference Groups. Agreed to seek two nominations to each Group.

Education Policy. To check with Tony Fitzgerald about continuing on the Group. One more name to be identified.

Mission and Identity. Vicki Lavorato and Stephen Dwyer
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education. John Robinson to check on the availability of Lesley Maher to join the group and perhaps identify an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as a second nominee.

Vocational Education and Training. To ask Michael Blowes and Iris Nastasi.

Report of the work of each group should come to the EPC regularly.

- ii. CSNSW Policy Issues. Andrew Mellas CSNSW Director of Policy joined the meeting. The items discussed were:
 - a. Early Childhood Education NSW and Commonwealth Policies. NSW government has allocated \$5.8 billion to the project over 10 years and the Commonwealth Government has allocated \$5.4 billion which will be implemented commencing 2023. Important for RI/PJP Schools to consider implications for them and the impact on future enrolments. Important RI/PJP Schools receive a fair share of resources from these programs. Fit for purpose spaces are required to provide for ECE.
 - b. Block Grant Authority Stakeholder Consultation. Agreed RI/PJP Authorities and Principals should be invited to such a stakeholder meeting. Important for schools that have missed out on Capital Grants to be heard. NESAs would like a one

stop shop such as CSNSW. Emerging challenges with educational governance and the proliferation of companies in the education space.

- c. NSW Capital Grant money and the NSW Election. Affirm Government grants received and the importance for such money for schools with old buildings and for the establishment of new schools.
 - d. COVID 19 Schools are having difficulty in applying safe conditions to events. Concerns about the Trials and Year 12 final events when social distancing may be difficult. Nearing the peak of Covid in August which will coincide with the Trials. What advice is NESA providing about that? Andrew to Follow up. Recommendations are to wear masks, be vaccinated, maintain hygiene, and stay at home if sick. No advice on the return of Covid money to the NSW government.
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- iii. ACT Report CER/ACT Principals are working on Support Staff Agreement.
 - iv. CORMSAA Report. Covered by the attached reports. Still no formalised arrangements between the Federation with CSNSW. The Federation Council will be meeting with the CSNSW Review Panel on 19 August at 1.00 p.m. A meeting and document follow up to the meeting will occur.
 - v. Principals Briefing 9 September 2022 Sue, Jennie and Kitty will constitute the preparation committee. Items for the Agenda include Update on Accreditation, CSNSW Review, CBGA Funding Workforce issues. AitSL 2022 Report will be available by then.

9. Other Business

9. Close of Meeting

Education Policy Committee Meetings 2022

Education Policy Committee commencing at 9.30 a.m.

9 September

14 October

18 November

Principals Briefings 10.00 a.m.

9 September 2022

NSW School Holidays in 2022

Term 3 – Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September

Spring vacation – Monday 26 September to Friday 7 October

Term 4 – Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December

Summer vacation (Eastern) – Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 26 January 2023