



Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Policy Committee

held on Zoom on 27 July 2023 at 9:30am.

Present: Kitty Guerin – Committee Chair, Sr Margaret Ghosn, Sue Lennox, Tony Fitzgerald, Jennie Hickey, Stephen Dwyer Vittoria Lavorato.

In Attendance: Michael McDonald

Apologies: Marea Nicholson, 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: NAIDOC week 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 25 May 2023 was adopted.

Business Arising from the Minutes: CER meeting to take place on 31 July 2023 to discuss Teacher and School Support staff salary proposals. Concern on the number of staff that may be affected because of the proposed increased cost of School Support staff. CER yearly contracts have been sent out and schools have responded to those contracts in various ways.

Items from the Agenda.

i. 10.00 a.m. CSNSW Update: Danielle Cronin

- CSNSW Members Meeting Outcomes New Funding Distribution Model agreed for the 2024-2029. New Directors will be appointed to CSNSW in the coming months.
- Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System – See Consultation Paper <https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/resources/better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation-paper>

The aim of the paper is to better align student outcomes with funding. Chapter 6 of the paper raises several concerns – the prospect reporting on individual student loading. No distinction exists between Government and Non-government schools. The voice of the NGS are not being heard. CSNSW will make a submission.

- School Registration Reform Update

This work is going along nicely. Religious Education Teachers will be able to maintain accreditation by 1. Paying the \$100 fee, 2. Hold a valid WWCC, and 3. Complete the required Professional Development.

- Early Childhood Education and Care

CSNSW are seeking confirmation about the use of school surplus funds to buy or lease land with the return on that investment to be used by school to avoid a problem with s83C.

- Curriculum Reform Conference to be held on 24- 25 August 2023.
- 2023 NGS Census. CSNSW is requesting involvement by RI/PJP in the providing the census material to CSNSW, so it has a complete picture of the sector.
- NESA Updater. noted.
- Latest State of the System Report. Noted

iii. ACT Report Nil

iv. CORMSAA Report Nil

v. Principals Briefing 7 September 2023. Concerned was expressed about some parents and their behaviour in the school context. It was agreed to make this the topic for the next Principals' Meeting. Tony Fitzgerald, Jennie Hickey, and Stephen Dwyer will

assist in its preparation. Ideally, the presentation focusses on steps that can be taken in relation to this issue and not simply difficult stories. Contact will be made with

Close of Meeting 11.00 a.m.

Education Policy Committee Dates 2023 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

7 September

12 October

16 November

Principals' Briefings commencing at 10.00 a.m.

7 September 2023

NSW Government School Holidays 2023

Term 3 – Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Spring school holidays – Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October

Term 4 – Monday 9 October to Tuesday 19 December

Summer school holidays (Eastern) – Wednesday 20 December to Monday 29 January 2024

Summer school holidays (Western) – Wednesday 20 December to Monday 5 February 2024