

Draft Minutes
COGSO Annual Full Council Meeting
8 September 2012
Medina Vibe, Darwin Waterfront

Meeting Opened: 9:30am

MOTION:

That Life Members Peter Garrigan and Wendy Pelizzo be granted voting rights for the 2012 Annual Full Council Meeting and AGM

Moved: Kathleen Pledger Seconded: Suzanne Horton

Carried.

MOTION:

That Lisa Rothwell hand the Chair of the meeting to Wendy Pelizzo

Moved: Ray Simpson Seconded: Gerard Reid

Carried.

Late Motions Committee was established with Peter Garrigan, Jude Sherley and Kathleen Pledger, Late Motions to close at 1:15pm.

1. MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of the 2011 Annual Full Council Meeting

Amendments:

Correct the misspelling of Jude Sherley's name

Correct the misspelling of COGSO in Action Item 3.4

Correct where the minutes state 2012 rather than 2011

MOTION:

That the minutes of the previous Annual Full Council meeting be accepted with the amendments.

Moved: Jude Sherley Seconded: Angus McCoy

Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Action Items from Annual Full Council 2011

The 2011 Action Items were noted.

Item 1a – Jude asked about the progress of the generic email addresses. Tamika advised we are still in negotiations with DoE and are close to a resolution

Item 7 – Angus commented that an email had been received by his Principal and forwarded to him, discouraging the promotion of correspondence from COGSO regarding the Gonski campaign.

Discussed the implications of this email.

Further discussion about other correspondence not coming through to School Councils and parents which was part of the need for a generic email address for Chairs.

Discussion about the COGSO Newsletter being distributed to parents, suggestions of other ways this can be done.

MOTION:

This Council instructs Executive to investigate the feasibility of the parent newsletter being incorporated in the NT News and any other associated Regional papers as a priority.

Moved: Ray Simpson Seconded: Michael McRostie

Carried.

Item 1C – Wendy advised that Elise Dungey and Adam Walding were currently attending workshops in Alice Springs to support DoE advising Principals and School Council Chairs of their role and responsibilities on Council.

Item 3.4 – Richard raised the issue about obtaining information about the provision of schools in Lyons and Muirhead. Angus informed Council that he had been advised by his Principal that DoE were looking at the capacity of existing schools and that Treasury were hesitant to release money to

build new schools while existing schools were not at capacity and being underutilised.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Annual Report 2011 – 2012

Council **noted** the 2011/2012 Annual Report.

3.2 Darwin Region Report

Kathleen advised that the issues mentioned in the report remain in focus and are being raised with the relevant stakeholders.

Kathleen is continuing to keep a watching brief over the Super Clinic and Malak Reengagement Facility, but believed that these would not be an issue with the change in Government.

Angus read from the CLP policy on student behaviour which indicated that the Malak Reengagement Facility would most likely still be on the cards.

Council allocated time after the AGM to further discuss the Facility and develop a position for later talks with the Minister for Education and the Chief Minister.

3.3 East Arnhem Report

David raised a point in the report about funding at Nhulunbuy High. Tamika advised that COGSO was of the understanding that this issue had been resolved with the reclassification of the school and COGSO had no knowledge of continued issues. Tamika advised that she believed a letter was sent to Gary Barnes after the reclassification, but COGSO had not seen the letter.

David advised that Nhulunbuy High is actively trying to promote parents paying their voluntary contributions.

ACTION:

Tamika to request Jan Greentree send a copy of the letter sent to Gary Barnes.

3.4 Katherine Report

Main points were regarding the progress of the bus issues in Katherine, and a letter to the TRB from Katherine South Primary regarding registering teachers from interstate.

Wendy advise that there was not much COGSO could do regarding this issue, and that NSW was the only State that does not have mutual recognition with registration.

3.5 Palmerston and Rural Report

Ray advised that he had not written the report and could not verify any of the details.

Jude advised that during Bev's involvement with COGSO she had been driven to raise the profile of COGSO.

3.6 Southern Report

Nil Southern Report.

3.7 ACSSO Report

Lisa briefly went through the ACSSO Report.

The Chaplaincy program was discussed and it was advised that this program was much bigger in other States.

Motion: That the reports be accepted

Moved: Judy Sherley Seconded: Alison Chin

Carried.

Council adjourned at 12:20pm

Council reconvened at 2:15pm

4. MOTIONS ON NOTICE: Nil

5. LATE MOTIONS

5.1 MOTION: The Executive being an affiliate of COGSO, wishes to submit the following Motion: "that Council requests an urgent meeting with the Chief Minister to commence discussion on the implementation of the Gonski Review findings in the Northern Territory"

Moved: Lisa Rothwell
Unanimous.

Seconded: Kathleen Pledger

Procedural Motion: That Council move into Committee to discuss the wording of the motion.

Moved: Peter Garrigan

Carried.

The Council was in Committee for 7 minutes to discuss the wording of the motion.

A friendly amendment of the motion was accepted.

6. AOB

6.1 Malak Reengagement Facility

Motion: That COGSO approach the Chief Minister and request to be a part of the Behaviour Management Taskforce.

Moved: Angus McCoy

Seconded: Kate Coles

Carried.

ACTION:

COGSO to request a meeting with Gary Barnes to be briefed on the Malak Reengagement Facility and the recommendations from the Extreme Behaviours Review and feedback to affiliates.

COGSO Position:

COGSO are not supportive of a 'behaviour management school', COGSO are supportive of a facility used during suspension that had access to support services, e.g. anger management and counselling.

6.2 Thanks

Adam Walding thanked the Council on electing him President of COGSO.

7. MEETING CLOSE: 3:18pm

Present: Delegate	School	Proxy
Lisa Rothwell	Casuarina Senior College Dripstone Middle School	
Gerard Reid	Casuarina Senior College	
Michael McRostie (until 11am)	Moil Primary School	
Ray Simpson (until 12:20pm)	Rosebery Middle School	Rosebery Primary School Palmerston Senior College Girraween Primary School
Matthew Peachey	Moil Primary School	
Kathleen Pledger	Sanderson Middle School	
Angus McCoy (until 11am)	Nakara Primary School	
Suzanne Horton	Katherine South Primary School	
Kate Coles	Nhulunbuy Primary School	
David Hill	Nhulunbuy High School	
Alison Chin	Bakewell Primary School	
Jude Sherley	Taminmin College	
Richard Purnell	Leanyer Primary School	
Wendy Pelizzo	Life Member	
Peter Garrigan	Life Member	
Tamika Chin	COGSO Admin Officer	
Apologies: Name	School	
Matt Skoss	Centralian Middle School	
Natasha Colley	Woodroffe Primary School	
Phil Hausler	Girraween Primary School	
Robyn Bryant	Palmerston Senior College Rosebery Primary School	
Natasha Tatipata	Karama Primary School	
Adam Walding	Dripstone Middle School	
Jan Greentree	East Arnhem Rep	
Steve Carter	Life Member	
Mark Brustolin	Outgoing President	
Ray Simpson (after 12:20pm)	Rosebery Middle School	Rosebery Primary School Palmerston Senior College Girraween Primary School
Michael McRostie (after 11am)	Moil Primary School	

