

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2011
NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC.
Saturday September 10th 2011 Novotel Atrium Darwin NT 0801

Welcome

The President all delegates and opened the meeting at 8:30am.

Present and Apologies

See Attachment 1.

ITEM 1 MINUTES – ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The unconfirmed minutes of the Annual Council Meeting 2012 of the Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations, held at Skycity Casino, Giruth Avenue, Darwin NT, Saturday 18th September 2010, were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Amendments:

Beverley Ratahi represented Bees Creek School Council
Matt Skoss represented Centralian Middle School Council
Adam Walding represented Dripstone Middle School

Jan Greentree/Matt Skoss
CARRIED

ITEM 2 BUSINESS ARISING

The 2010 Council action items were noted. At further discussion the following action to be undertaken through 2011-2012 was accepted:

ACTION

Item 1a

COGSO is to pursue the development of generic email addresses for School Councils by DET, and if unsuccessful will investigate and create a generic School Council address for each NT Government school utilising COGSO's own IT capacity.

Item 1c

COGSO is to request that DET annually advise all Principals that part of the role is to support School Councils and COGSO representatives to engage the school community and their children's education.

Item 7

Accepted Recommendation

COGSO requests that the following action be taken by the Australian Council of State School Organisation (ACSSO) of behalf of all parents of children attending Australian Government schools. That:

- a. ACSSO undertake research on the Federal education agenda vis a vis private, independent charter school model being implemented and the implication of this for Australia.**
- b. ACSSO drafts a plain English overview of the research, explaining the future direction of education in Australia and the implications for Australian children and families.**
- c. ACSSO distributes the overview via its affiliates to every family who has a child in public education in Australia.**
- d. ACSSO mounts a highly public Federal campaign to educate all Australians about the direction of public education and the impact that direction will have on one of the cornerstones of our democracy – the right of every child to a free a secular education.**

Council also directs COGSO Executive to re-visit the NT Secondary Education Review with a view to defining a public education strategy through 2011-2012 period if it is agreed by Executive that recommendations not agreed by the public in 2004/05 are now being implemented by another name.

Beverley Ratahi/Michael Duffy
CARRIED

Item 3 REPORTS

3.1 COGSO Annual Report 2010 - 2011

Council was advised that the COGSO Annual Report was included in their meeting papers.

Michael Duffy/Beverley Ratahi
CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report

It was noted that:

- the organisation's funds are sufficient to carry it through till receipt of Annual Funding 2011 – 2012, with cash at the bank being over \$70,000. The surplus is a result of late 2010 – 2011 funding by DET (March 2011) and the non-appointment of a part time administration officer since the resignation of the previous incumbent in June 2010.
- arising from the AGM, the final audit report to be revised according to Council instructions (AGM 2011, Item 3.2.1) will be presented to a Special General Meeting of Council held via teleconference or email.

Adam Walding/Beverley Ratahi
CARRIED

3.3 Barkly Region Report

Nil report

3.4 Darwin Region Report

- Darwin Region AGM was held on 17th August 2011
- Chair: Richard Purnell
- Darwin Regional Representative: Kathleen Pledger
- concerns have been evidenced around relief teachers being able to meet the new TRB requirements for Professional Development
- many schools in the region are not happy with budget allocations and release of reimbursements for ISA's and relief teacher wages as paid by Councils
- there are inconsistencies in mental health and disability services
- new subdivisions have no provision for school which has put pressure on established schools (Lyons, Muirhead are increasing pressure on resources at Leanyer and Wanguri)
- many of our older school buildings are due for refurbishment but this hasn't been done by DET, particularly those in the Northern Suburbs
- the region is now to work out a regular plan for communication and action

ACTION

- a. COGSO 2011 – 2012 advocacy is to focus on budget allocations (real versus DET current allocation of funds), and reimbursement by DET.**
- b. COGSO is to seek information on the expected timeframe for provision of schooling for Lyons and/or Muirhead.**

3.5 East Arnhem Region Report

The East Arnhem Region Report was noted.

3.7 Katherine Region Report

The Katherine Region Report was noted.

3.8 Palmerston and Rural Region Report

The Palmerston and Rural Region Report was noted.

The Regional Representative advised she would endeavour to visit each of the schools in the region over the next twelve months.

3.8 Southern Region Report

The Southern Region Report was noted.

The Regional Representative advised that a level of caution is evident in the region around the proposed introduction of the Teach for Australia program.

Present and Apologies**Apologies**Delegate

Sarah Measey
 Elisha Maulai
 Mark Brustolin
 Peter Garrigan
 Wendy Pelizzo
 Claire Hilton
 (present 8:30 to 12:30)

School Council

Douglas Daly Primary School
 Bees Creek Primary School
 Bees Creek Primary School
 Life Member
 Life Member
 Humpty Doo Primary

PresentDelegate

Julie Donohue
 Adam Walding

 Lisa Rothwell

 Matt Skoss
 Suzanne Horton

 Kathleen Pledger
 Jan Greentree

 Michael Duffy
 Claire Hilton
 Peter Hendry

 Richard Purnell
 Gary O'Hearn
 Jude Sherley
 Beverley Ratahi

School Council

President
 Dripstone Middle School
 Casuarina Senior College
 Dripstone Middle School
 Casuarina Senior College
 Centralian Senior College
 Katherine High School
 Katherine South Primary School
 Sanderson Middle School
 Nhulunbuy Primary School
 Nhulunbuy High School
 Moil Primary School
 Humpty Doo Primary School
 Nightcliff Primary School
 Nightcliff Middle School
 Leanyer Primary School
 Durack Primary School
 Taminmin College
 Taminmin College

Proxy

Bees Creek Primary School
 Howard Springs Primary School
 Girraween Primary School
 Douglas Daly Primary School
 Berry Springs Primary School
 Humpty Doo Primary School
 (after 12:30)

Elise Dungey
 Steve Carter

Casuarina Senior College
 Life Member

Number of School Councils represented: 20