

Present: As per attached list

Apologies: As per attached list

Welcome/Apologies

Council *received* Didgeridoo presentation by Eddie Kitching, Larrakia Nation at 8:45am.

The President, Tabby Fudge opened the meeting at 9:00am, formally welcomed those present and noted the apologies.

The President acknowledged the land on which we meet belongs to the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region and paid respect to the Larrakia elders past and present.

Council *received* Welcome to Country from Jeanneen McLennan, Larrakia Elder, Larrakia Nation at 9:04am.

Council *received* the official Opening Address from Honourable Eva Lawler MLA, Minister for Education at 9:10am.

Council *received* the Q&A Session from Chief Executive, Department of Education Vicki Baylis at 10:10am.

Council broke for lunch at 12:30pm.

The President, Tabby Fudge officially opened the Full Council meeting at 1:09pm, formally welcomed those present and noted the apologies.

1 MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of the 2016 Full Council Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Full Council Meeting held at the Rydges Darwin Airport Resort, Ansett Room, Saturday, 12 October) were *confirmed* as a true and correct record

Noelene Armstrong/Fred Richardson/CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Action Items from Annual Full Council 2016

Attachment 2

Robin Lawrence/Tiani Cook/CARRIED

Council *agreed* to suspend the Full Council at 1:25pm to enable the Annual General Meeting to be held.

Council *resumed* at 1:53pm.

3 REPORTS

3.1 Secretariat NT COGSO Annual Report 2017

Council *received* and *noted* the Report.

Robin Lawrence/Cecily Boulton/CARRIED

3.2 East Arnhem Region

Council *received* and *noted* the Report.

Terri Fogarty/Noelene Armstrong/CARRIED

3.3 Barkly Region

Council *received* and *noted* the Report.

Coralie James/Lorraine Hodgson/CARRIED

3.4 Darwin Region

Council *received* and *noted* the Report.

Noelene Armstrong/Nikki Elliott/CARRIED

3.5 Katherine Region

No Report.

3.6 Palmerston & Rural Region

No Report.

3.7 Southern Region

Council *received* and *noted* the Report.

Dave Sargeant/Fred Richardson/CARRIED

3.8 ACSSO Report

No Report.

3.9 TRB Report

Council *received* and *noted* the Annual Report.

Lorraine Hodgson/Robin Lawrence/CARRIED

3.10 NTBOS Report

Council *received* and *noted* the Annual Report.

Coralie James/Dave Sargeant/CARRIED

4 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

4.1 Larapinta Primary School – Virtual Link

“that NT COGSO organise a virtual invite to the COGSO AGM to facilitate broader, more cost-effective participation from Alice Springs, remote communities, Katherine etc.”

Kim Bellis/Noelene Armstrong/CARRIED

Council noted that NT COGSO had actioned this request prior to Full Council meeting. Video live streaming was available for this meeting.

5 LATE MOTIONS

5.1 Moulden Park Primary School – Security Audits of School Facilities

“that NT COGSO support a request to NT Government to undertake security audits of all school facilities to ascertain the need for updated and improved security measures to combat increasing vandalism and break ins of schools. Measures must be supported by NT Government via new works rather than individual school budgets.”

Nikki Elliott/David Sargeant/CARRIED

Council unanimously *approved* this motion.

5.2 Moulden Park Primary School – Central Funding and Provision of Onsite Primary School Counsellors

“that NT COGSO support a request to have school counsellors on site at all primary schools to enable early support to students, families and staff in developing positive mental health through trauma informed approaches/practices.”

An amendment to the motion was moved.

Following discussion on the amendment, the amendment was put and carried unanimously.

The motion now reads:

“that NT COGSO strongly campaign NT Government, the Department of Education, and Minister to provide and fund centrally school counsellors onsite at all primary schools to enable early support to students, families and staff in developing positive mental health through trauma informed approaches/practices.”

Nikki Elliott/David Sargeant/CARRIED

5.3 Moulden Park Primary School – Provision of Additional Support Staff in Early Years Primary

“that NT COGSO request Department of Education (DoE) to provide extra support staff in early year’s primary schools to assist teachers with behavioural management through the cementing of Social and Emotional Learning and Restorative and Reflective practices. This we feel will continue to improve behavioural pathways into middle and secondary schooling as students will have the tools they need and it will reduce the stress of behaviour management on all teachers.”

Nikki Elliott/Kylee Buffon/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

5.4 Ludmilla Primary School – Equity of Funding for High Needs Students with No Access to Specialist Schools

“that NT COGSO pursues the equity level of funding for children with additional needs who are in mainstream schools to the level of funding for children with additional needs in specialist schools.”

Carol Putica/Lyndy Berthon/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

5.5 Girraween Primary School – Youth Engagement Police Officer (YEPO) or Constables in Schools positions

“that NT COGSO consult with affiliated schools throughout the Northern Territory to ascertain level of proactive work being done with schools by NT Police through the Youth Engagement Police Officer (YEPO) or Constables in Schools positions.”

Tabby Fudge/David Flanagan/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

5.6 Casuarina Senior College – Enrolment Data & DoE Policies

“that NT COGSO clarify the Northern Territory Department of Education's policy with regard to the enrolment of students residing outside designated priority enrolment areas, with particular regard to a school increasing its enrolment capacity when existing places are

available at a student's local school. The Casuarina Senior College Board asks that COGSO and the department work strategically with schools to ensure priority enrolment area policies are followed. This strategic approach will ensure, policies, procedures and plans are in place to allow all students the best of education without residualizing other public schools."

Robin Lawrence/Kylee Buffon/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

5.7 Namarluk School – Finalisation of Funding Model for Students with Additional Needs

"that the funding model (SWANS) for Special Education be finalised asap so it can go out for consultation and trailed by all settings."

An amendment to the motion was moved.

Following discussion on the amendment, the amendment was put and carried unanimously.

The motion now reads:

"that NT COGSO request the Chief Executive, Department of Education to finalise as soon as possible the students with additional needs funding model so it can be trailed across the Northern Territory"

Helen Mulambya/Cecily Boulton

5.8 Namarluk School

"that the funding model take into consideration the complexity of specialist schools including large staff numbers (implications for professional learning), work health – physical/mental of all staff including school leaders, individual nature of the work, keeping school resources current/innovative and safe (service requirements)."

WITHDRAWN: Helen Mulambya

Namarluk School withdrew this motion.

5.9 Taminmin College – School Board Based Constable program

"that NT COGSO actively advocate and lobby all relevant NT Government Departments and Ministers to restore the previous, or increased, level of preventive support through the School Board Based Constable program, as provided two years ago."

Tabby Fudge/Nikki Elliott/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

5.10 Tennant Creek High School – student transport to both Tennant Creek High School and Primary School

“that COGSO lobby the NT Department of Education to provide funding to the Tennant Creek High School and Tennant Creek Primary School to provide student transport to and from school.”

An amendment to the motion was moved.

Following discussion on the amendment, the amendment was put and carried unanimously.

The motion now reads:

“that NT COGSO lobby the Department of Transport, NT Government, Ministers/local members (all relevant departments) to provide funding to both Tennant Creek High School and Primary School to provide student transport to and from school out of the federal budget not the global budget and reimbursement of previous years.”

Coralie James/Robin Lawrence/CARRIED

5.11 Nakara Primary School - Policy and Management of Overcrowding In Schools

“that NT COGSO make representation to the Department of Education and NT Government’s relevant departments to develop further policy and revised catchment areas to address overcrowding of our public schools and to give school management greater powers to reduce student numbers”

Sandra Howlin/Cecily Boulton/CARRIED

Following a brief discussion Council *approved* this motion unanimously.

There being no further business the President thanked all delegates for attending a highly successful Full Council Meeting and declared the meeting closed at 3:30pm.

Tabby Fudge
President

Attendance:

FULL NAME	SCHOOL / REGION
Karen Manton	Batchelor Area School Council
Monika Tonkin	Berry Springs Primary School Council
Alan Baker	Borrooloola School Council
Jo May	Borrooloola School Council
Noela Anderson	Borrooloola School Council
Tasha O'Keefe	Borrooloola School Council
David Sargeant	Braitling Primary School Board
Fred Richardson	Centralian Senior College Council
Tabby Fudge	Girraween Primary School Council
Cecily Boulton	Gray Primary School Council
Anna Egerton	Jabiru Area School Council
Kim Bellis	Larapinta Primary School Council
Alisha Prosser	Leanyer Primary School Board
Gehan Jayawardhana	Leanyer Primary School Board
Anthony Brereton	Ludmilla Primary School Council
Carol Putica	Ludmilla Primary School Council
Natalie Gibbs	Ludmilla Primary School Council
Nikki Elliott	Moulden Park School Council
Sandra Howlin	Nakara Primary School Council
Helen Mulambya	Nemarluk School Council
Lorraine Hodgson	Nemarluk School Council
Tiani Cook	NT of Distance Education School Council
Kylee Buffon	Sanderson Middle School Council
Robin Lawrence	Sanderson Middle School Council
Noelene Armstrong	Stuart Park Primary School Council
Beverley Ratahi	Taminmin College Board
Coralie James	Tennant Creek High School Council
Jedda Trueman	Timber Creek School Council
Terri Fogarty	Timber Creek School Council
Lyndy Berthon	Wanguri Primary School Council
David Flanagan	Woodroffe Primary School Council
Tracy Daw	Woodroffe Primary School Council
Steve Carter	NT COGSO Life Member
Kim Hoyle	NT COGSO Executive Assistant
Michelle Parker	NT COGSO Executive Officer

Apologies:

FULL NAME	SCHOOL / REGION
Nicola Slavin	Alawa Primary School Council
Lee McGlinn	Alyangula Area School Council
Andrew Lawlor	Bakewell Primary School Board
Jenni Webber	Berry Springs Primary School Council
Stephanie Anderson	Borrooloola School Council
Kate Crawley	Darwin Middle School Board
Fiona Shalley	Dripstone Middle School Council
Kandi Thorpe	Haasts Bluff School Council
Ashley Smirl	Jabiru Area School Council
Kylie Welch	Leanyer School Council
Moira Lanzarin	Mataranka School Council
Jacqueline O'Reilly	Nemarluk School Council
Jeff Cook	Nhulunbuy High School Council
Catherine Trinder	Parap Primary School Council
Sue Mcavoy	Ramingining School Council
Tooba Awais	Stuart Park Primary School Council
Miriam McDonald	Taminmin College Board
Wayne Green	Tennant Creek High Council
Susan Kilgour	Wulagi Primary School Board
Alan Jones	NT COGSO Life Member
Ian Pontifex	NT COGSO Life Member
Matt Skoss	NT COGSO Life Member
Wendy Pelizzo	NT COGSO Life Member