

## DARWIN REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 10 May 2021, Fong Lim Electorate Office  
6:00pm – 7:00pm

1. **Meeting Open:** 6:05pm
2. **Welcome:** Members welcomed by Chair, Shani Carson
3. **Present:**

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	POSITION ON SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BODY	SCHOOL
1	Shani	Carson	Chair	Casuarina Senior and Dripstone Middle
2	Richelle	Kent	Treasurer	Sanderson Middle & Manunda Terrace
3	Tabetha	Stephenson	Chair	Nakara Primary School
4	Simon	Niblock	Parent Member	Darwin High School
5	Jay	Mazumdar	Parent Member / Treasurer	Dripstone Middle School
6	Chad	Banfield	Chair	Larrakeyah Primary School
7	Rebecca	Moussa	Parent Member	Dripstone Middle School

### GUESTS

1	Michelle	Parker	Executive Officer	NT COGSO
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4. **Apologies:**

1	Hannah	Schwartzkopf	Secretary	Wagaman Primary School
2	Kylee	Buffon	Secretary	Casuarina Senior
3	Jeanne	Woodall	Parent Member	NT School of Distance Education
4	Cherry	Chavez-Hopwood	Chair	Leanyer Primary
5	Mina	McCarthy	Secretary	Malak Primary School
6	Chitra	Priyandari	Treasurer	Alawa Primary School
7	Robert	O'Connor	Chair	Millner Primary School
8	Kylie	Simmonds	Parent Member	Wagaman Primary School
9	Oanh	Nguyen	Parent Member	Anula Primary School
10	Gavin	Morris	Chair	Parap Primary School
11	Melinda	Kealy	Principal	Anula Primary School
12	Cherry	Chavez-Hopwood	Chair	Leanyer Primary School
13	Rachel	Telford	Chair	Anula Primary School
14	Sally	Major	Parent Member	Moil Primary School
15	Maggie	Pengelly	Parent Member	Moil Primary School
16	Kevin	Northcote	Principal	Darwin Languages Centre
17	Tracey	Wigan-Magee	Chair	Karama Primary School
18	Jodi	Maher	Parent Member	Nightcliff Middle School
19	Gavin	Morris	Chair	Parap Primary School

5. **Minutes previous General Meeting, 15 February 2021:**

Moved: Tabetha Stephenson                      Seconded: Richelle Kent

6. **Business Arising from previous General Meeting Minutes:** Nil

**7. Correspondence In:**

7.1 04.05.2021: NTCOGSO email to School Representative Bodies: School Based Policing Update

**8. Correspondence Out:** Nil

**9. Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**10. Chair / Regional Representative Report:**

Thank you all for your time this evening. I hope that everything has been going smoothly at your schools.

NT COGSO has been working away in the background actioning all the items from last years Annual Full Council as well as making sure that School Representative Bodies are kept involved as new items come to light.

There have recently been discussions around the “One Team, One Territory” direction from the Chief Executive. Although NT COGSO has been advised of this, and that it was supposed to be communicated to SRB’s, we are so far unaware of any SRB that has been given this.

NT COGSO is still advocating to be involved in the School Based Policing consultation. As evident at the Full Council, this program is greatly valued and of importance to our schools.

A sub-committee has been set up to review the outdated NT COGSO Policy document, with the intention to modernize the language and ensure it is current.

A sub-committee has been setup to develop support around motions for the Annual Full Council.

Moved: Shani Carson

Seconded: Richelle Kent

**11. General Business:**

**11.1 NT COGSO Annual Full Council & AGM: 4th September 2021**

General discussion on the purpose of the Annual Full Council & AGM. Jay Mazumdar expressed interest in attending.

**11.2 NT COGSO Annual Full Council School Motions**

General discussion on the purpose of School Motions. Members are encouraged to bring motions to the next Regional Meeting for discussion prior to the Full Council.

**11.3 Dripstone School Council: School Based Policing**

We are disappointed with the lack of timely action and mixed messages that the NT Government are taking with this subject.

**11.4 School Traffic and Risk:**

The following Motion was tabled:

THAT NT COGSO request the Department of Education, to provide leadership and coordination to address traffic related safety issues for Northern Territory schools. THAT the Department establish a working group, develop policy and provide adequate resourcing.

Moved: Chad Banfield

Seconded: Tabettha Stephenson

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Nightcliff Electorate Office

**13. Meeting Close:** 7:26pm.

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