

TOP END REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 14th September 2022, Drysdale Electorate Office
5:30pm – 6:30pm

1. **Meeting Open:** 5:34pm
2. **Welcome:** Chair, Naomi Hunter, opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Larrakia of Country and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging. Naomi formally thanked members for their attendance.

3. **Present:**

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	POSITION ON SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BODY	SCHOOL
1	Naomi	Hunter	Regional Rep	Berry Springs Primary School
2	Bianca	Stevens	Secretary	Middle Point School
3	Tabby	Fudge	Parent Member	Taminmin College
4	Tanya	McKenna	Parent Member	Taminmin College
5	Nikki	Elliott	Parent Member	Palmerston College
6	Kay	McCulloch	Treasurer	Driver Primary School
7	Beverly	Ratahi	Chair	Taminmin College
8	Michelle	Parker* from 6:15pm	Guest – Executive Officer	NT COGSO

4. **Apologies:**

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	POSITION ON SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BODY	SCHOOL
1	Leigh	McKenzie	Principal	Middle Point School
2	Megan	McKenzie	Principal	Girraween Primary School

5. **Minutes previous General Meeting:** General Meeting 10th August 2022.
Moved: Beverly Ratahi Seconded: Kay McCulloch

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

6.1. **Request for more information regarding Finance Reports available to SRB's.**

A summary of issues still impacting the Electronic Financial System CiA was tabled at previous meeting. It was requested that COGSO consult all SRBs to ensure they are aware and to seek advice of any additional issues. It was requested these issues also be advised to the Chief Executive of DoE to ensure executive awareness.

ACTION: COGSO to consult with all SRB's to ensure they are aware of issues and to see if they have found any other issues with the system. DoE Chief Executive to also be made aware.

Bianca Stevens from Middle Point School briefed the council on the meeting Middle Point School Council had with Dianne Scannell – Director of Quality school financial support improvement and leadership in regards to the new Enterprise Finance System.

- 6.2. Taminmin College Chair sought confirmation that schools will receive additional funds to cover the NT Government pay raises and bonuses for school staff, as stated by the then Chief Minister on 30 November 2021 in the attached audio recording.

ACTION: COGSO to seek confirmation from the DoE that Global School Budgets will not be impacted by the pay raises and bonuses & they will in fact receive additional funds to cover this cost.

Requests for members of councils to text in or call into radio stations holding the government accountable for previous words spoken. Information was yet to be sent to members.

6.3. Request for update on Road Safety Motion from 2021 AGM

- Previous meeting was advised that COGSO is still following up this issue.
- Middle Point School have been advised they are part of the capital works program for their school safety audit. They are still waiting for works to commence in response to the 'Corrective Action Report'.

6.4. Principal Recruitment

Chair of Taminmin College advised of amendments to the Principal Job Description to remove the essential criteria relating to partnership with an SRB. Whilst it has been included in the 'Primary Objective' for the Taminmin College Principal JD, it was requested that COGSO seek this amendment for all school Principal JDs.

ACTION: COGSO to request DoE amend all principal job descriptions to include the essential criteria relating to partnership with an SRB.

7. Correspondence In: Nil

8. Correspondence Out: Nil

9. Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

10. Chair / Regional Representative Report: COGSO Policy Document - Updating.
Moved: Naomi Hunter Seconded: Bianca Stevens

11. General Business:

11.1. Dashboard for Business Managers – Bianca Stevens, Middle Point School.

Refer to 6.1 in relation to request for more information regarding Finance reports available to SRB's.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Annual General Meeting
20th October 2022
5.30pm – 6.30pm
Rydges – Palmerston

13. Meeting Close: 6:31pm