
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES 1/17

SATURDAY 25 MARCH & SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017

MEETING OPENED: 9:05am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

President opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of the Traditional Owners, the Larrakia people, past and present, whose land we meet on today.

ATTENDEES

Tabby Fudge	President
Robin Lawrence	Vice-President
Tooba Awais	Treasurer
Jeff Cook	Arnhem Regional Representative
Wayne Green	Barkly Regional Representative
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Allan Kingsley	Katherine Regional Representative
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Wendy Pelizzo	Life Member
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1. MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of 10 December 2016 Executive meeting are accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Allan Kingsley

Seconded: Jeff Cook

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

Executive noted Business Arising. Additional follow up requested.

Item 1.

Action 1: COGSO Secretariat to lodge concerns regarding schools with positions unfilled.

Update: placed on COGSO/CE agenda for 27 March, item 3.8.2.

A verbal response was provided on teacher shortages – approximately fifty (50) positions to be filled across the NT.

A list of principal positions by school name was not provided to ensure compliance with privacy obligations.

There are, however, four (4) principals on contracts for less than 12 months:

Principal contracts of 3 months or less	0
Principal contracts of 6 months	2
Principal contracts of 12 months	2

Executive Contract Officers are initially offered two-year contracts, with four-year contracts issued on renewal, dependent on differing circumstances.

Item 4.

Action 2: Darwin Representative, Noelene Armstrong, asked if the Department of Health could combine their NGO's with the re-engagement centres and whether DoE support is provided for referral pathways into schools. Noelene will assist to create the Information Request for COGSO Secretariat to provide to CE.

3. REPORTS

3.1 PRESIDENT REPORT

Executive noted the President's report and recommendation.

Motion: *That COGSO does not affiliate with ACSSO at renewal of membership in June 2017.*

Moved: Noelene Armstrong **Seconded:** Allan Kingsley **CARRIED**

3.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

3.2.1 BALANCE SHEET

3.2.2 BALANCE SHEET LAST YEAR ANALYSIS – 28 FEBRUARY 2017

3.2.3 PROFIT AND LOSS

3.2.4 PROFIT AND LOSS LAST YEAR ANALYSIS – 28 FEBRUARY 2017

Executive noted the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Tooba Awais **Seconded:** Noelene Armstrong **CARRIED**

3.3 CORPORATE REPORT

3.3.1 SCHEDULE 3 – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

3.3.2 WEBSITE STATISTICS

3.3.3 SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

3.3.4 GOVERNANCE TRAINING – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

3.3.4.1 PROVISION OF SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE

3.3.4.2 TRAINING REPORT

3.3.5 CORRESPONDENCE IN

3.3.6 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Executive noted the Corporate report.

Motion: *That general Correspondence In (3.3.5) & Correspondence Out (3.3.6) reports are no longer required and can be provided upon request.*

Moved: Tabby Fudge **Seconded:** Allan Kingsley **CARRIED**

3.4 CORRESPONDENCE WORTH NOTING

3.4.1 COGSO CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO CE, DOE ON APPOINTMENT

3.4.2 CE RESPONSE TO COGSO REQUEST - HEARING IN EDUCATION FOR LEARNING PROJECT (HELP) WORKING PARTY

3.4.3 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – AUSTRALIAN BUREAU STATISTICS

3.4.4 HEALTH MINISTER RESPONSE – APPROVAL FOR HEARING IN EDUCATION FOR LEARNING PROJECT (HELP) WORKING PARTY

3.4.5 EDUCATION MINISTER RESPONSE – APPROVAL FOR HEARING IN EDUCATION FOR LEARNING PROJECT (HELP) WORKING PARTY

3.4.6 COGSO COVER LETTER - FEDERAL SUBMISSION INTO HEARING HEALTH INQUIRY

3.4.7 COGSO/AMSANT – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR HELP WORKING PARTY

3.4.8 COGSO SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

3.4.9 COGSO FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSION 2017

3.4.10 COGSO COVER LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS, ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE PROTECTION AND DETENTION OF CHILDREN IN THE NT

3.4.11 COGSO MEDIA RELEASE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

All Correspondence was noted by Executive.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Allan Kingsley

CARRIED

3.5 CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS

3.5.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

3.5.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Please note this item has now moved under the Corporate Report.

3.6 REGIONAL REPORTS

3.6.1 ARNHEM

Executive noted the Arnhem Regional report.

The Global School Budget for the Boarding Facility at Nhulunbuy High School is combined with the Global School Budget for Nhulunbuy High School.

Action 3: COGSO Secretariat to request information at COGSO/CE meeting regarding schools with days they are not open reported for all regions, particularly in Arnhem and Southern regions. Regional representative Jeff Cook noted Birany Birany School was a local decision to close.

3.6.2 BARKLY

Executive noted the Barkly Regional report.

Action 4: COGSO Secretariat and Regional Representative, Wayne Green, to discuss the preparation of an information request regarding Tennant Creek School Councils having to fund bus transportation for students.

3.6.3 DARWIN

Executive noted the Darwin Regional report.

Treasurer, Tooba Awais, left the meeting at 1.40pm.

3.6.4 KATHERINE

Executive noted the Katherine Regional verbal report.

3.6.5 PALMERSTON AND RURAL

Nil report received.

3.6.6 SOUTHERN

Executive noted the Southern Regional report.

An opportunity to talk with Aboriginal Hostels about what works and what doesn't work for students. Southern Representative, John Adams, offered to gather contact details.

Regional reports accepted by Executive.

Moved: Fred Richardson

Seconded: Jeff Cook

CARRIED

3.7 ACSSO REPORT

3.7.1 ACSSO REPORT

Executive noted the ACSSO report.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Robin Lawrence

CARRIED

3.8 NT BOARD OF STUDIES REPORT

3.8.1 NTBOS DRAFT AGENDA – FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017

3.8.2 STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2018

Executive noted the Northern Territory Board of Studies report.

NTBOS Representative, Fred Richardson, advised that the NAPLAN Online system has been moved to 2018.

Action 5: COGSO Secretariat to request information at COGSO/CE meeting to ascertain what, if any, language classes are being offered at schools.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Robin Lawrence

CARRIED

3.9 COGSO/DOE REPORT - NEXT MEETING MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017

3.9.1 COGSO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, DIRECTION AND WORK PLAN 2017

3.9.2 \$20M INTO SCHOOL BUDGETS 2017

3.9.3 \$8M SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY, EARLY INTERVENTION AND MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS

3.9.4 \$1M BUSINESS MANAGERS AND ASSIST SCHOOLS IN HANDLING THEIR FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

3.9.5 \$2M HEALTHY LIFE-CREATIVE LIFE

3.9.6 ENROLMENT DATA

3.9.7 SCHOOL COUNCIL GUIDELINES

3.9.8 COGSO OPERATIONAL FUNDING DEED

3.9.9 COGSO OFFICE - PERMANENT LOCATION

3.9.10 SCHOOL AUTONOMY

3.9.11 EDUCATION ACT - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

3.9.12 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

3.9.13 NAPLAN ONLINE - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

3.9.14 PALMERSTON COLLEGE - DUAL CAMPUS COLLEGE MODEL

3.9.15 COGSO GOVERNANCE AND MENTORING TRAINING OFFICERS FUNDING DEED

3.9.16 2016 YEAR 6 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS CORRELATING TO 2017 YEAR 7 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

3.9.17 PRINCIPAL POSITIONS ON SHORT TERM CONTRACTS

3.9.18 IPS REPORT CARD WA – THE REPORT OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Executive noted the COGSO/DoE report.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Fred Richardson

CARRIED

3.10 COGSO/MINISTER REPORT - NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

3.10.1 HEARING IN EDUCATION FOR LEARNING PROJECT (HELP) – WORKING PARTY. UPDATE AND DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.10.2 BORROLOOLA SCHOOL COGSO UPDATE

3.10.3 SAFETY OF CHILDREN – UNIFORM HATS

3.10.4 PALMERSTON FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIOUR CENTRE – P&R REGIONAL COUNCIL CONCERNS RE CLOSURE

3.10.5 LUDMILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

Executive noted the COGSO/Minister report.

Action 6: COGSO Secretariat to request information at COGSO/CE meeting requesting details on School Uniform Hats.

Moved: John Adams

Seconded: Allan Kingsley

CARRIED

3.11 TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT

Nil TRB report received.

MEETING CLOSED: 16:35pm SATURDAY 25 MARCH

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4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 COGSO EXECUTIVE INDUCTION MANUAL – COPY PROVIDED TO MEMBERS

4.2 SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Executive received presentation from Executive Officer, Michelle Parker, 9:10am – 10:30am.

Meeting broke for morning tea 10:30am.

Meeting session reconvened at 11:00am.

4.3 COGSO 2017 ANNUAL OPERATION PLAN & ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – COPY PROVIDED TO MEMBERS

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 HANDOUT 3 - SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING RESOURCE PACK. DELIVERED AS NOTED AT 4.2.

5.2 LIFE MEMBER – COGSO IN THE EARLY DAYS

Executive received presentation from COGSO Life Member, Ian Pontifex, 11:00am – 13:00pm.

11:00 – 13:00	5.1	IAN PONTIFAX, COGSO LIFE MEMBER	FUNCTION ROOM
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MEETING CLOSED: 1:05pm
