

TOP END REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 4th May 2020, Cellar Room, Level One, Rydges Palmerston
Time 5:30pm – 6:30pm

1. **Meeting Opened:** 5:30pm
2. **Welcome:** Chair Naomi Hunter opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Larrakia of Country and paid respect to elder's 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	Top End Region
2	Tabby	Fudge	Parent Member	Taminmin College
3	Nikki	Elliott	Chair	Palmerston College
4	Kane	Griffin	Teacher Member	Bakewell Primary
5	Charmaine	Phillip	Chair	Bakewell Primary
6	Bianca	Stevens	Secretary	Middle Point School
7	Leo	Boudib	Parent Member	Borrooloola School
8	Eva	Spiteri	Treasurer	Batchelor Area School
9	Aby	Gee Varghese	Parent	Bakewell Primary
10	Beverley	Ratahi	Chair	Taminmin College
11	Kay	McCulloch	Treasurer	Driver Primary

4. **Apologies:**

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	POSITION ON SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BODY	SCHOOL
1	Elspeth	Hurse	Principal	Belyuen School
2	Linda	Yarrowin	Chairperson	LEaD committee, Belyuen
3	Angelina	Lewis	Secretary	LEaD committee, Belyuen
4	Donna	Mitchell	Parent	Humpty Doo Primary School
5	Jackie	Roberts	Principal	Bakewell Primary
6	Celeste	Fraser	Parent	Bakewell Primary
7	Leigh	McKenzie	Principal	Middle Point School

5. **Conflict of Interest Declarations:** N/A

- 6. Minutes previous General Meeting:** General Meeting 24 November 2021 minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Nikki Elliot

Seconded: Bianca Stevens

- 7. Business Arising from previous General Meeting Minutes:**

Funding application from Palmerston Dual Campus has been approved by the Department of Education.

Middle Point Schools 'Building Better School' Grant is still in the motions after the design had been approved. Business manager to keep in touch with school about the next steps in this process.

Department of Education's new Finance Reports/ Dashboard. School council members feel that the Department of Education has not consulted the schools around their current changing dashboard for financial reports. This is a huge concern for schools as the Departments change of process 'buckets of money left over' will be taken from them if not being used by the end of the financial budget timeline. Concerns involved include around each school's individual business managers may not know how to use the system in time with the deadline, school councils are expected to have a say in the school's budget but have no knowledge of the system and keys and feel their schools should not be penalised by the department taking their schools 'buckets of money' due to this new process. Top End Regional Council would like to have further discussions with NT COGSO about whether they have any knowledge of how the department intend to implement the new dashboard/ financial report system to help schools navigate this implementation with success.

Moved: Bianca Stevens

Seconded: Nikki Elliot

- 8. Correspondence In:**

NTCOGSO to Regional Council:

7.1 Funding – Students with Additional Needs (SWaN's)

- Implementation of High-Extensive NCCD based funding in 2022

Discussions around the effect the NCCD funding has had on schools and what this looks like.

Moved: Naomi Hunter

Seconded: Bianca Stevens

- 9. Correspondence Out: Nil**

- 10. Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil**

- 11. Chair / Regional Representative Report:**

Moved: Naomi Hunter

Seconded: Bianca Stevens

- 12. General Business:**

Department commenced their review to their policies and guidelines. Check in to see there is any progress.

Schools feel that the communication between the Department of Education and School principals and school representative bodies is poor and has very slow response times. Discussions around whether there is anything we can do to help resolve this problem.

Principal recruitment. Reminder to all school representative bodies that if your school is seeking a new principal that your council is to be included in that process. Seeking NT COGSO to see if there is any paperwork surrounding this process (what issues this process may involve and the different terminology used within the process).

Auxiliaries within schools. Discussions around how each school has felt the presence of police auxiliaries has had any impact positive or negative within their school. Any concerns or questions to contact Tabby before the next NT COGSO meeting and she will address the Minister with those concerns.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd June. 5:30pm-6:30pm

14. Meeting Close: 6:25pm