
EXECUTIVE MEETING 2/23 MINUTES

SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

President Tabby Fudge opened the meeting with an Acknowledgment of Country, paying respect to the Traditional Owners, past and present, and extended that acknowledgement and respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which each member is located on.

President formally welcomed members and staff.

MEETING OPENED: 9:03AM

ATTENDEES

Tabby Fudge	President
Richelle Kent	Treasurer
Lauren Winter	Central Regional Representative
Noel Carpenter	East Arnhem Regional Representative
Fred Richardson	Invited Member
Michelle Parker	Executive Officer
Annabel Fletcher	Executive Coordinator

APOLOGIES

Tanya McKenna	Vice President & Top End Representative
Wayne Green	Barkly Regional Representative
Natasha O'Keefe	Big Rivers Regional Representative
Noela Anderson	Big Rivers Regional Representative
Tabetha Bakunowicz	Darwin Regional Representative

1. MINUTES

Minutes of 18 & 19 March 2023 Executive Meeting were accepted as true and correct out of session on 22 March 2023.

Moved: Lauren Winter

Seconded: Natasha O'Keefe

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

1. Action Items from Executive Meeting 18/19 March 2023

<p>ACTION 01_2023MAR: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PLACE COUNSELLORS IN THE BARKLY REGION AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.</p>	<p>Completed 22/03: Correspondence sent to Chief Executive.</p>
<p>ACTION 02_2023MAR: EXECUTIVE TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDE THE GUIDELINES FOR UMR AND NUMR.</p>	<p>Completed 28/03: Correspondence sent to DoE CE. 29/05: Response received from Chief Executive with current guidelines. Noting, a policy review between the department and DIPL ,evaluating shared processes relating to the management of UMR and NUMR.</p>
<p>ACTION 03_2023MAR: REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE’S WITH NURSES BASED AT THEIR SCHOOL, TO DISCUSS WITH THE SCHOOLS ‘HOW ARE WE REACHING FAMILIES TO NOTIFY OF THE SURVEY’.</p>	<p>Circulated to Regional Representatives in the Meeting Minutes and placed on upcoming Regional Council Meeting agendas.</p> <p>Outstanding: Regional Reps to update meeting on discussions with their schools.</p>
<p>MOTION: EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF NURSES PERMANENTLY BASED IN SCHOOLS AND SEEK AN EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAMME, INCLUDING INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS.</p> <p>MOTION: THAT THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND MINISTER FOR EDUCATION PROVIDE TO NTCOGSO A COPY OF THE ‘SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE – HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL NURSE REVIEW’ FINAL EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BY WEEK 4, TERM 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Completed 22/03: Correspondence sent to Minister for Education and Minister for Health. DoE CE copied in. 23/05: Response received from Minister for Health.</p> <p>Ongoing To be reviewed term 1, 2024.</p>
<p>MOTION: PRESIDENT TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM TRISH SLOCUM PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER HEALTH IMPROVEMENT NT HEALTH REGARDING CURRENT NURSE SURVEY PURPOSE, ACCESSIBILITY TO SURVEY, CLOSING DATE AND CURRENT DATA ON SCHOOL NURSING RESOURCES.</p>	<p>Completed 24/03: Executive Officer discussed with the DOH Director, Health Improvement, regarding the purpose of the survey. DoH have 14 nurses in schools’ delivering 6 different programs. Bespoke model currently, some nurses do certain programs only. Using nurses for hearing tests, immunisation, and band aids. DoH are wanting to develop a model that meets current student need. Menzies was only engaged to advise on the ethics approval for the review.</p>

	DoH had invited Principals from schools with a nurse program, to provide feedback. Survey was planned to start term 1, 2022. DoE suggested term 2. Written survey and paper copy of permission form and student survey, with 0 returned to date. Up until 17 March, only 2 online completions.
<p>MOTION: EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLORS IN SCHOOLS AND SEEK AN EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS.</p> <p>MOTION: THE PRESIDENT REQUEST THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE TO NTCOGSO, PRIOR TO THE END OF TERM 1 2023, THE PROPOSED ‘STUDENT WELLBEING, INCLUSION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (SWIPS)’ RE-STRUCTURE FOR TRIAGE AND CENTRAL INTAKE OF STUDENTS.</p>	<p>Completed 28/03: Correspondence sent to DoE CE and copied to Minister for Education.</p> <p>Ongoing Meeting scheduled with Director, SWIPS – June 2023</p>
<p>MOTION: THE PRESIDENT WRITE TO SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BODIES CONFIRMING NTCOGSO DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLORS.</p>	<p>Completed 14/05 NTCOGSO published a media release “School Counsellors Must Be Based in Schools” which was followed by extensive radio media.</p>

2. Action Items from Executive Meeting 30 October 2022
(UPDATE ON ITEMS COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS SINCE 18/19 MARCH MEETING)

<p>ACTION 3: PRESIDENT TO WRITE TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON WHY CENTRAL BUDGET IS NOT FUNDING RELIEF STAFF, INCLUDING THEIR ON COSTS.</p>	<p>In progress. To be placed on the agenda for 24 March 2023 with Dep CE, Susan Bowden. Carried over as March agenda full.</p>
<p>ACTION 4: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ARRANGE ONLINE (MICROSOFT TEAMS) MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND POWER & WATER TO DISCUSS OPTIONS.</p>	<p>In progress. ‘Opportunities to assist schools across reduce their water usage’ email received from PWC on 3 February date. Circulated to SRB members.</p> <p>Meeting to be re-scheduled by Executive Officer and to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elise Walding, Minister Ed Advisor ○ Joel Spry, Water Demand Manager ○ Patrick Gray, Water Demand Project Coord ○ President, NTCOGSO ○ Michelle Parker, Executive Officer
<p>ACTION 6: MOTION 2.2/2021 FEMALE TO FEMALE AGGRESSION.</p> <p>1. PRESIDENT TO WRITE TO DMS CHAIR AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT WHICH IS CONSIDERED COMPLETED. REQUEST ANY FEEDBACK FROM CHAIR.</p>	<p>Completed 28/03: Correspondence sent to Chair of Darwin Middle School. Chair agrees to finalise motion.</p>

2. PRESIDENT TO WRITE TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE REQUESTING DATA FOR PROGRAMS, SCHOOL SURVEY OUTCOMES	June meeting to clarify this item and whether still required.
ACTION 7: MOTION 2.6/2021 EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAS AIR QUALITY TESTING COMPLETED IN NT SCHOOLS AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS? 	In progress. Initially to be added to CE agenda 14 March. Agenda full and moved to May agenda. May meeting postponed to 1 June. 1 June meeting mutually agreed to change to Executive Officer and Director, Office of Chief Executive to work through the agenda items.

Executive Members discussed school feedback on the ‘School Health Service – Health Promoting School Nurse’ Review.

Executive Members discussed the update for motion 2.2/2021 ‘Female to Female Aggression’.

ACTION 1_06.2023: ITEM 6 (2) PRESIDENT TO CONTACT CHAIR OF DARWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND REQUEST FEEDBACK ON CURRENT FEMALE TO FEMALE AGGRESSION REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

Motion: That the Business Arising of 18 & 19 March 2023 are accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Fred Richardson

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 PRESIDENT REPORT

President presented a written report and noted that since the last Executive meeting the advocacy focus has been on School Counselling which has been all encompassing for the last several weeks. This included media engagements and discussion with schools, families as well as ex-school counsellors sharing their concerns and experiences.

Other main advocacy focus has been on youth electronic smoking and pleased to see the national response on this issue.

Since the Executive teleconference held Monday 29 May, the School Engagement and Advisory Group (SEAG) quarterly meeting was held Wednesday 31 May which included a presentation on Student Wellbeing and Inclusion Programs and Services (SWIPS). Immediately following the SEAG meeting, President and Executive Officer met with Aderyn Chatterton, Director, SWIPS and outlined concerns regarding retaining a School Based Counselling service.

NTCOGSO will continue to work with the Director of SWIPS and will be seeking the evidence used to determine the proposed model. NTCOGSO will also be looking at the outcome of this model

in Victoria as anecdotally they may have moved away from this model type of multi-disciplinary and triage.

Requiring consent from a parent for students to access Counselling services will remain an ongoing conversation between NTCOGSO and the department. We must ensure that measures put in place do not deter our youth seeking from seeking support from a counsellor.

Measures such as:

- requiring parent permission if under the age of 16
- completion of a formal request
- request being considered by staff in the Mitchell Centre

We remain concerned regarding decisions relating to Student Wellbeing and Inclusion being made by public servants who are not clinicians with relevant expertise.

Executive Members noted the distribution of school facing positions in the regional multi-disciplinary teams across regions based on student numbers and are seeking for allocations to be based on student need in regions, not student numbers.

Given the departments 2018 'STUDY OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE IN NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS' which recommended the provision of school-based professional wellbeing, mental health and education support for all Northern Territory students, members requested information on the evidence relied upon by the department for service delivery changes.

ACTION 2_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE AND CLINICAL|PROFESSIONAL ADVICE WHICH INFORMED THE DECISION TO MOVE FROM THEIR STATED 'OLD' MODEL OF SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLORS TO THE PROPOSED TRIAGE MODEL.

ACTION 3_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE:

1. A BREAKDOWN OF DISABILITY FUNDING PROVIDED TO THE NT BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, BY TOTAL FOR EACH NCCD LEVEL OF ADJUSTMENT
2. A BREAKDOWN OF NT FUNDING BY TYPE AND AMOUNT PER STUDENT WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS PAID TO SCHOOLS (SWAN LOADING | HIGH EXTENSIVE | SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTING ETC)

Australian Government:

Table 1: 2022 students with disability loading by NCCD level of adjustment

	<u>SRS funding amount in 2022</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Substantial</u>	<u>Extensive</u>
<u>Primary student</u>	\$12,522	42% (\$5,259)	146% (\$18,282)	312% (\$39,069)
<u>Secondary student</u>	\$15,736	33% (\$5,193)	116% (\$18,254)	248% (\$39,025)

Note: The table shows the 2022 amounts under the full SRS and does not take into account a school's transition arrangements to consistent Commonwealth shares of the SRS.

ACTION 4_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF UNSPENT FUNDS IN THE 22|23 FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE FOR 'STUDENT WELLBEING AND INCLUSION PROGRAM SERVICES AND SERVICES (SWIPS).

ACTION 5_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REALLOCATE 22|23 UNSPENT FUNDS FROM SWIPS UNIT TO SCHOOL BUDGETS TO ASSIST PRINCIPALS TO PROVIDE INSCHOOL SUPPORTS.

ACTION 6_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE DATA (AS AT 9 JUNE 2023) REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE EIGHTY (80) POSITIONS IN THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS:

- CURRENT VACANCIES (BY NUMBER IN EACH ROLE, PER REGION)
- POSITIONS ADVERTISED (BY NUMBER IN EACH ROLE, PER REGION)
- POSITIONS RECRUITED AND HAVE NOT COMMENCED (BY NUMBER PER ROLE, PER REGION)
- POSITIONS ON LEAVE AND NOT BACKFILLED (BY NUMBER IN EACH ROLE, PER REGION)

ACTION 7_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN ON THE EIGHTY (80) SCHOOL FACING POSITIONS IN MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS, BY NUMBER IN EACH ROLE, PER REGION.

(REFER TO THE BELOW TABLE).

ACTION 8_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE THEIR REASONING FOR:

1. ONLY PROVIDING AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST FOR EAST ARNHEM REGION
2. ONLY PROVIDING A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST FOR BARKLY REGION

(REFERENCED IN THE BELOW TABLE).

	Darwin (22 positions)	Top End (21 positions)	East Arnhem (9 positions)	Big Rivers (10 positions)	Barkly (10 positions)	Central (10 positions)
Specialist Teacher	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?
Psychologist	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?
School Counsellor	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?
Occupational Therapist	X	X	Number allocated?	X	X	X
Speech Pathologist	X	X	X	X	Number allocated?	X
Behaviour Advisors	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?	Number allocated?

Based on data presented by the Department at SEAG Meeting 31 May 2023.

General discussion on wellbeing work in other jurisdictions. Western Australia Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) Annual Conference will be held on 19-20 August with a focus on mental health.

ACTION 9_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONTACT OUR STATE/TERRITORY COUNTERPARTS TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THEIR JURISDICTIONS APPROACH TO STUDENT WELLBEING AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN SCHOOLS.

Executive members discussed the Australian Psychology Society (APS) publication of *'The Framework for effective delivery of school psychology services: a practice guide for psychologists and school leaders'*. APS is the peak professional association for psychologists in Australia, where a significant number of APS members are psychologists who work in school settings.

ACTION 10_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO CONTACT AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY (APS) AS THE PEAK PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS IN AUSTRALIA, REGARDING INFORMATION ABOUT EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE.

A Productivity Commission report on mental health recommended that all schools should measure student wellbeing using specific targets and nationally consistent measures of student wellbeing, with schools required to report on their progress against wellbeing outcomes (Productivity Commission 2020).

ACTION 11_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC TARGETS USED TO MEASURE STUDENT WELLBEING AND HOW THIS IS REPORTED.

Executive received the President's report.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Fred Richardson

CARRIED

3.2 TREASURER REPORT

3.2.1 PROFIT AND LOSS – TO 30 APRIL 2023

3.2.2 BALANCE SHEET – TO 30 APRIL 2023

Treasurer Richelle Kent presented the financial statements.

Treasurer noted all reporting is up to date with the ATO. Maintaining a close eye on the budget with four (4) weeks to go until end of financial year – both training and operational at maximum budget expenditure to date.

The Department did not pay the GST component in the last two Governance Training funded amounts (Nov 22 and Apr 23). Executive Officer and the Bookkeeper have followed up several times. Executive Officer will request the GST components be paid prior to end of financial year.

OneIT service agreement is increasing by 7.5% which is not feasible on our operational budget. Executive Officer will explore other IT providers.

Executive received the Treasurer report.

Moved: Richelle Kent

Seconded: Tabby Fudge

CARRIED

3.3 CORPORATE REPORT

3.3.1 ASSOCIATION LIABILITY 2023 | 2024 RENEWAL QUOTATION

Executive Officer advised the NTCOGSO's Association Liability for 2023 – 2024 is due for renewal. The total premium for the 2023– 2024 policy period will be \$3,420.00 inclusive of charges. This has increased by 15% (\$425.80) from the previous year.

Executive Officer noted we have coverage until 30 June 2023. The current renewal quote was discussed and noted that many items of traditional 'Directors Insurance' are not applicable to NTCOGSO.

The policy has been renewed at no cost at this stage to 30 June.

Department has volunteers' insurance which covers SRB members.

ACTION 12_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXPLORE OTHER PROVIDERS AND SOURCE ADDITIONAL QUOTES BY 14|15 JUNE FOR EXECUTIVE CONSIDERATION.

3.3.2 NTCOGSO WEBSITE | COPYTRACK CLAIM

CopyTrack is a German firm that scans the internet for licenced media on behalf of clients, mostly graphic designers/photographers and requests a copy of proof of purchase for the use. It serves as a reminder for all staff to ensure licenced media proof of purchased is filed and logged.

3.3.2 STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT

Governance Training Officers

The three Governance Training Officer positions have been successfully recruited to with staggered commencements during April to May. A warm welcome has been extended to Mary-Jay Nepe-Fuamatu, Andrea James and Victoria Van Der Beek.

Cultural Advisor

Natasha O'Keefe has regrettably resigned from the Cultural Advisor role effective 2 June 2023. This newly created temporary position was ending on 30 June as no funding is available for a Cultural Advisor position. We are thrilled Tash has secured employment and will remain in Darwin.

Executive would like to formally acknowledge the work Natasha O'Keefe provided as Cultural Advisor in 22-23.

ACTION 13_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE AND SEND A FORMAL LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO NATASHA O'KEEFE.

Administrative Assistant Vacancy

Current recruitment underway for a part-time Admin Assistant.

3.3.3 INSURANCES

Workers Compensation - 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24

Increased wages estimate from \$500 624 in 22-23 to \$875 000 for 23-24. This was expected due to the successful recruitment of the three trainer positions.

Business Package - 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24

Negotiated to move from a school product to a Business Package. This greatly reduced excesses from the previous 10k to 25k, down to \$500 for all claims. Also resulted in a reduced premium. NTCOGSO's assets level insured was increased from \$150k to \$160k. This asset figure is current to date, accurate and reflected in the asset register.

Executive received the Corporate report.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Fred Richardson

CARRIED

3.4 CORRESPONDENCE WORTH NOTING

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	TITLE
03/04/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO NTCOGSO - EXPOSURE DRAFT - EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 - GENERAL STAKEHOLDERS
26/04/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO NTCOGSO - MOTION 1.2/2022 - COMMUNICATIONS ON CORPORATE STAFF AND PROGRAMS
26/04/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO NTCOGSO - RETENTION OF SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELLORS AND EXPANSION INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS
12/05/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO NTCOGSO - NT PRESCHOOL REVIEW - DISCUSSION PAPER - MS TABBY FUDGE
23/05/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO NTCOGSO_SCHOOL COUNSELLOR - QANDA
23/05/2023	MINISTER FYLES TO NTCOGSO_SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE REVIEW
26/05/2023	CE LETTER - POLICY AND GUIDELINES ON URGENT MINOR REPAIRS (UMR) AND NON-URGENT MINOR REPAIRS (NUMR) FOR SCHOOLS

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DATE	TITLE
22/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE_SCHOOL COUNSELLORS IN BARKLY
22/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO MINISTER LAWLER_MINISTER FYLES_MOTION_SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM
28/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE_GUIDELINES FOR UMR_NUMR
28/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE_MOTION 1.4_2021 ALICE SPRINGS HOUSING
28/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE_MOTION_SCHOOL COUNSELLORS
28/03/2023	NTCOGSO TO DARWIN MIDDLE BOARD_CHAIR_MOTION UPDATE
14/05/2023	MEDIA RELEASE_NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS_SCHOOL COUNSELLORS MUST BE BASED IN SCHOOLS

Correspondence noted by Executive.

3.5 REGIONAL REPORTS

3.5.1 BARKLY

Nil report.

3.5.2 BIG RIVERS

Executive noted the Big Rivers Regional Council General Meeting Minutes (unconfirmed) of 10 May 2023.

Due to Long Service Leave, the Big Rivers Regional Council Chair Noela Anderson has resigned but will remain as the Regional Representative. Eugenie Collyer from MacFarlane Primary School has accepted the role of Chair.

Executive received the report tabled for Big Rivers Region.

3.5.3 CENTRAL

Nil report.

3.5.4 DARWIN

The Darwin Regional Council General Meeting Minutes (unconfirmed) of 8 May 2023 were presented.

Executive received the report tabled for Darwin Region.

3.5.5 EAST ARNHEM

East Arnhem Regional Representative advised they have a new Senior Director.

Laynhapuy Homelands school held their AGM last week with all vacant positions filled.

Executive noted the verbal update for East Arnhem Region.

3.5.6 TOP END

Top End Regional Representative advised the Regional Council meeting was only held recently on 31 May.

Executive noted the Regional Reports.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Fred Richardson

CARRIED

3.6 TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD (TRB) REPORT

Members noted the NTCOGSO Teacher Registration Board member's term of appointment is for a duration of four years and the previous term of the NTCOGSO position on the Board held by Member Marisa Boscato expired on 10 October 2022. A new term was renewed, 11 October 2022 to 10 October 2026 with Marisa Boscato reappointed.

Executive noted the report for Teacher Registration Board.

3.7 NT BOARD OF STUDIES (NTBOS) REPORT

Fred Richardson noted there is a positive collaboration approach within the tri sector (Public, Catholic and Independent) for implementation of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum, Early Years and Indigenous Language and Culture Reviews.

Fred has provided input to the NTBOS to review how other jurisdictions are planning for emerging technologies. These technologies are inevitably going to have fundamental impact on the education sector, and it is sensible to be proactive.

Executive noted the upcoming Secondary Education review and will circulate information to members to promote participation in having a say.

Executive noted the report for the NT Board of Studies.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Noel Carpenter

CARRIED

3.8 NT COGSO | DOE REPORT

3.8.1 SCHOOL EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP (SEAG)

31 MAY 2023 | AGENDA

The School Education Advisory Group (SEAG) membership includes the DoE CE, NTCOGSO, NTPA and the AEUNT.

Executive members were provided with the SEAG meeting presentation.

Executive members discussed the teacher vacancies data. The East Arnhem Regional Representative queried the data presented for East Arnhem as “0” (nil) reported teacher vacancies as at Week 6, Term 2, 2023. The Regional Rep is aware of (four) 4 vacancies at one school alone, in the region, at that time.

ACTION 14_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO REQUEST THE NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE TEACHER VACANCIES ARE REPORTED.

ACTION 15_06.2023: PRESIDENT TO WRITE TO FEDERAL EDUCATION MINISTER, JASON CLARE WELCOMING THE \$40.4M INVESTMENT INTO CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION. PARTICULARLY HIS INTENT FOR FUNDING DIRECTLY INTO GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS. IN ADDITION TO EXTENDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ON THE MINISTER’S NEXT VISIT TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

3.8.2 NTCOGSO | CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 JUNE | BUSINESS ARISING AND AGENDA
REMAINING 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE: 17 AUG; 09 NOV

Meeting on 1 June cancelled by mutual agreement.

Executive Officer will meet with the Director, Office of Chief Executive to work through the agenda items .

Executive noted the NT COGSO | DoE Report.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Richelle Kent

CARRIED

3.9 NT COGSO | MINISTER REPORT

The following report was provided in the meeting papers:

1 JUNE 2023 MEETING | BUSINESS ARISING AND AGENDA
REMAINING 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE: 28 JUN; 2 AUG; 23 AUG; 20 SEP; 1 NOV; 6 NOV

Executive noted the NT COGSO | Minister report.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 POLICE CHECKS AND OCHRE CARD RENEWALS

National police checks for Executive Members were introduced to meet the Fit and Proper persons requirement under the NT Associations Act (2009) at the March Executive Meeting. Executive Members are also required to hold a Working With Children Clearance (Ochre Card) A calendar invitation has been sent to Executive Members one month prior to their expirations as a reminder to renew.

ACTION 16_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FINALISE EMPLOYEE AND PRESIDENT NATIONAL POLICE CHECKS

4.2 SET DATE FOR Q3 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Executive agreed to set the meeting date out of session.

ACTION 17_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CIRCULATE Q3 EXECUTIVE MEETING DATE OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION.

4.3 SET DATE FOR ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL & AGM

Executive agreed to set the meeting date out of session.

ACTION 18_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CIRCULATE ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL & AGM MEETING DATE OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION.

4.4 NTCOGSO POLICY – UPDATE

PRIORITY: SCHOOL BASED POLICING AND SCHOOL COUNSELLORS AND SCHOOL BASED NURSES: HEALTH PROGRAM

Members discussed the importance of NTCOGSO having a policy position on School-Based Policing, School-Based Counsellors and School-Based Nurses, which are not included in the current 2009 Policy.

ACTION 19_06.2023: EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DRAFT NTCOGSO POLICY POSITIONS BY 14 JULY 2023 FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS CONSIDERATION.

MOTION 20_06.2023: THAT EXECUTIVE FINALISE A PROPOSED POLICY ON SCHOOL-BASED POLICING, SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELLORS AND SCHOOL-BASED NURSES AND CIRCULATE TO FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DECISION.

Meeting Closed: 3:12 PM
