

To: The School Council Chairperson
Re: COGSO Annual Council & AGM
Date: 21st August 2008

On behalf of the Council of Government School Organisations, please find enclosed copies of the Unconfirmed Minutes of :

- Annual Council 2008
- Annual General Meeting 2008

Note:

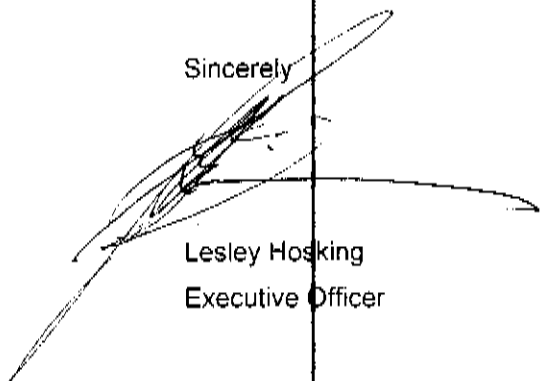
1. Attachments 2 – 7 to Unconfirmed Minutes of Annual Council are available from the COGSO Office (contact details below).
2. At the Annual Council meeting, two new COGSO policies were approved:
 - Indigenous Education
 - Middle Years of Schooling

New print runs of the COGSO Policy booklet will be available at the commencement of the 2009 school year.

During the interim period an updated copy of the COGSO Policy booklet can be accessed via the COGSO website - www.ntcogso.org.au

Please contact the COGSO Office (contact details below) if you need assistance in accessing a hard copy of the new policies.

Sincerely


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MINUTES

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations Inc. Saturday August 2nd 2008 Mirambeena Travelodge Darwin NT

Open

The meeting opened at 8.42.am.

Welcome

The President welcomed members and delegates to the Annual Council and AGM.

Present & Apologies

Attachment 1

9.00a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Northern Territory Certificate of Education: Future Completion Requirements

Ms Susan Barton Johnston

Assistant General Manager Teaching, Learning and Standards

Department of Employment, Education and Training

(Council Response to Discussion Paper - Attachment 2)

Item 1

MINUTES

1.1

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Mirambeena Travelodge on Saturday 20th October 2007.

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Mirambeena Travelodge on Saturday 20th October 2007, with amendments, were accepted as a true and correct record.

Michael Duffy/Bill Russell

CARRIED

Amendments:

Attachment 1: Correct spelling of Ketterisch is Ketteritzsch.

Nightcliff Middle School enrolment noted as 150

Item 2

BUSINESS ARISING

The President gave a briefing on action taken in response to direction from Council 2007, and on issues canvassed with the Minister for Education and the Department of Employment, Education and Training during the 2007 – 2008 period. (Attachment 3)

Item 3

REPORTS

3.1

Corporate Report

3.2

Treasurer's Report

3.3

Barkly Region Report

3.4

Darwin Region Report

Council noted the Darwin Region Report.

Amendment:

Misspelling in the report – *Manunda Terrace*.

3.5

East Arnhem Region Report

3.6

Katherine Region Report

3.7

Palmerston and Rural Region Report

3.8

Southern Region Report

3.9

ACSSO Report

Note to Reports 3.2 to 3.9:

A record of verbal reports and discussion on items 3.2 to 3.9, are provided at Attachment 5.

It was moved that reports 3.1 to 3.9 be accepted.

Lisa Rothwell/Christine Milne
CARRIED
Unanimous

Item 4
4.1

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Draft Middle Years of Schooling Policy (Approved Policy at Attachment 6)

Moved:

That the draft Middle Years of Schooling Policy be accepted by Council.

Michael Duffy/Lisa Rothwell
CARRIED
Unanimous

Council moved into Committee for 5 minutes to discuss amendments to the draft policy.

Julie Donohue/Bill Russell
CARRIED
Unanimous

Moved:

That the amendments to the draft Middle Years of Schooling Policy be accepted.

Bill Russell/Marilyn Galt
For 39
Against 7

Moved:

That the Middle Years of Schooling Policy as amended, be approved by Council.

Michael Duffy/Julie Donohue
CARRIED
Unanimous

4.2

Draft Indigenous Education Policy (Approved Policy at Attachment 7)

Moved:

That the draft Indigenous Education Policy be accepted by Council.

Bill Russell/Ros Ther
CARRIED
Unanimous

Council moved into committee for 5 minutes to discuss amendments to the draft policy.

Michael Duffy/Matt Skoss
CARRIED
Unanimous

Moved:

That the amendments to the draft policy be accepted.

Michael Duffy/Kim Hawthorne
CARRIED
Unanimous

Moved:

That the draft Indigenous Education Policy be accepted by Council.

Michael Duffy/Christine Milne
CARRIED
Unanimous

Item 5

LATE MOTIONS

Nil

Item 6

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Item 7

MEETING CLOSE

The President thanked all delegates for attending and entering into spirited debate on a long weekend. The Annual Council Meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

**Attachment 1
Present and Apologies**

<u>Delegates Present</u>	<u>School Council</u>	<u>Student No.</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
Peter Garrigan	Darwin High School	1260	
Michael Duffy	Moil Primary School	205	
Bronwyn McCrostie	As above	Noted	
Lisa Rothwell	Wanguri Primary School	301	Nightcliff Middle School Howard Springs Primary School
Julie Donohue	Casuarina Senior College	1500	Anula Primary School Stuart Park Primary School
Ros Ther	Dripstone Middle School 600		
Louise Manhire	As above	Noted	
Rhondda Karis	Leanyer Primary School	501	
Christine Milne	As above	Noted	
Bill Russell	Mataranka Primary School	36	
Steve Carter	Life Member	Noted	Darwin High School
Lesley Hosking	Nightcliff Middle School	150	
Matt Skoss	Alice Springs High School	203	
Kim Hawthorne	Humpty Doo Primary School	448	
Heather Hall	As above	Noted	
Marilyn Galt	Sanderson Middle School	431	
Erin Evans	Taminmin High School	1031	
Clare Pearce	Clyde Fenton Primary School	317	

Apologies

Larrakeyah Primary School	328 (proxy given)
Stuart Park Primary School	205 (proxy given)
Anula Primary School	418 (proxy given)
Howard Springs Primary	212 (proxy given)
Parap Primary School	-
Driver Primary School	-
Moulden Park School and Neighbourhood Centre	-

Number of School Councils represented: 17

Number of Students represented: 8,146 (approx 25% of enrolled school population)

All attachments as below are available from the COGSO Website at AGM/Council meetings, or alternatively by contacting the COGSO Secretariat on 89993255 or emailing: enquiries@ntcogso.org.au

Attachment 2

Council Response to NTCE Future Completion Requirements Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper on NTCE Completion Requirements is available on request: enquiries@ntcogso.org.au

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Attachment 3

Report on Council Directed Action Items 2007

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Attachment 4

President's Address to Council and AGM

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Attachment 5

Record of verbal reports and discussion, Items 3.2 to 3.9

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Attachment 6

Approved Middle Years of Schooling Policy

COGSO Annual Council & AGM, Saturday August 2nd 2008

Mirambeena Travelodge, Darwin NT

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Attachment 7

Approved Indigenous Education Policy



MINUTES

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations, held at the Mirambeena Holiday Inn, Darwin NT, on Saturday 2nd August 2008

The President opened the meeting at 11.20a.m. welcomed those present, noted the apologies and recognised those carrying proxies.

Present and Apologies: Attachment 1

1. MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of the 2007 Annual General meeting

The unconfirmed Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting held at the Mirambeena Travelodge on Saturday October 20th, as amended, were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Amendments

Kirsten Crdland's name is to be noted as included in delegates present.

The correct spelling is *Ketteritzsch*

The correct spelling is "Wugularr" School.

Michael Duffy/Lisa Rothwell
CARRIED

2. RETURNING OFFICER

2.1 Mr Steve Carter was nominated and elected unopposed for the position of Returning Officer.

Julie Donohue/Lisa Rothwell
CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

The President noted the Annual Report provides an overview of organisational activity, and that a further address would be provided to the Council Meeting at the close of the AGM.

Julie Donohue/Christine Milne
CARRIED

3.2 Treasurer's Report

3.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Council *received* the Treasurer's Report and *noted* the advice in relation to the report.

Julie Donohue/Bronwyn McCrostie
CARRIED

3.2.2 Auditor's Report 2007 - 2008

Council *received* the Unqualified Audit Report for 2007 – 2008.

COGSO has accepted the recommendations made by the Auditor as at the report of August 1st 2008.

Julie Donohue/Bronwyn McCrostie
CARRIED

4. 2008 OFFICE BEARERS

4.1 Election of President

Nominee Peter Garrigan (Elected unopposed)

4.2 Election of Vice President

Nominee Michael Duffy (Elected unopposed)

4.3 Election of Treasurer

Nominee Julie Donohue (Elected unopposed)

4.4 Regional Chairs

Council was advised that the Regional Chairs and representatives to Executive for 2009 are:

Barkly	Jo Rush
Darwin	Lisa Rothwell
East Arnhem	Vacant
Katherine	Bill Russell
Palmerston & Rural	Wendy Pelizzo
Southern	Matt Skoss

5. AUDITOR

5.1 Nomination of Auditor for 2007 - 2008

Council agreed to retain Lowry and Associates as its Auditors for 2008 - 2009.

Julie Donohue/Wendy Pelizzo

CARRIED

There being no further business the President thanked members for their attendance at the Annual General Meeting and declared the meeting closed at 11.45a.m.

Attachment 1

Present and Apologies

As per Annual Council Minutes Attachment 1.