

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 6 August 2020, Gillen Club, 57 Milner Rd, Gillen.
5:30pm – 6:30pm

1. **Meeting Open:** 5:30pm
2. **Welcome:** Chair welcomed members.
3. **Present:** recorded on attendance sheet and signed by attendees

Lauren	Winter	Centralian Senior & Middle Schools
Steve	Mitchell	Yuendumu School Council
Derrick	Williams	Yuendumu School Council
Bec	Imhof	Centralian Middle School
Fred	Richardson	Centralian Senior College
Dave	Sargeant	Braitling Primary School
George	Winter	Centralian Middle School
Darcy	Imhof	Centralian Middle School

4. Apologies:

David	McGregor	Mutitjulu School
Louise	Clark	Larapinta Primary School

5. Minutes previous General Meeting:

- i. Any amendments are discussed. Agreed amendments to be completed by the Secretary
- ii. Motion that the minutes are a true and accurate record and be confirmed

Moved: Fred Richardson

Seconded: Lauren Winter

6. Business Arising: Nil

7. Correspondence In: Nil

8. Correspondence Out: Nil

9. Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

10. Chair (Regional Representative) Report: Members noted the information from NTCOGSO Executive to Southern Regional Council under General Business.

11. General Business:

11.1 Southern Regional Council Positions Vacant

- o Vice-Chair
- o Secretary

The vacant positions were noted by Regional Council. No nominations were received.

11.2 School feedback/issues in relation to COVID

- o Parents are looking forward to the Facebook publication of the results from the Minister and Shadow Minister at the debate COGSO just held. It was thought more convenient to access and share results on Facebook as opposed to our COGSO website.
- o COVID 19 2nd wave: Consensus of concern, parents fear an attitude of complacency might potentially derail social/medical hygiene and social distancing precautions.

- Concerns about uncertainty for staff, staff resignations, quality of new staff they may have to recruit.
- Seeking to have clarity for remote staff as soon as possible (no later than week 1 Term 4) to support their mental health (most staff haven't seen their families since March).
- Suggestions to put forward, e.g. stage when staff leave to space out their quarantine requirements etc.
- Braitling: School Council attendance and engagement has deteriorated.
- Yuendumu: Macquarie University recently completed an acoustic classroom audit with only (one) 1 room identified as 'green', all other rooms were amber or red.
- Concern for remote based 1st year teachers as some at Yuendumu were finding the isolation and quarantine measures particularly trying.
- Pleased with the new school fence.
- Frustration of the general state of building infrastructure, especially prevalent after recent visit from Minister Uibo who talked with community of the golden age of 'Education 2.0'
- Two high-need disability students were meagrely assisted in their application for a support person at school [presumably from NDIS] with just \$3.5 K each.

11.3 Election Q&A and Education commitment

11.4 National Review of Disability Standards in Education

11.5 Mission Australia Youth Mental Health Survey

11.6 Preparation for the 2020 Full Council Meeting: development of Motions

11.7 Updates to NTCOGSO Policy Document

General Business Items **11.3 to 11.7** noted by regional Council.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2 November 2020

13. Meeting Close: 6.55pm