

DARWIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 12 August 2019

Natasha Fyles Office, Shop 5, Nightcliff Shopping Town, Pavonia Way

1. Meeting Open: 6:06 pm

2. Welcome:

- 3. Present:** Noelene Armstrong (Stuart Park Primary School), Mina McCarthy (Malak School Council), Barbara Roberts (Nightcliff Middle School), Rachel Lovett (Nightcliff Middle School) Richelle Kent (Manunda Terrace Primary School), Steve Caldwell (Darwin Middle School), Natalie Gibbs (Ludmilla Primary School)

Guest: Michelle Parker (NT COGSO Executive Officer)

- 4. Apologies:** Lorraine Hodgson (Nemarluk School), Hannah Schwartzkopff (Wagaman Primary School), Robin Lawrence (Sanderson Middle School)

5. Minutes previous General Meeting:

The minutes from the previous meeting were noted.

Moved: Noelene Armstrong

Seconded: Richelle Kent

6. Business Arising from previous General Meeting Minutes:

Update RE: School Project Proposals: Federal Labor had committed \$1.3 million for NT Schools in the lead up to the Federal Election but did not make government. The current Coalition Government has since offered \$200,000 per electorate for school infrastructure projects (min \$1000, maximum of \$20,000), which is available to every non-government and government school in each electorate. The funding is for capital projects and is applications are due toward the end of September.

ACTION 1: NT COGSO to circulate link to funding opportunity (ref below).

Applications open 25 July 2019 and are to be submitted through the Department of Education's Schools HUB portal at <https://schools.education.gov.au> by 5:00 pm AEST on 30 September 2019.

Moved: Natalie Gibbs

Seconded: Steve Caldwell

7. Correspondence In:

7.1. NT COGSO to Regional Council: Joint Media Release on Principals Wage Freeze

Michelle Parker discussed the reduction in funding to School Budgets including the Principals Wage Freeze. NTCOGSO is advocating against the wage freeze in a joint approach being undertaken with the AEU and the NT Principals Association.

Moved: Rachel Lovett

Seconded: Mina McCarthy

8. Correspondence Out:

Nil.

9. Business Arising from Correspondence:

Not applicable.

10. Regional Representative Report: Noelene Armstrong

Noelene discussed NT COGSO's attendance at the Headspace in Schools stakeholder meeting. There was concern around the lack of integration between Headspace in Schools and the NT DoE. Motions relating to students with additional needs, including those requiring mental health support, have featured heavily over consecutive years at the NT COGSO AGM. NT COGSO will review the 2018 Review of Policy and Practice for Students with Additional Needs in preparation for the AGM.

Council members were interested to learn more about Headspace in Schools and would like to see a one-page information sheet that explains the benefit of their work. Darwin Regional Council expresses their support for NTCOGSO's request to Headspace for the information sheet. It is also noted that Councils can simply invite Headspace in Schools to speak with their school and find out more about the services that they provide.

Moved: Natalie Gibbs

Seconded: Richelle Kent

11. General Business:

11.1. Guest Speaker: Sergeant Domenic Crea, Youth Engagement Division, NT Police - School Based Policing Program

Sergeant Domenic Crea sent his apologies and cannot attend tonight's meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

11.2. NT Full Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 2 November 2019

Michelle provided a brief overview to the Full Council meeting format which includes an opening by the Minister often followed by a Q&A, a Keynote Speaker, a review of the preceding years actions on motions, the AGM, then a discussion and finalisation of motions for the upcoming year.

It is noted that this is the last NT Full Council Meeting before 22 August 2020 NT election.

ACTION 2: Recirculate the previous list of motions (ref attached).

ACTION 3: Circulate the forms relating to upcoming NT Full Council Meeting and AGM (ref attached).

It is noted that motions need to be returned by the 27th of September 2019. However, late motions can be submitted up until the Full Council meeting and will be addressed if there is time.

Moved: Mina McCarthy

Seconded: Barbara Roberts

12. Date of Next Meeting: 9th September 2019

13. Meeting Close: 7:15 pm