# NT Council of Government School Organisations 2014 Full Council Meeting

Saturday 2 November 2014 Rydges Hotel, Darwin Airport

# **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED: 9.00 A.M.

# 1 MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2014

1.1. UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF NT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL
ORGANISATIONS 2013 FULL COUNCIL MEETING Held at the Travelodge Mirambeena
2 November 2013

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a t r u e and correct record, with correction to Peter and Liz Hendry's surnames noted.

Moved: Peter Hendry Seconded: Matt Skoss Carried

Motion: That COGSO note that the 2012 President's report was not submitted to the Council as

tendered by the President.

Moved: Jude Shirley Seconded: Beverley Ratahi Carried

#### 2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1. Action Items from Annual Full Council 2013

The 2013 Action Items were noted.

2.1.1. That Council incorporate a forum linked to a 2014 COGSO Executive meeting that informs parents on subjects such as but not limited to Cyber safety and Use of Cloud Service by School Communities

# Report

Council is currently investigating presenter availability for the December COGSO Executive meeting.

- 2.1.2. That Council confirm the Role of School Council in approval of timetables
- 2.1.3. That Council seek information on what instructions have been given to school principals by the DoE

# Report

Executive engaged in discussion with the Chief Executive concerning the Role of School Council in approval of time tables and the advice provided to Principals. The Chief Executive advised that in the event of a dispute regarding time-tabling between the Principal and the School Council, the CE has the capacity to decide.

In subsequent discussion the CE confirmed that it would be preferable in future to mediate any decision the CE determines with the School Council.

2.1.4. That Council instructs Executive to pursue a pro-active role in the review of the Education Act.

# Report

Executive was actively engaged in promoting the review of the Education Act to school councils with the CE reporting an unexpected 42 submissions from school councils.

Executive distributed COGSO'S submission to all school councils.

Motion: That Council notes the Business Arising report.

Moved: Nick O'Loughlin Seconded: Liz Hendry Carried

# 3. REPORTS

31. President

Motion: That the Council note the Presidents Report

Moved: Gerard Reid Seconded: Adam Thacker Carried

Council noted a thank you to the President for his work for Public Education in the Northern Territory during 2014.

Moved: Helen Murray

32 Treasurer

Motion: That the Council note the Treasurers Report

Moved: Helen Murray Seconded: Steve Wheelhouse Carried

33 Corporate report

Motion: That the Council note the Corporate Report

Moved: Michele Willsher Seconded: James Beattie Carried

34 Regional Reports

3.4.1. Barkly

Motion: That the Council notes the Barkly Report

Moved: Beverley Ratahi Seconded: Liz Hendry Carried

3.4.2. Darwin

Motion: That the Council notes the Darwin Regional Report

Moved: Helen Murray Seconded: Adam Thacker Carried

Council noted a thank you to the Darwin Regional Representative, Nick O'Loughlin, for his work for Public Education in the Northern Territory during 2014.

Moved: Helen Murray

3.4.3. East Arnhem

Motion: That the Council note the East Arnhem Report

Moved: Matt Skoss Seconded: James Beattie Carried

# 3.4.4. Katherine

Nil report

3.4.5. Palmerston and Rural

Motion: That the Council note the Palmerston and Rural Report

Moved: Steve Wheelhouse Seconded: Jeff Cook Carried

3.4.6. Southern Region

Motion: That the Council note the Southern Region Report

Moved: Jeff Cook Seconded: Michael Coggan Carried

3.5. Teacher Registration Board

Motion: That the Council note the TRB Report

Moved: Beverley Ratahi Seconded: Peter Hendry Carried

3.6. ACSSO

Motion: That the Council note the ACSSO Report

Moved: Wally Mauger Seconded: Nick O'Loughlin Carried

3.7. NT Board of Studies

Motion: That the Council note the BOS Report

Moved: Helen Murray Seconded: Michael Coggan Carried

## 4. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

# 4.1. Palmerston and Rural Regional Council

The Palmerston and Rural Regional Council, being an affiliate of COGSO wish to submit the following Motions:

#### 4.1.1MOTION 1

That the NTCOGSO constitution and policies are now reviewed to address issues of modernisation and relevance.

#### Amendment to the Motion

That the words *are now* be changed to *will be*.

## Amended Motion

That the NTCOGSO constitution and policies will be reviewed to address issues of modernisation and relevance.

Moved: Steve Wheelhouse Seconded: Michele Willsher Carried

#### 4.1.2 MOTION 2

That COGSO take urgent action with the Department of Education to address the lack of access and delay for students to see occupational and speech therapists as currently waiting up to 18 months is far too long in a child's developmental life.

# Amendment to the Motion

That the word *Executive be* included;

That the words with the Department of Education are

removed; that the words and *delay be* removed;

That the words and behavioural be included; and

That the word *as currently be* changed to *as there is currently a waiting period of up to 18 months.* 

# Amended Motion'

That COGSO Executive take urgent action to address the lack of access for students to see occupational, speech and behavioural therapists as there is currently a waiting period of up to 18 months.

Moved: Steve Wheelhouse Seconded: Wally Mauger Carried

## 4.1.3 MOTION 3

That COGSO pursues better coordination and information sharing between government agencies to work with schools to support children that areat risk".

# Amendment to the Motion

That the word *COGSO* be changed to *Council*;

That the words seek an urgent briefing from the Department of Education detailing their plans on how they are coordinating and sharing information with other agencies be included;

That the words *pursues better coordination and information sharing between government agencies to work with schools be* removed.

#### Amended Motion

That Council seeks an urgent briefing from the Department of Education detailing their plans on how they are coordinating and sharing information with other agencies to support children that are at risk.

Moved: Beverley Ratahi Seconded: Steve Wheelhouse Carried

## 5. Motions Withdrawn at AGM

The following motion was withdrawn at the Full Council meeting.

# 5.1. Darwin Regional Council

At the Darwin Regional Council AGM on 23rd September 2014 there were no nominations for the office bearer positions. In light of this situation, the members voted to put a motion to the NT COGSO AGM which will be held on 18th October 2014. The motion includes two components:

- i. that the NT COGSO Executive review the model of the COGSO regional councils in respect to their functionality and operations in the current NT COGSO constitution; and
- ii. That feedback from the Regional Council Meetings (once each term) to NT COGSO is provided via the Regional Council Executive representative.

Moved: Helen Murray Seconded: Michele Willsher Carried

MEETING CLOSED: 2.05 P.M.

6. ATTENDEES

**Delegate** School

Gerard Reid Casuarina Senior College

Dripstone Middle School

Tabby Fudge Girraween Primary School

Chayni Henry Millner Primary School

Liz Hendry Nightcliff Middle School

Peter Hendry Nightcliff Middle School

Beverly Ratahi Taminmin College

Steve Wheelhouse Palmerston Senior College

James Beattie Palmerston Senior College

Helen Murray Darwin Middle School

Michele Willsher Darwin Middle School

Matt Skoss Centralian Middle School

Jeff Cook Nhulunbuy Primary School

Nick O'Loughlin Sanderson Middle School

Phillipa Tziolis Larrakeyah Primary School

Wally Mauger Durack Primary School

Darwin High School

Adam Thacker Parap Primary School

Neal Cooper Leanyer Primary School

Michael Coggan Parap Primary School

Simon Niblock Nightcliff Primary School

Georgina Underwood Katherine School of the Air (web)

Michelle Parker COGSO Executive Officer

Alan McKay Litchfield Council representative

**APOLOGIES** 

Wendy Pelizzo Life Member

Peter Garrigan Life Member

Steve Carter Life Member

Karen Manton Batchelor Area School

Ella Maguire Rosebery Primary School

Richard Campbell Ludmilla Primary School