
EXECUTIVE MEETING

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2015

MEETING OPENED:

8.35am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The President opened the meeting with an acknowledgment to the Traditional Owners, the Larrakia people, past and present, whose land we meet on today.

ATTENDEES

Tabby Fudge	President
Robin Lawrence	Vice-President
Tooba Awais	Treasurer
Nick O'Loughlin	Darwin Representative
Ceinwen Grose	Katherine Representative
James Beattie	Palmerston & Rural Representative
Fred Richardson	Southern Representative
Michelle Parker	Executive Officer
Kim Hoyle	Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES

Jeff Cook	Arnhem Representative
Steve Carter	Life Member
Wendy Pelizzo	Life Member

1. MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as true and correct

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Nick O'Loughlin

Carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM BUSINESS ARISING 13 JUNE 2015

ITEM 4.6.1 NEW ACSO REPRESENTATIVE

Action: that the matter of a new ACSO representative be included on the agenda for discussion at the next Executive meeting.

Executive noted all other items Scheduled on the Agenda.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: Nick O'Loughlin

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 PRESIDENT REPORT

Executive noted the President's report.

Moved: James Beattie

Seconded: Robin Lawrence

Carried

3.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

3.2.1 BALANCE SHEET

3.2.2 PROFIT AND LOSS

It was noted that there are healthy savings on the Balance Sheet due to the vacancy of the GMTO position/s and that the Executive Officer has been managing both the role of the Executive Officer and the role of the Training Officer. The Executive Officer advised that COGSO are seeking to recruit two Training Officer's in 2016.

It was advised that there were late affiliation payments from two schools.

The Executive discussed expenditure of the surplus with a commitment to invest in revamping the COGSO website and e-training delivery.

Moved: James Beattie

Seconded: Tabby Fudge

Carried

3.3 CORPORATE REPORT

3.3.1 CORPORATE REPORT

Nil Report

3.3.2 SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Schedule 3 of the COGSO Base Funding Deed Conditions was outlined with confirmation that targets to date have been met.

3.3.3 SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE

Executive noted the Schools Assistance report.

3.4 CORRESPONDENCE

3.4.1 CORRESPONDENCE WORTH NOTING

- 3.4.1.1 EDUCATION BILL CONSULTATION PERIOD
- 3.4.1.2 EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION PERIOD ON DRAFT EDUCATION BILL 2015
- 3.4.1.3 DOE - CONSULTATION ON EDUCATION REGULATIONS
- 3.4.1.4 FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CHANGES - NTOEC
- 3.4.1.5 LAJAMANU SCHOOL – VARIATION TO SCHOOL TERM DATES
- 3.4.1.6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2016 - 2018 STRATEGIC PLAN – GROWING SUCCESS TOGETHER
- 3.4.1.7 REQUEST FOR MEETING TRB COGSO
- 3.4.1.8 2015 NOVEMBER DOE INFORMATION REQUEST

Executive noted all correspondence.

3.4.2 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- 3.4.2.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN
- 3.4.2.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Executive noted the Correspondence reports.

3.5 REGIONAL REPORTS

3.5.1 BARKLY

Regional Representative position is vacant.

3.5.2 DARWIN

Executive noted the Darwin Regional Representative verbal report.

3.5.3 EAST ARNHEM

Nil report received.

3.5.4 KATHERINE

Executive noted the Katherine Regional Representative verbal report.

3.5.5 PALMERSTON AND RURAL

Executive noted the Palmerston and Rural Regional report.

3.5.6 SOUTHERN

Executive noted the Southern Regional Representative report.

3.6 ACSSO REPORT

3.6.1 ACSSO NEW REPRESENTATIVE

Tooba Awais was appointed ACSSO Representative.

Moved: Tabby Fudge

Seconded: James Beattie

Carried

3.6.2 P&C'S QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE

To be held in Gladstone (QLD) on 9-10 September 2016.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 NT INDIGENOUS EDUCATION STRATEGY: TELEPHONE DISCUSSION

PRESENTED BY: MARTIN GOULD FROM ACIL ALLEN CONSULTING

Handouts were provided to all attendees.

- 5.1.1 Discussion Guide – External Stakeholders Note: this guide itemises what will be discussed
- 5.1.2 IES Review Strategy Brochure;

CURRENT SITUATION

ACIL Allen Consulting have been engaged to review the Indigenous Education Strategy implementation.

Feedback was sought regarding how well known the implementation strategy is in the Northern Territory. The meeting advised that it is an ongoing monthly agenda item with COGSO and the DoE however; there is concern that NT communities are not aware.

Jeff Cook sought clarification on the implementation strategies engaged.

Ceinwen Grose queried how the rollout of information will occur in regards to communicating with NT regions.

Jeff Cook raised his concerns that issues raised are not being addressed and that the implementation timeline is reversed. Also considers that Nhulunbuy is the centre of the IES

process (feedback and implementation) and potential for the rest of the NT communities are being ignored.

Martin Gould advised received similar feedback from other key stakeholders.

Executive requested a report detailing communication across the NT and for the report to include past research to be able to improve the process.

Martin Gould advised that they will inform the Department to help implement the strategy going forward.

The timeframe =

- Two Annual Reports
- Phase 1 report – current discussion
- 1st Annual Report 2015 to be released early next year (March 2016)
- 2nd Annual Report 2016 to be released in 2017
- Final Report 2017 to be released at the end of 2017.

Martin also advised that ACIL Allen Consulting have the following in place for 2016:

- Further interviews with key stakeholders
- Surveys with schools
- School visits – to be implemented mid-2016

Martin advised that he does not as yet have a list of the schools they will be attending.

Jeff Cook requested for very remote schools to be included on the school visit list. He also requested that the visiting schedule to be sent to COGSO.

Martin advised that he would need to speak with his Manager regarding the release of the schedule to COGSO, however, he suggested COGSO to contact the people direct who will be delivering the programs to schools.

3.7 NT BOARD OF STUDIES REPORT

3.7.1 KEY ACTIONS FOR THE MIDDLE YEARS

Executive noted the Key Actions for Middle Years report.

3.8 COGSO/DOE MEETING

Executive noted the COGSO/DoE verbal report.

School Budgets were raised by the Executive, in particular; what should schools do about accumulated funds. The Executive Officer advised that the DoE Regional Business Support Consultant Arnhem and PARRS Regions have confirmed that the allocation of council funds to the Reserve Account in MYOB quarantines it from accumulation.

However, it is important for the council minutes and motion register to list the agreed motion to allocate the amount of funds to Reserve Account, the period of time in reserve; and the purpose of the funds (i.e committed project).

The Darwin Representative advised that help from ICSEA ratings attracted more funding at Sanderson Middle School.

Action: The Darwin Representative to email the Executive Officer how Sanderson Middle School achieved the additional funding from ICSEA scores.

3.9 COGSO/MINISTER MEETING

It was noted that COGSO continues to pursue a meeting with the Minister for Education.

3.10 TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT

Executive noted the Teacher Registration Board report.

3.11 COGSO TRAINING

Executive noted the GMTO Training report.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 COGSO CONSTITUTION

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Executive members received a copy of the updated Constitution.

4.1.2 STATUTORY DECLARATION

Executive noted the complete and lodged Statutory Declaration.

4.2 COGSO MEETING DATES

PART 4 – EXECUTIVE:

The Constitution excerpt pertaining to the 'The Executive' was noted by the Executive.

PART 5 – MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Constitution excerpt pertaining to the 'Meetings' was noted by the Executive.

PART 7 – OTHER COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

The Constitution excerpt pertaining to the 'Establishment and Composition of Regional Council' was noted by the Executive.

The Executive Officer updated the new Executive on the work completed on the COGSO Constitution to date.

Action: Secretariat to seek information from other jurisdictions on their structure for regional meetings and representation.

4.3 EDUCATION BILL 2015

Executive noted the Education Bill 2015.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.2 THINKUKNOW

PRESENTED BY:

NAOMI BEALE – NT POLICE OFFICER

BYRON MAY – DETECTIVE, CHILD ABUSE TASKFORCE

Presentation was open to School Council members with several in attendance.

EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULED 2016

Executive confirmed the following meeting dates:

- 13th February
- 14th May
- 13th August
- 12th November

Full Council & Annual General Meeting dates: to be confirmed.

Executive meeting by Video conference: 1st Wednesday of the Month starting 3rd February 2016.

MEETING CLOSED:

4.10pm