

MINUTES
NT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS
2013 FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE TRAVELODGE MIRAMBEENA 2 NOVEMBER 2013

MEETING OPENED: 9.00 A.M.

1 MINUTES

1.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the 2012 AGM held 8 September 2012 at the Medina Vibe Darwin Waterfront

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record

Moved: Gerard Reid Seconded: Adam Thacker Carried

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Action Items from Annual Full Council 2012

The 2012 Action Items were noted.

- 2.1 That Council instructs Executive to investigate the feasibility of the parent newsletter being incorporated in the NT News and any other associated Regional papers as a priority.

Report

Following an investigation of the cost for inclusion in the NT News and regional papers it was determined that the cost was beyond the resources of the Organisation. The NT News alone would be \$5056 per issue of parent.

- 2.2 That Council request an urgent meeting with the Chief Minister to commence discussion on the implementation of the Gonski Review findings in the Northern Territory.

Report

President and COGSO Secretariat attempted to meet on a number of instances with the Chief Minister to discuss "Gonski" however COGSO was always referred to the Minister for Education. A number of meetings were held with both, the Minister, his adviser and the Department to discuss issues associated with "Gonski".

- 2.3 That COGSO approach the Chief Minister and request to be a part of the Behaviour Management Taskforce

Report

COGSO has a position on the Taskforce.

- 2.4 That COGSO request a meeting with Gary Barnes (CE) to be briefed on the Malak Reengagement Facility and the recommendations from the Extreme Behaviours Review and feedback to affiliates.

Report

Executive engaged in discussion with both the Minister and the Chief Executive concerning the Reengagement Facility. Whilst we expressed our concerns the facility went ahead and we are maintaining a watching brief.

3 REPORTS

3.1 PRESIDENT

Motion: That the Council note the Presidents Report

Moved: Gerard Reid Seconded: Adam Thacker Carried

3.2 TREASURER

Motion: That the Council note the Treasurers Report

Moved: Armando Padovan Seconded: Liz Henry Carried

3.3 BARKLY

Motion: That the Council note the Barkly Report

Moved: Gerard Reid Seconded: Liz Henry Carried

3.4 DARWIN

Motion: That the Council note the Darwin Regional Report

Moved: Peter Henry Seconded: Armando Padovan Carried

3.5 EAST ARNHEM

Motion: That the Council note the East Arnhem Report

Moved: Adam Thacker Seconded: Angus McCoy Carried

3.6 KATHERINE

Motion: That the Council note the Katherine Report

Moved: Liz Henry Seconded: Matt Skoss Carried

3.7 PALMERSTON AND RURAL

3.8 SOUTHERN

Motion: That the Council note the ACSSO Report

Moved: Nick O'Loughlin Seconded: Di Griffin Carried

3.9 ACSSO

Motion: That the Council note the ACSSO Report

Moved: Nick O'Loughlin Seconded: Di Griffin Carried

3.10 TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD

Motion: That the Council note the TRB Report

Moved: Melissa Mills Seconded: Angus McCoy Carried

3.11 BOARD OF STUDIES

Motion: That the Council note the BOS Report

Moved: Peter Hendry Seconded: Melissa Mills Carried

4 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

4.1 Nakara Primary School

That the NTCOGSO Executive establish a process to investigate and evaluate the benefits and disadvantages to NT schools of the Independent Public School model proposed by the Federal Government and provide, in a timely manner, a balanced report back to School Councils for their reference.

Amendment to the Motion

That the words *establish a process* be removed from the motion.

Moved: Debbie Carr Seconded: Greg Williams Carried

Amended Motion

That the NTCOGSO Executive investigate and evaluate the benefits and disadvantages to NT schools of the Independent Public School model proposed by the Federal Government and provide, in a timely manner, a balanced report back to School Councils for their reference.

Moved: Matt Skoss Seconded: Di Griffin Carried

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Motion: That the Council undertakes to investigate and implement ways of improving the level of participation in Regional meetings

Moved: Angus McCoy Seconded: Michael De Luca Carried

ACTION:	COGSO Executive incorporate a forum linked to a 2014 COGSO Exec meeting that informs parents on subjects such as but not limited to Cyber safety and Use of Cloud Service by School Communities
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Moved: Matt Skoss Seconded: Michael De Luca Carried

ACTION:	That NTCOGSO confirm the Role of School Council in approval of time tables
ACTION:	That COGSO seek information on what instructions have been given to school principals by the DoE

Moved: Nick O'Loughlin Seconded: Peter Hendry Carried

ACTION:	That Council instruct Executive to pursue a pro-active role in the review of the Education Act.
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Moved: Gerard Reid Seconded: Liz Hendry Carried

Meeting Closed: 2.07pm

Present:

Delegate	School
Gerard Reid	Casuarina Senior College
Armando Padovan	Nakara Primary School
Angus McCoy	Nakara Primary School
Melissa Mills	Nhulunbuy Primary School
Suzanne Horton	Katherine South Primary School
Matt Skoss	Centralian Senior College
Di Griffin	Henbury School
Liz Hendry	Nightcliff Primary School
Peter Hendry	Nightcliff High School
Nick O'Loughlin	Sanderson Middle School
Debbie Carr	Wulagi Primary School
Michael De Luca	Jingili Primary School
Greg Williams (from 12:00pm)	Jingili Primary School
Peter Garrigan	Life Member
Steve Carter	Life Member
Michelle Parker	COGSO Executive Officer

Apologies:

Name	School
Wendy Pelizzo	Life Member
Wally Mauger	Durack Primary School
Simon Stafford	Berry Springs Primary School
Vicky Proud	NTOEC
Coralie James	Tennant Creek Primary School
Ella Maguire	Rosebery Primary School