



# Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

STATE COUNCIL  
MEETING

Sunday 21 February 2010  
Nano Nagle Room  
Church of the Apostles  
Luanceton

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## MINUTES

1. Welcome and OPENING PRAYER – 9:15 am
2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

### PRESENT

### APOLOGY

NAME	REGION	NAME	REGION
Nigel Chong	Nth Rgn President	Martin Laverack	Treasurer
Gerard Mitchell	Southern Region President	Ann Morrison	Southern Region Rep.
D. von Samorzewski	State Secretary		
Linda Smith	NW Representative		
Bill Button	State President		
Michael Hangan	Executive Officer		
Anthea Griffin	Observer		
Mary Excell	Life Member		

Acceptance of apologies

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3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 17 February 2010, tabled and moved as true record of meeting. Moved, Gerard Mitchell Seconded Mary Excell, Carried.

**ACTION – EO** upload to the Federation website

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Boarding school issues West Coast – Re email from Susan Jahnig 22 January 2010. West Coast – The meeting discussed the ONGOING issues with high school Catholic education in Tasmania.

Re Susan – email...**Ask Anthony Morgan** about the reference from Dan White about investigation. Investigate use of technology to support high school curriculum delivery. Chase up remote allowance....ask Anthea.....

**ACTION** link about information from Anthea to TCSPFF website

**ACTION – EO** to upload TCSPFF Communication Policy to Federation website.

Moved – Linda Smith, seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

Action – **Action – DVS** letter to TCEO asking them to support the development of the banning of high energy drinks. Reference Marist Regional College.

Action – **ACTION – DVS** Nil report (Should we send a letter to the SRB requesting a change to SRB legislation, “Parent rep should have children currently at school.” suggestion.

**ACTION – DVS** Equity Review....Seek progress on the recommendations from the review.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE –

**IN** - Emails, Letter from DoE Secretary, John Smyth re - Sundry Education Grant. Schooling Funding from NCEC flyer, Archdiocese Of Hobart – progress of Diocesan Assembly including the Vision and mission statements and recommendations, TCEO questions / letter to the Tasmanian political parties, SA Federation newsletter, invitation from the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW / ACT for the 8 March

2010 Roger O'Sullivan Biennial Lecture, Letter advising our EO his acceptance onto the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission. National gathering for all involved in Catholic education 27, 28 & 29 May, Homebush Bay see emmausproductions.com

**Invitation to ACARA consultation in Hobart 9 March 2009.** Anthea will attend on behalf of the TCSPFF

## Out

### **Motion**

*That the correspondence in and out be accepted.*

Moved – Nigel Chong, seconded Mary Excell, carried

## 6 REPORTS

### - PRESIDENT REPORT -

Nil Report –See Tasmanian Parents Coalition report

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## 7 - TREASURERS REPORT

Profit & Loss Statements for 1 January – 31 Dec 2009 provided

YTD October - Total income \$46,026.71

YTD October – Total Expenses \$61,933.89

**YTD Net \$ 3,021.45**

### **Discussion on Non financial members** (List available)

**Action – BB** – Call Dominic, Corpus Christi principals about non financial

**Sundry Education Grant** – (State Government) To assist in the operating costs (\$15,532) of the Federation. The Federation is seeking an increase to the grant as it has remained the same for over 10 years. This request occurs every time the Federation meets with the Tasmanian Minister for Education.

EO **report concerns about non-financial members** and the impact it will have on ongoing business of the Federation for 2010.

Motion for AGM

SC recommends affiliation fees remain at \$3.00 per FTE students.

Moved Anthea Griffin Seconded Nigel Chong, Carried

### **Motion – Treasurer's Report**

That the 2009 Treasurer's Report be received and accepted as a true record of expenditure for 2009.

Moved Nigel Chong, Seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

### **Insurance for P&Fs in schools**

As of his meeting, the TCSPFF has received a NIL response from the TCEO & TCEC re clarify Section 5 – Committees of the Archdiocese of Hobart School Board Manual. This meeting believes this section of the manual is open to incorrect interpretation. See following actions.

**ACTION – EO** Contact all schools P&Fs to seek clarification about their P&F constitution?  
Currency, ratified, etc

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SECRETARY – Nil report

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Region – **South** – AGM meeting dates for 2010, 10 march@ 6 pm..TCEO @ Emmett Place

**North** – Meeting dates for 2010 – 1 March (includes AGM), 3 May, 5 July and 4 Oct

**North West** – Nil report

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ADMINISTRATION –

EO will travelled to Canberra in February for the meeting of College of Executive officers ([APC affiliates](#)). As usual meeting involved a wide range of issues, mainly at Federal level. Meeting also involved planning for meeting with [DEEWR](#).

EO has register the following internet domain names

Tasmanian Parents Council  
Tasmanian Catholic Parents Council  
Tasmanian Catholic Parents

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**2010** **AGM** 18 April 2010

The TCSPFF hold the 2010 AGM at Ross on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10 am.

Rationale – It was suggested that a simple AGM be held for 2010, due to the proximity of the recent Golden Jubilee and the flow on effects of the GFC. Ross was chosen due to the central location for all Tasmanian schools.

SC meeting will be held the day before (17 April 2010) from 1 pm.

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ITEMS

- Strategic Plan – Review 20 Feb 2010
- TCEC – Nil report

[TCEO](#) – Archbishop's Partnership Charter update – progress is slow, but Federation has opportunity for input and adjustments to the proposed Charter. Meetings held at TCEO, Hobart and via phone conference. 19 Feb, 19 March.

Government Funding Strategy Working Party – The TCEO has identified a huge funding shortfall from the Tasmanian state government. The DoE is looking into issues raised. See attached letter.

2010 meetings with TCEO to be 16 April, 18 Jun, 24 Sept, 3 Dec.

Regional Directors are

Sean Gill – South  
Christine Edwards – North  
Carey Mclvor – North West

## PLA

PARTNERSHIP – Damian and Michael attended the Parent / Parish / School Partnership at the TCEO on Friday the 19 Feb. Excellent progress has been made. Contact the TCSPFF secretary for further information. Public consultation will occur.

- [NCEC](#) – Nil report

## STATE GOVERNMENT

Meeting with Premier – Government in caretaker mode for 2010 state election.

STUG (Student Transport User Group) –

[SRB](#) – **ACTION – DVS** Nil report (Should we send a letter to the SRB requesting a change to SRB legislation, “Parent rep should have children currently at school.” suggestion.

**ACTION – DVS** Send letter to board seeking conformation of board appoint cycle.

[TRB](#) – Limited report available on request to the TCSPFF secretary.

## APC

- National Executive meeting - Indigenous Parent factor programme.
- Family/School Partnership Bureau <http://www.familyschool.org.au/>
- APC has developed a “how to get the best out of the [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) website” flyer. See below...

DEWEER next meeting 15 March. Please forward agenda items to [tcspff.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:tcspff.secretary@gmail.com) . This means, is there anything you are not happy with that needs to be raised at a federal level.

DEWEER is responsible for <http://www.myschool.edu.au>

*My School* website will enable you to:

*Search for schools all over the country*

*Find local schools in your area*

*Compare statistically similar schools*

*View school-level NAPLAN results*

*Identify schools that are doing well and share successful strategies*

This service is designed to support accessing and sharing of information about schools across the Australian community

- TCSPFF PARENT PROJECTS – Possible workshops.... Ideas could include.....

- Child protection awareness for volunteers
- Bullying – some awareness
- Parent leader day
- Building your child’s resilience
- From primary & secondary transmission.....
- Supporting kids to make good choices....
- Making the most from parent teacher interviews
- Possible parents / school workshops on Pathways Planning....

- TSPC – Tasmanian School Parents Coalition

Formulated questions for political parties at 4 Feb meeting.

[IEU – Tas](#); Nil report

- [UTAS](#) – Nil report

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9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Special needs funding – chase up letter to CEO re - the Equity Review recommendations..... Funding specific..... quadrennium funding?  
**ACTION – EO** Can we asked how the \$3 million from Premier Bartlett's 2006 conference promise.  
TCEO Equity Review Recommendations - <http://www.smc.tas.edu.au/UserFiles/File/Equity-Review.pdf>
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- TCSPFF website [www.tcspff.org.au](http://www.tcspff.org.au)
- Archbishop's Charter  
Can be found at <http://www.ceo.hobart.catholic.edu.au/documents/CATEDUcharter87051.pdf>

NEXT MEETING -

17 April SC meeting 1 pm.  
18 April AGM 10 am.

10. Meeting closed at 2:20 pm

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**ACARA National Conference**

**Invitation to ACARA consultation in Hobart 9 March 2009.** Anthea will attend on behalf of the TCSPFF

What are 'giving' to you school ? (positive light)

This is what we would like to do...would you like to help us.....

Forum.....pm organization meeting...with dinner.....to TPC meeting Sunday morning?

Principal's conference...how do we talk to them.....?We can improve their ?