



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

Sunday 29 March 2009
Man O'Ross

Sunday 9:15 – 4:00pm

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

APOLOGY

NAME	REGION	NAME	REGION
		Bill Button	State President
		Linda Smith	Treasurer
D. von Samorzewski	State Secretary		
Martin Laverack	Nth Rgn Delegate	Anthea Griffin	Observer
Nigel Chong	Nth Rgn President		
Michael Hangan	Executive Officer	Ian Dalton	Immediate past president / Life member
Angela Briant	IEU – Tas secretary		
Mary Excell	Life Member		

Acceptance of apologies

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3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 28 Feb 2009, tabled and moved as true record of meeting.
Moved, , Mary Excell Seconded, Michael Hangan carried.
ACTION – EO upload to the Federation website

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Discussed throughout course of meeting.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE –

IN - APC – Senior Curriculum review
 TRB – New CEO takes 20 April 2009-03-29
 TCEO - Trade Training Funding for Catholic Colleges in Tasmania
APC - Evaluation of *An Even Start* – National Tuition Program
 Nominations Open for Teaching Awards - 3 March 2009 - Media Release
 Tasmanian Liberals plan for a Smarter Tasmania
www.schoolsfirst.edu.au/rsvp (see attached)
 APC Review
 APC weekly media updates
www.classmovies.com

Out

Letter principals and P&F president about 50th Conference
 To Stuart Ellis seeking information about TCEC nominations.
 Letter to Principals – Re 50th Conference information and request for supplier contact details.
 28 Feb minutes distributed.

Motion

That the correspondence in and out be accepted.

Moved – Michael Hagan, seconded – Martin Laverack, carried

6 REPORTS

- PRESIDENT REPORT -

Nil Report – information provided throughout meeting.

7 - TREASURERS REPORT

Audit report for calendar year 2008 has been received and will be presented at AGM.

It was noted that the invoice was less than that for the 2007 audit. The EO suggested this is due to reduced time spent on the audit process due to the Federation upgrading to MYOB in 2008.

It was noted that Start of the Sea College are non – financial.

ACTION - DVS & NC will visit relate SOTS to introduce new NR president, discuss affiliation, AGM details, 50th Conference, and discuss Partnership Working Party.

Motion – Treasurer’s Report

That the 2009 YTD Treasurer’s Report be received and accepted as a true record of the financial position of the Federation.

Moved Michael Hangan Smith, Seconded Linda Smith, carried

SECRETARY – Nil report

Region – **South** – Meeting organised for 31 March 2009 @ TCEO.
Other meeting date 23 June, 29 September, 24 Nov - Locations to TBA

North – Attendance an issue.....Nigel will go and introduce himself at school P&Fs. Damian & Nigel and will arrange to visit SOTS principal (see Treasurer’s Report)
One meeting a term plus AGM.

2009 Dates
Term 1 - 18 May 2009
Term 2 – 3 August 2009
Term 3 – 5 October 2009
Plus Christmas Dinner

Damian will distribute minutes to all school P&F presidents in hardcopy form
Damian has also sought contact details from all P&F presidents.

North West – Nil report

ADMINISTRATION – New website is up and running. New Federation website address is www.tcpsff.org.au

EO travelled Canberra for the College of Executive officers (APC affiliates)

EO has register the following internet domain names

Tasmanian Parents Council
Tasmanian Catholic Parents Council
Tasmanian catholic Parents

Facebook Page

ACTION – EO & LS Proving information on P&F contacts Life Members - Judy Lancaster. Mrs. Peg Finlay, Mr. Pat Murray, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Mr. Barry Lumley, Mr. Craig Coleman, Mary – Judy Lancaster.

2009 - AGM

16 May 2009 Saturday

Location – St Patrick's College, Senior Staff Room

Time 1:00 – 4 :30 pm

Casual Dinner (own cost) @ TBA 6:30 for 7 pm. **Ask local P&F to attend dinner?**

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Registration & lunch on arrival

1:30 – 3:00 pm

AGM

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Afternoon Recess

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Guest Speaker

5:30 – 6:00

Dinner TBA **ACTION – DVS** Organise dinner

Nil registration fees

2009 Conference update 50th Golden Jubilee 15 August 2009 (Saturday Only).

Theme –

**Past
Reflections**

**Present
Living**

**Future
Choices**

This conference is a one day conference

Proposed Guest Speaker – David Loader. Damian has obtained samples of David's work and short bio. [See attachment C](#)

The Archbishop has been pencilled in for **15 August 2009 (Saturday Only)**.

Proposed [Agenda attached D](#)

ACTION – EO meeting with CEW Working party – 3 April Agenda item. will devise approach to seek funding to support following proposal. EO will raise proposal with Catholic Education Week Working Party. (It should be noted that the TCSPFF Conference in 2009 is at the end of End of Catholic Education Week.)

A School Captain Forum is proposed for the Friday before conference (14 Aug 2009). The EO will consult with the Catholic Education Week Working Party to investigation the feasibility of the proposal. Details available from EO / TCSPFF office.

Sponsorship in relation on above forum.

ACTION DVS – Case up life member details

ACTION – EO – to provide Damian with contact details / names of life members so that LS can contact, seeking if Life Members would like to be formally involved.

Life members.....

Motion

That Cathy & Brian Watson be put forward as life members of the Federation at the 2009 AGM.

Moved Martin Laverack, seconded Michael Hangan. Carried

Rationale – TBC

Conference Dinner @ Country Club Tasmania

<http://www.countryclubtasmania.com.au/>

Accommodation - **GUESTS ARE TO RING CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTRE 1800 139 760 TO MAKE OWN ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS. PLEASE QUOTE BUSINESS BLOCK NUMBER #311657 TO OBTAIN CORRECT RATE. Conference rate \$164 per night**

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- STUG – Nil report
 - TCEC – Nil report -
 - NCEC – Nil report
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TCEO – Partnership Meeting 24 April 2007 – 3:30 – 5 pm Federation attendees NW - Linda Smith, North – Damian von Samorzewski, South – Michael Hangan.

Catholic Education Week 3 April meeting - Michael Hangan will attend.

8 Aug – Start of Catholic Education Week

Theme – Embrace Mary MacKillop – Engage the World

Catholic Education Week Mass' in regions will be 11 Aug (South), 12 Aug (NW), 13 Aug (Nth)

Regional Directors will be involved in their region's Catholic Education Week activities.

Regional Directors are

Sean Gill – South
Christen Edwards – North
Carey McIvor – North West

Meeting with Mr Anthony Morgan (Acting Director TCEC) was on the 19 March 2009.

ACTION DVS - PLA – Send Anthony Morgan PLA info via EO.

Volunteer in School training to be chased up. Could his be a Regional Directors role?

MOU – TCEC – TCEO

Family School Partnership

Keys to Ps.....Martin to case up info

TCEO – video conferencing facilities.

2009 meetings with TCEO

29 May

31 Jul

25 September

27 Nov

TCEC & NCEC parent / Federation reps

Co location of Federation & TCEO

Conference details, sponsorship, School captain forum

School Principal's Conference – Sandra Harvey (planning workshop) for 2009.

STUG – National Transport Forum – Research Workshop – 2009. **Adelaide 23/ 24 April 2009 (100 parents) via DWEER (BB may attend) DWEER will cover expenses.**

- APC – Meeting Canberra 13/14/15/16 March, including DEEWR and Strategic planning meeting.
 1. 14 March APC Strategic planning meeting for forward meeting, state of the nation (affiliate overviews).
 2. 15 March – National Executive meeting
 3. DEEWR 16 March meeting (joint meeting) Discussion on Building Revolution Funding including; minor building works, consulting the whole school community, including teachers; Students with disability funding (Autism focus)

- DEEWR – as above.
- SRB –
 - TRB –
 - PARENT PROJECTS –
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- Parent Liaison Advisors – Anthony Morgan (Note – The Federation’s considers that this proposal is supported by the proposed Partnership in Practice proposal by the TCEC and could be seen by many parents as a positive step in building open and transparent parent / parish / school relationship.
 - BGA –(Buildings). BGA – P21 applications has signed off for funding for Tasmanian Catholic School.
 - TSPC - Tasmanian School Parents Coalition (**see EO minutes**) -
 - MoU – between
 - IEU – Tas;

Class sizes – Angela Briant

AEDI – see attached. Meant to be done, early to school. To be used to collect data for government. Commonwealth funded.
 Job Ready Certificate – national wide survey. Feedback from Tasmanian workshop highlighted that this certificate may be a waste of time.
 TRB – notice about CEO replacement on TRB CEO. Ms Kerrie Moss will be appointed, though appointed through internal process. Union concerned that members contribute to the TRB though yearly fees, so they should have an open and transparent process.
 SRB – Review of many Tasmanian Catholic schools to be reviewed in 2009.
 School funding – Review of school funding for schools that may have questionable funding / viability questions.
 TQA – review of courses offer as there are concerns that Tasmania ‘offers’ to twice as many year 11 & 12 courses as many mainland courses.

Section 82 of the Education Act – student employment

30 April 2009 Women Tasmania & Tasmanian Anti Commissioner lunchtime workshop
 12:00 – 1:30 pm on discrimination issues particularly relating to women id employment.
 Phone 62334841.

Collective Bargaining [see attachment A](#)

Maternity Leave campaign ACTU
<http://www.actu.asn.au/Campaigns/CurrentCampaigns/PaidMaternityLeave/default.aspx>

Special Needs Forum with IEU – Tas?

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- New TCSPFF website url www.tcspff.org.au

Archbishop’s Charter
 Can be found at <http://www.ceo.hobart.catholic.edu.au/documents/CATEDUcharter87051.pdf>

NEXT MEETING -

AGM 16 May AGM @ St Pat’s Launceston 1:30 – 4:30 (Registration & Lunch from 12 Noon.

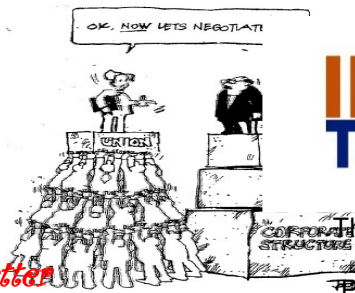
10. Meeting closed at 3:00 pm

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Attachment A

IEU and Catholic Education Office closer to a 1 year Agreement

9th April 2009

The IEU is close to finalizing an Agreement with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office to be put to members shortly after you return from the Easter break.

The finalisation of this Agreement is conditional on resolving a number of outstanding matters. Your Committee of management will consider any position reached in negotiations before any offer is formally put to members for voting.

The key matter yet to be finalized is the IEU's insistence that any Agreement about salaries and working conditions be properly made and legally enforceable. Clearly any salary increases that are simply 'given' by the employer without this protection can be removed at any time. We are waiting to receive a final response from the TCEO on this matter.

The key feature of the Agreement is that it will only be for only one year. It will include some new measures, including improved working conditions that have been sought by both parties.

A one-year Agreement does involve a commitment to commence negotiations again next year around 'big ticket' items such as class size.

The clear advantage in a holding pattern of this sort is that the salary increases paid to government school teachers will be replicated in Catholic schools and be paid (or back paid to) on the first full pay in April - 16th April. We are particularly conscious of this as members have not had a pay increase since April last year.

The unity and commitment of members has been the primary reason we have reached this point in negotiations so quickly.

The Agreement will list the following provisions:

- Accident Compensation Pay
- Improved Travel, Meal & Accommodation Allowances
- Access to a Voluntary Transfer system
- Improved Bereavement Leave
- Improved Tool Allowance for Utility Employees
- Minimum 'call-out' for Utility Employees
- Improved 'Librarians-in -Charge' Allowance
- Use of Statutory Declarations for sick leave in some cases
- Improved conditions for Education Officers
- Temporary responsibility Allowance for teachers acting in POR's

In Unity

Angela Briant

Secretary IEU Tas.

Attachment B

Dear colleague

The Family-School and Community Partnerships Bureau is developing questions for a national Parents Survey being funded by the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). I am seeking some assistance from you so that we can refine the survey questions and ensure they target the right issues. To that end, I wish to conduct a series of Focus Groups with parents and community members. The Focus Groups are a sort of 'warm up' engagement with matters that parents think are important.

Submit your ideas @ http://www.familyschool.org.au/?page_id=524

Would you be willing to assemble about a dozen people from your area to participate in a Focus Group session some time during March-April ? The session will last around 2 hours, and can be held at whatever time and place is mutually convenient for all concerned. I will generally be available to conduct the Focus Groups any time from Saturday – Wednesday each week. (Excluding 2 March, 14-16 and 24-25 March, 3-5 April) The Bureau will meet the costs of tea/coffee/biscuits.

Each Focus Group should involve people of similar backgrounds and experiences (e.g. parents from a middle class metropolitan high school, or from a primary school in a blue collar community, or Indigenous parents from a regional school etc.) If you are interested in helping out, please give me a ring and we can discuss it in more detail.

In the first instance, I will simply accept offers of assistance in the order I receive them, although I may have to later adjust arrangements to ensure a good cross-section of parents from different backgrounds are represented. I hope and expect that the exercise will be of as much benefit to you and your organisation as it will be to me.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely

Brenton Holmes

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David was a School Principal for 32 years. He was Principal of Kinross Wolaroi College, Orange (initially PLC, then Kinross and then Kinross Wolaroi) 1971-8, Methodist Ladies' College, Melbourne 1979 – 1996 and Wesley College, Melbourne 1997-2002.

He has been a Principal Fellow in the Faculty of Education, Melbourne University 2002 to 2008.

He is the author of two books. *The Inner Principal* published in 1997 by Falmer Press, London. This book gives a psychoanalytical perspective on school leadership. *Jousting for the new generation; Challenges to contemporary schooling* published in Australia by ACER Press in 2007 provides a critique of modern day schooling.

David is a Board member of Swinburne University and National Institute of Circus Arts

In Australia's centenary, he was awarded the Centenary Medal 'for outstanding services to education.'

In 1999, the Australian College of Education awarded him the Sir James Darling Medal and in 2008, David received the Gold Medal from Australian Council for Educational Leaders

Besides being a regular contributor to Teacher (published by ACER) David works as a leadership guide (mentor) writer and speaker. He is particularly interested in leadership and school futures

Attachment C

Hello all

I was called to Canberra last Friday for a briefing by the PM, DPM and Treasurer on the education element of the economic stimulus package. I'll circulate a report in the next couple of days.

While I was in Canberra I was talking to Bob Johnston from the Association of Christian Schools and he alerted me to the Freedom of Religion and Belief Review, which he suggests has been kept pretty much under the radar. He said the person who is driving the review is the Victorian Attorney General. Apparently submissions had been set to close on 31 January, but they've now been extended until 28 February. I have attached a copy of the discussion paper and a paper by Patrick Parkinson, Professor of Law at the University of Sydney, for your information.

The outcome of the review could have implications for the current exemptions from anti-discrimination legislation currently held by some non-government schools and schooling authorities. I have asked Jo Lonergan to have a look at the papers and assist me in drafting an APC response. She has particular skills in that area and I will circulate the draft paper to you all for consideration ASAP. If you would like to contribute to the development of the draft at this stage please

Attachment D

GOLDEN JUBILEE
PROPOSED
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Past Reflections Present Living Future Choices

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2009

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, LAUNCESTON

Segment	Sponsor	
8:00 am		Registration
9:00 am		Conference Opening Ceremony (President Bill Button) Welcome to Country Conference Opening – Archbishop Adrian Doyle
9:45 am		Keynote address presented by – David Loader – The new school; old school paradigms no longer serve us well
10:30 am		Morning tea
11:00 am		David Loader - Planning for the next generation
12:00 noon		Cracker Barrel Workshops – short sharp small group discussions on set themes, assisted by reflecting on David Loader's presentation. Attendees (including school captains) will be appointed to different groups.
1:00 pm		Lunch
2:00 pm		Catholic Education Office in Partnership with Parents (Regionalisation)
3:00 pm		Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm		Students views of Catholic Education and parental involvement – Showcasing entries from ICT competition.
4:00 pm		Archbishop Adrian
6:00 pm		Conference Mass
7:00 pm		Pre Dinner Drinks
7:30 pm		Conference Dinner (Showcasing & presentation of 50 years of the TCSPFF)

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