



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

Sunday 17 January 2010
Ross

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and OPENING PRAYER – 9:00 pm
2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

PRESENT

APOLOGY

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

Acceptance of apologies

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3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 9 October 2009, tabled and moved as true record of meeting. Moved, Gerard Mitchell Seconded Linda Smith, Carried.

ACTION – EO upload to the Federation website

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Past minutes – Website

4.2 Boarding school issues – West Coast – Michael liaised with west coast principals (school newsletters) October / Nov 2009 to advertise a meeting for west coast school members who are interested in better boarding access. Nil response by parents

ACTION – Linda will contact school P&F reps....

4.3 TCSPFF Communication Policy -

Motion – That the draft TCSPFF Communication Policy (available on the TCSPFF website) be adopted for the Federation.

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

Moved – Linda Smith, seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

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5. CORRESPONDENCE –

IN - BGA information

[TRB](#) meeting, UTas course accreditation (17 Dec – In Hobart)

[TSSP&F](#) Christmas newsletter

Partnership draft paperwork – request for comments

Tasmanian Parents Coalition

TCEC Nomination (Michael Hangan & Bill Button)

NCEC Nomination (Michael Hangan & Bill Button)

TRB Nomination (Lisa Gillard & Michael Hangan)

Grand Funding increases from the DoE, for TCSPFF operations.
Grant Funding Justification – letter to DoE
E:lit (PETA)

Out

TCEC Nomination
NCEC Nomination
TRB Nomination
Grand Funding increases
Grant Funding Justification

Motion

That the correspondence in and out be accepted.

Moved – Linda Smith, seconded Mary Excell, carried

6 REPORTS

- PRESIDENT REPORT -

Nil Report

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)

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 – 2010 Budget Report

That the 2010 budget presented to this meeting be accepted and presented at the 2010 AGM.

Moved Mary Excell, Seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

Motion – Treasurer’s Report

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

Moved Mary Excell, Seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

Insurance for P&Fs in schools

The TCEO & TCEC was contacted by the TCSPFF to 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 TCSPFF – needs to ask for the draft copy of the support document for the School Board Manual.

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

SECRETARY – Nil report

Region – **South** – meeting dates for 2010 TBA

North – Term 1 – meeting dates for 2010 TBA

North West – Nil report

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

2010 **AGM** 18 April 2010

The TCSPFF hold the 2010 AGM at Ross on Sunday 18th 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.

ITEMS

- Strategic Plan – To be review at the next State Council meeting.
- 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.

MOU – TCEO (What do we need / want out of this for both parties)

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 advised.

Regional Directors are

Sean Gill – South

Christine Edwards – North
Carey McIvor – North West

Michael has had a meeting with the new TCEO Director. – items discussed - equity funding, parent liaison roles, MOU with Federation, financial issues including insurance.

2010 – Catholic Education Week theme – We are Church (August)

Director meetings for 2010 to be arranged
Agenda items – affiliate collections through TCEC proposal, Pastoral Associates, MOU, Board manual,

- [NCEC](#) – Nil report

STATE GOVERNMENT

Meeting with Premier – planned meeting early 2010.
Write letters to opposition Education Ministers, seek their party's position in relation to TCSPFF issues, for the 2010 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.

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

APC

- APC Conference in Hobart -
- TCSPFF EO was elected as Senior Vice President of the APC at the October AGM.
- Parent Charter – Values Education Project, currently in progress and will help parents understand their rights & responsibilities.
- Family/School Partnership Bureau <http://www.familyschool.org.au/>
- EO to Adelaide end of January.

DEWEER meeting 15 March 2010 in Canberra

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....
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- TSPC – Tasmanian School Parents Coalition
Next meeting 4 Feb 2010
Tasmanian School Parents Coalition
MoU – Was signed between the TCSPFF and the TSSP&F in August 2009.
League Tables – Discussion had

Action – DVS letter to TCEO asking them to support the development of the banning of high energy drinks.

Question to politicians – Early Years funding, teacher quality, suggestions?

National School Drug Education Strategy – The TCSPFF will support the Recommendations presented to it by the TSPC. (included in agenda items).

IEU – Tas; Nil report

- UTAS - Faculty of Education Course Advise Committee invite - Damian has attended one meeting since last SC meeting. The University of Tasmania's Faculty of Education is current undertaking a complete renewal of their pre-service teacher education. This will result in the below qualifications.

2010 Courses - Download flyers source <http://fcms.its.utas.edu.au/educ/educ/>

- [Bachelor of Physical Activity Studies](#)
- [Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood](#)
- [Bachelor of Education - Primary Teaching](#)
- [Bachelor of Education - Secondary Specialisations \(HPE, Outdoor Education, Design &Tech, Science\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Education - Health & Physical Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education - Design & Technology](#)
- [Master of Teaching - Primary or Secondary \(Graduate Entry\)](#)
- [Postgraduate by coursework](#)
- [Research Higher Degrees](#)

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.
Class action....?
TCEO Equity Review Recommendations - <http://www.smc.tas.edu.au/UserFiles/File/Equity-Review.pdf>
- TCSPFF website www.tcspff.org.au
- Archbishop's Charter
Can be found at <http://www.ceo.hobart.catholic.edu.au/documents/CATEDUcharter87051.pdf>

NEXT MEETING - 20 & 21st Feb – Strategic planning & SC meeting – Nano Nagle Room, behind Church of the Apostles 9:30 am both days.

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

10. Meeting closed at 4:20 pm

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24 November 2009

Open Letter to Tasmanian Catholic School Communities

Many of you will be aware that a major focus of our lobbying of the Tasmanian Government has been for transparency in the calculation of the funding support for Non-Government schools by the Tasmanian Education Department.

In February 2009 we received a commitment from the Premier and Minister of Education that we would have a review of funding completed by 31 December 2009. Following a Freedom of Information request from the TCEC, we have received in recent months the basis of the calculation of funding from the State Education Department for Non-Government schools.

It is now very clear that we have not been receiving the level of funding that we are entitled to under our agreement with the State Government.

In a joint letter to the Minister and Premier on 10 November 2009 from the TCEC and AIST, we outlined our concerns and detailed the level of under-funding that has occurred.

We have received an undertaking from the Minister's office that they are treating our letter seriously and we will have a response in the short term. Our request was for a meeting with the Minister.

As you can imagine this under-funding has had a serious impact on the cost of operating our schools, and unless rectified, will affect their viability into the future.

I look forward to keeping you informed on this important matter.

Rod Scurrah
TCEC Chair