



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

Sunday 18 July 2009
Ross

Sunday 9:15 – 4:00pm

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

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

Acceptance of apologies

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3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 28 March 2009, tabled and moved as true record of meeting.
Moved, Michael Hangan Seconded, Mary Excel. 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 - Tasmanian State School Parents & Friends June Newsletter
Schools First funding application open
2008 AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS ROUNDTABLE REPORT This report was prepared by the 2008 Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable. See attached
TCEC – Apologising for incorrect address and seeking support for usage of email addresses.
Paul Dickie – P&F Assoc Catholic Schools Qld – Denying statement.
Parish / School / family Partnership Working Party paperwork
Tasmanian School Parent Coalition
APC family / school task group activity report
UTAS - Faculty of Education Course Advise Committee invite

Out

50th Conference invites (135)
Accommodation books
Paul Dickie – P&F Assoc Catholic Schools Qld – Statement of NCEC represented all Catholic Parents

ICT competition
28 March minutes distributed
School captains Forum information

Motion

That the correspondence in and out be accepted.

Moved – Michael Hagan, seconded – Martin Laverack, carried

6 REPORTS

- PRESIDENT REPORT -

Nil Report – Communications provided throughout meeting.

7 - TREASURERS REPORT

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

YTD July - Total income \$46,501.71

YTD July – Total Expenses \$27,305.06

YTD Net - \$19,196.65

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 and has continued to ask the Minister for Education each time it meets with him.

CDF Business Card – Currently the president only has the one.....which is making payments difficult for diversity of work the Federation currently undertakes.

Motion

That the Federation obtain a supplementary CDF business account card for the Executive Officer.

Moved Gerard Mitchell , Seconded Linda Smith, Carried

Motion

To reconfirm that Steele, Burnet & Nelson be appointed the auditors for 2009 calendar year.

Moved Michael Hangan, Seconded Mary Excel, carried

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 , Seconded Linda Smith, carried

SECRETARY – Nil report

Region – **South** – Concern on meeting attendance. Executive is looking at how to re-engage schools at regional level. Using meeting to communicate information that is of some use to them.

1. Stick & carrot
2. Concentrate issues-

3. Southern Region meetings for 2009 - 29 September, 24 Nov - Locations to TBA

North – Transfer of NR bank account (**Action – ML**)

2009 Dates

Term 2 – 3 August 2009

Term 3 – 5 October 2009

Plus Christmas Dinner

North West – Rationale for the following motion. It is important that the Federation strengthens its regions. The Federation believes that Linda, through her past efforts can and will represent the NW region and Federation for the betterment of students in Tasmanian Catholic schools.

Motion – That Linda Smith be appointed as the interim NW regional president, until such times as the NW region becomes operational, and thus appointing her as senior vice president, TCSPFF.

Moved Michael Hangan, seconded Mary Excel. Carried

Equity Review – Linda would like to ask the TCEO the progress of this review, so that children with identified disabilities can be better supported in their primary role.

The NW region is planning to support an informal 'chat' for parents and carers of children with disabilities. The object is to look at how support we can all be better support for families with children with additional needs. Other regions may look at this as well.

ADMINISTRATION – New website is up and running. New Federation website address is www.tcspff.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

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

Theme –	Past Reflections	Present Living	Future Choices
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This conference is a one day conference

Conference Sponsorship - Birchalls, Catholic Super, Corporate Express, CDF, Uniform City, TCEO, TCEC,

Guest Speaker – David Loader.

[See attachment C](#)

Planning is well underway. Michael & Damian will visit Country Club and confirm dinner venue facilities asap.

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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- - Strategic Plan – To be review Term 3 2009
 - Meeting with Minister for Education / Premier was held on the 26 May 2009 – TCSPFF funding grant, discussion on inclusion in state government funding to Tasmanian Catholic schools, students with disability funding, national curriculum, discussion on Tasmanian nomination for the board rep on the national curriculum board, school reporting, alternative schooling for non academic students, teacher development, sustainable living centre, technical schools, shared resources, Australian Education Senior Office Commission, Tasmanian School Parents Coalition,
 - TCEC – Nil report
 - Anthea provide a brief overview of her role within the TCEC awards committee, on behalf of the TCSPFF. She indicated that the applicants were of a high standard and that these awards provide a reminded that there are many hard working, but often unrecognised people that make Catholic education an effective environment.
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 - NCEC – Ms. G. Crowe has been reappointed
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- TCEO – Partnership Meeting 24 April 2007 – 3:30 – 5 pm
MOU – TCEO (What do we need / want out of this for both parties)
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

Catholic Education Week Michael Hangan has been attending.

10 - 14 Aug – Start of Catholic Education Week
Theme – Embrace Mary MacKillop – Engage the World

Motion

That the TCSPFF donate \$250 for associated costs in purchasing banners for Mary MacKillop week banners.

Moved Gerard Mitchell, seconded Mary Excel. Carried

Catholic Education Week Mass' in regions will be
11 Aug (South),
12 Aug (NW – 5 pm Brendan Shaw),
13 Aug (Nth) (9.45am Church of the Apostles, St Anthony's 4 PM TCEC awards)
Regional Directors will be involved in their region's Catholic Education Week activities.

Regional Directors are

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

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

STUG – Next meeting - 4 August 2009 EO will attend. Murray St. Agenda Items – Timetable changes, days of operation, dangerous detail, student fares 2010, Adult 19+ fares (students), use of seat belts,

- APC –
 - APC Parent Charter – Draft provided to meeting. Please provide feedback using response sheet required **asap**.
 - APC Family / School Partnership Task Group Sharing of Affiliate Activity feedback sought! Please complete asap.
 - College of Executive Officers Meeting to be held in Canberra – Early August 2009
 - APC Conference 10 / 11 October 12 / 13 APC / ASSCO Conference
- Motion**
That the TCSPFF allocated appropriate resources to fund attendance at the APC / ACSSO 2009 conference.

Moved Gerard Mitchell, Seconded Linda Smith. Carried.

- DEWEER 7 August 2009 meeting in Canberra. Full report next meeting.
- SRB – Nil report
- TRB – Nil report
- PARENT PROJECTS – Possible workshops....?
 - 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

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- Parent Liaison Advisors – Michael has spoken to Anthony Morgan about this position. Further discussions will continue.
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 - BGA – (Buildings). BGA – P21 applications has signed off for funding for Tasmanian Catholic School. Tasmanian Catholic Schools will receive over \$20 million dollars as part of the Federal Government stimulus package.
 - TSPC - Tasmanian School Parents Coalition
 - MoU – Michael and Bill have had meeting between Tasmanian State School Parents & Friends, **not sure who else...** to see if all organisation that represent Tasmanian parents could have a non political voice, using a united front so that we can to be better heard by the political parties.

Motion

That the TCSPFF be involved with the preliminary investigation of a MOU between the members of the Tasmanian School Parents Coalition.

Moved Anthea Griffin Seconded - Gerard Mitchell **Carried**

- IEU – Tas; Nil report
- UTAS - Faculty of Education Course Advise Committee invite - Damian will attend 23 July 2009.
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9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- TCSPFF website www.tcspff.org.au

Archbishop's Charter

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

2010 conference – Michael will liaise with Hobart schools to canvass interest.

Theme – Unknown

NEXT MEETING -

15 August @ St Pat's Launceston
SC meeting – 9 October (Friday) 5 – 10 Black Buffalo

10. Meeting closed at 3:00 pm

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