



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Federation

STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

Friday 9 October 2009
Hobart

Please note – hyperlinks found throughout this document can be accessed from the online version of these minutes, which can be found at www.tcspff.org.au

MINUTES

1. Welcome and OPENING PRAYER – 4:00 pm
2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

PRESENT

APOLOGY

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

Acceptance of apologies

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3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – dated 18 July 2009, tabled and moved as true record of meeting. Moved, Gerard Mitchell 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 and recorded in this meeting's minutes.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE –

IN - BGA information
[UTas](#) Pre-Service Pre-Service Course Advisory meeting 6 Oct 09 (Damian will report)
[TRB](#) meeting, Teacher Learning Centre, Rokeby High School 23 Sept 09 (Damian will report)
[TSSP&F](#) newsletters
 Equity Review - Letter from Linda
 Partnership draft paperwork – request for comments
 Keys to Drive – RACT
 DoE Early Years Paperwork
 AEDI invite
 Teacher Registration Board – World Teachers' Day request.
 Tasmanian Parents Coalition

Out

Partnership draft paperwork – comments returned to working party.

TCSPFF report to [APC](#) AGM

Motion

That the correspondence in and out be accepted.

Moved – Michael Hagan, seconded – Martin Laverack, carried

6 REPORTS

- PRESIDENT REPORT -

Nil Report

7 - TREASURERS REPORT

Profit & Loss Statements for 1 January – 31 Jun 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.

Treasurer **report concerns about non-financial members** and the impact it will have on ongoing business of the Federation for 2009 / 10.

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 Hagan, Seconded Gerard Mitchell, carried

SECRETARY – Nil report

Region – **South** – Energy Drinks. Gerard attended a forum to look at the sale of energy drinks to children. **There are huge side effects** in relation to these drinks, including **high caffeine, salt and sugar**.

The drinks include a variety of ingredients in different combinations: plant-based stimulants like guarana, herbs like ginkgo and ginseng, sugar, amino acids including taurine as well as vitamins. But the main active ingredient is caffeine.

Caffeine content varies. A serving of Amp contains 107 milligrams of caffeine, compared with 34 to 38 milligrams for the same amount of Coca-Cola or Pepsi. Monster has 120 milligrams and Red Bull has 116. Higher on the spectrum, Spike Shooter contains 428 milligrams of caffeine in a serve

See attached article – Do your schools sell these drinks?

[AEDI – Australian Early Development Index](#) – website. The AEDI data is intended to help governments & councils analyse development needs in specific communities, using postcode. The AEDI helps communities understand how their local children are doing developmentally and compared to children nationally and in other communities. See www.rch.org.au/australianedi/

North – Term 3 – meeting will be held on the 26 October 2009, Nano nagle meeting rooms.
Christmas Dinner – date TBA

North West – Linda discussed a communication with a west coast community about boarding issues and their preferred option to local Catholic secondary schooling.

ACTION - Ask Anthony about a central contact person from the TCEO up the North West Coast. Sus out with ICPA and Regional Director.

Survey of school community – what are their needs?

Helen Maddocks ? –

Linda organised meeting with parents of children with additional / special needs. Linda, with permission, advertised through school newsletters seeking interested parents & carers. Linda will action raised concerns at the meeting the TCEO, via State Council.

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. Michael will discuss with Assistant Director – TCEO.

ADMINISTRATION –

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

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

Conference feedback winner of mixed ½ dozen was Sr Gabrielle Morgan. Feedback was good and is available from TCSPFF secretary, on request. Feedback has also been provided to David Loader.

2010 AGM 18 April 2010

Motion

That 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.

Moved, Gerard Mitchell Seconded Linda Smith. Carried

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

- Strategic Plan – To be review Term 3 2009
- 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.

Archbishop’s forum on this will be on the 30th Oct, at Holy Rosary Primary School, Claremont.

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

2009 meetings with TCEO, 27 Nov.

Regional Directors are

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

Report from meeting with Acting Director – TCEO. Items discussed
Funding concerns (big picture to P&F funding), political lobbying, P&F training, Federation structure, collection of affiliation fees, adjust fees scale for affiliation,

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

- NCEC – Nil report

STATE GOVERNMENT

Meeting with Premier – planned meeting January 2010. (November)

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) – Next meeting late October, “Should traffic have to stop when a school bus stops to let off students?”

SRB – 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 – Nil report (July meeting)

“Dual representation reporting”. We need to look at some type of agreement for this. Has this been signed

- 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/>
- APC Conference 10 / 11 October 2010, Hobart & 12 / 13 APC / ASSCO Conference

- DEWEER meeting was held on the 7 August 2009, in Canberra.

- 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

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- TSPC - Tasmanian School Parents Coalition

- MoU – Was signed between the TCSPFF and the TSSP&F in August 2009.

- Late October will be the next meeting. Discussion on league tables and energy drinks.

- [IEU – Tas](#); Angela provide an overview of current activities in relation to parents. Discussion on league tables, TRB, progress on the teaching agreement which has taken 16 months to negotiate through, (back pay, extra co-curricular hours recognised, improvements on conditions)
- [UTAS](#) - Faculty of Education Course Advise Committee invite - Damian has attended two 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

- Communication policy provided and provides feedback to Michael by the 15 November.
- 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 - 14 November 11 am start. Location – TBA on the West Coast
 30 January 2009 - 11 am start.
 17 April SC meeting 1 pm.
 18 April AGM 10 am.

10. Meeting closed at 9:00 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