



THE FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
DRAFT - 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
27 AUGUST 2016

**WILLIAM WILKINS GALLERY, Department of Education, 35 Bridge St, Sydney**

P&C Federation President, Susie Boyd, opened the meeting at 9:55am

Welcome to country provided by Uncle Allen, Gudigal Elder.

**Attendance :**

Kath Styant Central Coast, Craig Kettle Central Coast, Natalie Walker Far West, Helen Carpenter Far West, Yve Weinmann Hunter, Ray Mosley Macarthur, Anna Grocholsky Macarthur, Melissa Hawkins Macarthur, Joel Matthews Mid North Coast, Tracy Hunt Mid North Coast, Angela Martin New England, Rachael Sowden New England, Terry Timms North Coast, Lisa Naumovski North Coast, Alan Gardiner North Sydney, Mark Van Kerkwijk North Sydney, Tim Spencer North West Sydney, Lisa Wilmshurst North West Sydney, Veryan McAllister North West Sydney, Samantha Rudd South Coast, Bryce Wilson Southern & Central Tablelands, Jason Vials Southern & Central Tablelands, Nathaniel Lozberis Southern & Central Tablelands, M.K. Singh Southern Sydney, Susan Boyd South West Sydney, Rahnuma Alam South West Sydney, Maria Kaivananga Sydney, Natasha Coster West Sydney

**Apologies :**

Nicole Mottlee Central Coast, Diane Darcy Far West, Sharon Bright North Coast, Tracy O'Shanassy North Sydney, Jane Paterson Riverina

**Opening Address and Annual Report**

President, Susie Boyd, gave the opening address.

Jason Vials, P&C Federation President 2015-2016, presented a report on the progress of P&C Federation over the period of his presidency, with a focus on events of the past year.

Alan Gardiner provided a commentary on P&C Federation's financial affairs and 2016 audited financial statements.

**Aurora College**

Chris Robertson, Principal of Aurora College, described the creation and operation of Aurora College, a virtual selective high school catering for rural and remote students.

**Motion 1 - Minutes of 2015 AGM**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be received and adopted

**Moved: Yve Weinmann**

**Seconded: Ray Mosley**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2 - Appointment of Auditor**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW appoints William Buck as auditor for Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW for the 2017 financial year.

**Moved: Ray Mosley**

**Seconded: Joel Matthews**

**CARRIED**



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### Motion 3 – Membership Fees

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW member affiliation fees for the 2016-2017 year be maintained at 2015-2016 rates and confirmed according to the following:

AF6	Primary or Central School	25 or fewer students	\$138
AF5B	Primary or Central School	26-60 students	\$174
AF5A	Primary or Central School	61-159 students	\$226
AF4	Primary or Central School	160-300 students	\$347
AF3	Primary or Central School	301-450 students	\$425
AF2	Primary or Central School	451-700 students	\$441
AF1	Primary or Central School	701 or more students	\$543
AF9B	High School	650 or fewer students	\$431
AF9A	High School	651-900 students	\$533
AF8	High School	901 or more students	\$543

**Moved: Tracy Hunt                      Seconded: Maria Kaivananga                      CARRIED**

### Motion 4 – Minutes of AGM

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW commencing 2016 the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting be provided in writing to all delegates within three weeks of the close of Annual General Meeting, and that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be received and adopted at the second meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting.

**Moved: Rachael Sowden                      Seconded: Yve Weinmann**

Procedural Motion:

That the meeting move into committee for 5 minutes to discuss the motion.

**Moved: Alan Gardiner                      Seconded: Rachael Sowden                      CARRIED**

Amendment motion:

That the words “and adopted” be removed from the motion.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson                      Seconded: Terry Timms                      CARRIED**

Motion as amended:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW commencing 2016 the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting be provided in writing to all delegates within three weeks of the close of Annual General Meeting, and that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be received at the second meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting.

**Moved: Rachael Sowden                      Seconded: Yve Weinmann                      CARRIED**

### Motion 5 - Regional/Rural/Remote Internet and Technology Provision

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW lobby State and Federal Ministers to ensure that all public schools in regional, rural and remote NSW have access to high quality internet services and appropriate provision of technology resources to enable students in regional, rural and remote NSW to be able to be successful learners in an equitable learning environment.

**Moved: Natalie Walker                      Seconded: Jason Vials                      CARRIED**



**Motion 6 – Funding for Internet and Technology**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Education requesting that the Department of Education provide full funding for internet and technology infrastructure in public schools, with a priority given to regional, rural and remote NSW public schools.

**Moved: Samantha Rudd      Seconded: Natasha Coster      CARRIED**

**Motion 7 – Lobbying for Increased Technology Funding**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW lobby State and Federal Ministers to increase school technology funding allocations to all public schools, with priority given to regional, rural and remote NSW public schools.

**Moved: Ray Mosley      Seconded: Rachael Sowden      CARRIED**

**Motion 8 – Community-Funded Capital Works**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW, as a matter of high importance, raise the negative consequences to school community infrastructure investment as a result of the recent change in policy, by the Department of Education, to the development of capital works projects funded by a school P&C or other external source/s.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson      Seconded: Joel Matthews      CARRIED**

**Motion 9 – Review of Departmental Capital and Procurement Policy**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW should seek input as a minimum, and possibly a formal structure for ongoing input, into the Departmental implementation review of the updated Capital and Procurement Policy including, specifically, that the P&C Federation should discuss the types of project/s, various funding approaches of projects, project management policies, tender processes and the Department's specifications for builds in schools.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson      Seconded: Joel Matthews      CARRIED**

**Motion 10 – Commitment to Quality School Infrastructure**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW remains committed to quality infrastructure being built in schools, to value for money being maintained and to school communities (with their Principals) maintaining strong inputs and controls on projects supported through hard-earned P&C fundraising.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson      Seconded: Joel Matthews      CARRIED**

**Motion 11 – Google-Provided Services**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Education advocating for:

- a) The Department of Education to provide clear advice to all NSW Public School parents that permission for their children to use on-line services supplied by the Department of Education is taken as 'informed consent' by Google Inc. to provide this on-line service.



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- b) The Department of Education to provide a clear explanation to all NSW Public School parents as to why Google requires 'informed consent'.
- c) The Department of Education, in providing on-line services for children from early primary school up, does not discriminate against those children whose parents choose not to agree to the privacy terms and conditions of Google Inc.
- d) The narrow definition of personal information provided by Google Inc to be replaced by one that includes all data, including but not limited to meta-data generated by children's on-line activities.
- e) The storage of children's data to only be permitted in servers located in Australia.
- f) ALL data relating to a child's on-line activities to be deleted from servers on request of the parent(s) or when the child ceases to be enrolled in a NSW Public School.

**Moved: Mark Van Kerkwijk      Seconded: Craig Kettle**

Amendment motion:

That in part (f) the words "or when the child ceases to be enrolled in a NSW Public School" be removed from the motion.

**Moved: Rachael Sowden      Seconded: Ray Mosley**

Procedural Motion:

That the meeting move into committee for 5 minutes to discuss the motion.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson      Seconded: Joel Matthews      CARRIED**

Procedural Motion:

That the meeting stay in committee for an additional 5 minutes to discuss the motion.

**Moved: Craig Kettle      Seconded: Joel Matthews      CARRIED**

Procedural Motion:

That a decision on this motion be delegated to the Board and consideration be deferred until the second Board meeting after the AGM in order to allow for any necessary legal advice to be obtained, with the decision by the Board being communicated to all Delegates.

**Moved: Rachael Sowden      Seconded: Tracy Hunt      LOST**

Division called for by Rachael Sowden.

For the procedural motion (13): Kath Styant, Ray Mosley, Melissa Hawkins, Tracy Hunt, Angela Martin, Rachael Sowden, Lisa Naumovski, Jason Vials, MK Singh, Susie Boyd, Rahnuma Alam, Maria Kaivananga, Natasha Coster

Against the procedural motion (15): Craig Kettle, Natalie Walker, Helen Carpenter, Yve Weinmann, Anna Grocholsky, Joel Matthews, Terry Timms, Alan Gardiner, Mark Van Kerkwijk, Tim Spencer, Lisa Wilmshurst, Veryan McAllister, Samantha Rudd, Bryce Wilson, Nathaniel Lozberis

Amendment motion (restated):

That in part (f) the words "or when the child ceases to be enrolled in a NSW Public School" be removed from the motion.

**LOST**



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Amendment motion:

That in part (f) the words “where legally feasible” be added after the word “servers”.

**Moved: Bryce Wilson**

**Seconded: Tracy Hunt**

**CARRIED**

Procedural Motion:

That the motion be broken into its six constituent components and each moved and voted on separately.

**Moved: Rachael Sowden**

**Seconded: Tracy Hunt**

**LOST**

Motion as amended:

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- b) The Department of Education to provide a clear explanation to all NSW Public School parents as to why Google requires ‘informed consent’.
- c) The Department of Education, in providing on-line services for children from early primary school up, does not discriminate against those children whose parents choose not to agree to the privacy terms and conditions of Google Inc.
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- e) The storage of children’s data to only be permitted in servers located in Australia.
- f) ALL data relating to a child’s on-line activities to be deleted from servers, where legally feasible, on request of the parent(s) or when the child ceases to be enrolled in a NSW Public School.

**Moved: Mark Van Kerkwijk**

**Seconded: Craig Kettle**

**CARRIED**

Rachael Sowden requested the recording of her abstention from voting on the above motion.

### **Motion 12 – Canteen Manual**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW take steps to produce, and make available to P&C Associations, an up to date comprehensive Canteen Manual to assist P&C Associations.

**Moved: Terry Timms**

**Seconded: Lisa Naumovski**

**CARRIED - Unanimously**

### **Motion 13 – Agricultural High Schools and RAM**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW requests the Department of Education to determine how to incorporate agricultural high schools into the Resource Allocation Model (RAM), and how to move away from ad hoc funding.

**Moved: Angela Martin**

**Seconded: Natasha Coster**

**CARRIED**

### **Motion 14 – Agricultural Education and Training Review and Funding**



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That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW requests the Department of Education to continue to implement the recommendations of the 2013 Review into Agricultural Education and Training and ensure adequate funds from the sale of Hurlstone Farm are placed into supporting Agricultural education in non-metropolitan areas.

**Moved: Angela Martin      Seconded: Natasha Coster      CARRIED**

Procedural Motion:

That the meeting continue to consider motions rather than break for lunch.

**Moved: Terry Timms      Seconded: Tracy Hunt      CARRIED**

### **Motion 15 - School Fencing**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW request the Department of Education to provide safe learning environments for all public schools by providing adequate school fencing to public schools in NSW..

**Moved: Tracy Hunt      Seconded: Bryce Wilson      CARRIED**

### **Motion 16 - Parent and School Community Consultation and Communication**

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW request the Department of Education create a comprehensive strategy that encompasses Parent and School Community Consultation and Communication, as well as demonstrating effective strategies of how Principals are held accountable for the implementation of this strategy.

**Moved: Natasha Coster      Seconded: Melissa Hawkins**

Rachael Sowden disclosed a potential conflict of interest with respect to this motion, in that she is the owner/operator of a company providing BOSTES-accredited teacher training in this subject area.

Procedural Motion:

That the meeting move into committee for 5 minutes to discuss the motion.

**Moved: Rachel Sowden      Seconded: Jason Vials      CARRIED**

Amendment motion:

That the wording "... create a comprehensive strategy that encompasses ..." be expanded to "... create a comprehensive strategy in conjunction with the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW that specifically encompasses ...".

**Moved: Terry Timms      Seconded: Tracy Hunt      CARRIED**

Amendment motion:

That the word "Collaboration" be added after "Consultation".

**Moved: Yve Weinmann      Seconded: Tracy Hunt      CARRIED**

Motion as amended:



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That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW request the Department of Education create a comprehensive strategy in conjunction with the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW that specifically encompasses Parent and School Community Consultation, Collaboration and Communication, as well as demonstrating effective strategies of how Principals are held accountable for the implementation of this strategy.

**Moved: Natasha Coster**

**Seconded: Melissa Hawkins**

**CARRIED**

**BREAK FOR LUNCH**

**Closing Address**

President, Susie Boyd, gave the closing address, thanking Councillors and Delegates for attending and also thanking P&C Federation General Manager Steve Carpenter and Project Officer Debbie Clifford for their work in organising and supporting the operation of the AGM.

Meeting closed at 2:20pm.