



THE FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DRAFT - 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
26 AUGUST 2017

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

P&C Federation President, Susie Boyd, opened the meeting at 10:05am

“If the World Only Knew” sung by year 6 student Ezra Loau.

Welcome to country provided by Uncle Chicka (Charles) Madden, Gadigal Elder.

Attendance :

Craig Kettle Central Coast (departed 3:50 pm), Natalie Walker Far West, Diane Darcy Far West, Helen Carpenter Far West, Yve Weinmann Hunter, Ray Mosley Macarthur, Joel Matthews Mid North Coast (from 2:40pm), Jason Ryan Mid North Coast, Angela Martin New England (from 12:00 noon), Rachael Sowden New England, Terry Timms North Coast, Sharon Bright North Coast, Lisa Naumovski North Coast, Alan Gardiner North Sydney, Tracy O’Shanassy North Sydney, Tim Spencer North West Sydney, Lisa Wilmshurst North West Sydney, Bryce Wilson Southern & Central Tablelands (departed 1:15pm), Jason Vials Southern & Central Tablelands, Nathaniel Lozberis Southern & Central Tablelands (departed 1:15pm), M.K. Singh Southern Sydney, Susan Boyd South West Sydney, Natasha Pollock Sydney, Natasha Coster West Sydney (departed 1:15pm)

Apologies :

Kath Styant Central Coast, Nicole Mottlee Central Coast, Anna Grocholsky Macarthur, Tracy Hunt Mid North Coast, Mark Van Kerkwijk North Sydney, Veryan McAllister North West Sydney, Caroline Love Riverina, Jane Paterson Riverina, Samantha Rudd South Coast, Rahnema Alam South West Sydney, Maria Kaivananga Sydney, Cheryl Miller Sydney

Opening Address – Rob Stokes, NSW Minister for Education

Summary of address:

- Thanked and expressed gratitude to parental involvement in and support of schools, including our roles within the P&C movement.
- Noted that he had attended NSW public schools 30 years ago and that since that time there has been a quantum improvement in what the DoE delivers, while expectations of schools have risen even faster.
- Acknowledged that as society has moved to more neo-liberalism and the use of quantitative testing as a proxy for quality, schools need greater resourcing to undertake responsibilities not previously seen as within the role of schools. However, the additional responsibilities and resourcing can be problematic and some things don’t work well in a transactional environment, eg relationships, which are more qualitative than quantifiable.
- Expressed the desire that as new schools are built they become community centrepieces, places for everyone and not fenced off for use exclusively in school hours. One historical structural problem is that education is organised as a succession from primary school to high school to tertiary institutions, but this does not reflect a model of everyone learning every day as an education continuum.

In response to questions:

- Acknowledged that the recent situation at Coonamble High School (of having some students being taught the wrong curriculum for one of their HSC subjects) was unacceptable. Investigation was under way to find out what went wrong, despite existing procedures to prevent this problem, and what could be done to prevent a recurrence. Murat Dizdar, Deputy



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Secretary School Operations and Performance, added to the Minister's response by outlining the history of the issue and the response from DoE and NESA.

- Thanked the P&C Federation for its Gonski-related lobbying efforts and acknowledged that the Federal Government funding now to be provided is less than had been expected under the agreement with the Gillard government but more than had been intended by the Abbott government. There will still be more Federal Government funding going to schools than there is today and the certainty of that funding has improved. However, there is not yet a formal agreement with the Federal Government regarding school funding and there are some unusual constitutional issues raised by current proposals. There may be a need to have a 1-2 year interim funding agreement between now and when the new Gonski Committee reports its findings and recommendations. The Minister stated that he will not tolerate private schools being funded above the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) before state schools reach SRS funding.
- Agreed that he will talk to the Primary and Secondary principals' associations about what can be done to improve the support by principals for the creation of P&C associations in schools where they do not exist and to improve the operation and working relationships between P&C associations and principals.

Guest Speaker – Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary School Operations and Performance, DoE

Murat delivered a Powerpoint presentation (available separately). In delivering his presentation, Murat also mentioned:

- NSW DoE is currently educating 52,000 Aboriginal students, up from 38,000 five years ago.
- NSW DoE employs about 60,000 teachers.
- An acknowledgement that teacher performance management requires further work.

Annual Report – Susie Boyd, President, Federation of Parents and Citizens Association of NSW

Susie Boyd highlighted aspects of the Federation's annual report as circulated to attendees.

(Angela Martin arrived at noon.)

Finance Report – Alan Gardiner, Secretary, Federation of Parents and Citizens Association of NSW

Alan Gardiner highlighted aspects of the Federation's financial report as circulated to attendees.

P&C Strategic Plan 2018-2020

Bryce Wilson introduced the session and the attendees separated into two groups to discuss matters influencing the creation of the Federation's Strategic Plan for 2018-2020.

Motion 1 – Minutes of 2016 AGM

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting be received and adopted.

Moved: Ray Mosley

Seconded: Craig Kettle

CARRIED



Motion 2 – Appointment of Auditor

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW appoints William Buck as auditor of the Federation of P&C Associations of NSW for the 2018 financial year.

Moved: Terry Timms

Seconded: Jason Ryan

CARRIED

Motion 3 – Membership Fees

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW member affiliation fees for the 2017-2018 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: Craig Kettle

Seconded: Rachael Sowden

CARRIED

(Meeting adjourned for lunch for half an hour from 1:00pm. Bryce Wilson, Nathaniel Lozberis and Natasha Coster departed the meeting.)

Motion 4 – Energy from Waste Incinerators

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations writes to the Minister for Education, the Minister for Health, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment, to make it policy that Energy from Waste Incinerators must not be built within 15 km of our schools. Children are amongst the most vulnerable to pollution, especially fine particulate matter which can irritate their lungs and worsen asthma. Western Sydney is already a problem area for pollution, and it must be not being made worse. All efforts should be made to reduce the levels of pollution.

Moved: Ray Mosley

Seconded: Jason Ryan

Procedural motion:

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

Moved: Terry Timms

Seconded: Rachael Sowden

CARRIED

Discussed various matters concerning the proposed motion, including the significance and/or reason for the 15 km distance.

Procedural motion:

That the motion be referred to the Board to allow time for further investigation and then be addressed at the Federation's October Board meeting for decision, subject to sufficient clarification being received.



Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Jason Vials CARRIED

Delegates to be advised of the Board decision.

Motion 5 – Online NAPLAN Testing

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW request that the Department of Education cease their plan to conduct NAPLAN tests on-line and continue with a paper based system.

Moved: Alan Gardiner Seconded: Natasha Pollock

Amendment motion:

That the word “cease” be replaced with “delay”.

Moved: Terry Timms Seconded: Jason Vials

Foreshadowed motion (Rachael Sowden):

That if the amendment is carried the words “for a further two years” be added at the end of the motion.

Procedural motion:

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

Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Yve Weinmann CARRIED

Amendment motion:

That the word “cease” be replaced with “delay”.

Moved: Terry Timms Seconded: Jason Vials CARRIED

Amendment motion:

That the words “until parental concerns regarding discrepancies between keyboard proficiency between students, technical capacity between schools and computer marking are adequately addressed, by 2020” be added at the end of the motion.

Moved: Rachael Sowden

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

Motion as amended:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW request that the Department of Education delay their plan to conduct NAPLAN tests on-line and continue with a paper based system until parental concerns regarding discrepancies between keyboard proficiency between students, technical capacity between schools and computer marking are adequately addressed, by 2020.

Moved: Alan Gardiner Seconded: Natasha Pollock CARRIED

Motion 6 – Kiss and Drop Zones

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations write to the Minister for Transport advocating for the provision of additional Kiss and Drop zones for primary schools.



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Moved: Sharon Bright Seconded: Terry Timms

Amendment motion:

That the word "primary" be replaced by "public".

Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Ray Mosley CARRIED

Motion as amended:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations write to the Minister for Transport advocating for the provision of additional Kiss and Drop zones for public schools.

Moved: Sharon Bright Seconded: Terry Timms CARRIED

Motion 7 - Canteen Incentive Payments

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Education advocating incentive payments to assist Canteens meet new regulations and guidelines.

Moved: Alan Gardiner Seconded: Angela Martin

Procedural motion:

That the motion be referred to the Board to allow time for further investigation and then be addressed at the Federation's October Board meeting for decision, subject to sufficient clarification being received.

Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Ray Mosley CARRIED

Delegates to be advised of the Board decision.

Motion 8 - Climate Change

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW lobby the Department of Education to investigate the implications of climate change for the running of our schools and that Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW be advocating set policies to assist our schools in preparing for and managing future climate threats.

Moved: Terry Timms Seconded: Jason Vials

Procedural motion:

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

Moved: Natalie Walker Seconded: Natasha Pollock CARRIED

Discussion noted the recent changes to DoE standards regarding provision of air-conditioning in NSW schools and also that every NSW school is meant to have an Environmental Management Plan.

(Joel Matthews arrived 2:40pm.)

Procedural motion:

That the motion be divided to form two separate motions.



Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Tracy O'Shanassy CARRIED

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW lobby the Department of Education to investigate the implications of climate change for the running of our schools.

Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Ray Mosley

Amendment motion:

That the words "including an audit of the implementation of individual School Environmental Management Plans within NSW schools" be added at the end of the motion.

Moved: Natasha Pollock

Amendment accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the original motion.

Motion as amended:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW lobby the Department of Education to investigate the implications of climate change for the running of our schools, including an audit of the implementation of individual School Environmental Management Plans within NSW schools.

Moved: Rachael Sowden Seconded: Ray Mosley CARRIED

Motion:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW be advocating set policies to assist our schools in preparing for and managing future climate threats.

Moved: Ray Mosley Seconded: Rachael Sowden

Procedural motion:

That the motion be referred to the Board to allow time for further investigation and then be addressed at the Federation's October Board meeting for decision, subject to sufficient clarification being received.

Moved: Yve Weinmann Seconded: Craig Kettle CARRIED

Delegates to be advised of the Board decision.

(Susie Boyd passed the Chair to Joel Matthews.)

Motion 9 – Changes to Religious Education Implementation Procedures

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Education Mr Rob Stokes advocating for an amendment to the Department of Education's "Religious Education Implementation Procedures" to ensure that all students not participating in special religious education may be granted access to educational opportunities that align with the curriculum during the time scripture is being taught.

Moved: Susie Boyd Seconded: Rachael Sowden



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Amendment motion:

That the words following "Religious Education Procedures" be replaced by "to move all SRE/SEE classes out of school hours".

Moved: Yve Weinmann

The Chair ruled that the amendment was out of order due to its change to the intent of the original motion.

Procedural motion:

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

Moved: Yve Weinmann Seconded: Jason Vials CARRIED

Procedural motion:

That the motion be put.

Moved: Ray Mosley Seconded: Sharon Bright CARRIED

Original motion:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Education Mr Rob Stokes advocating for an amendment to the Department of Education's "Religious Education Implementation Procedures" to ensure that all students not participating in special religious education may be granted access to educational opportunities that align with the curriculum during the time scripture is being taught.

Moved: Susie Boyd Seconded: Rachael Sowden CARRIED

(Susie Boyd resumes as Chair.)

Motion 10 – Rural School Bus Runs

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW write to the Minister for Transport and request that when considering applications for school bus runs in rural and remote areas that student numbers, access to education and the impact on small schools and communities be considered in addition to the financial implications for the NSW Government.

Moved: Helen Carpenter Seconded: Natalie Walker CARRIED

(Craig Kettle departed 3:50pm.)

Motion 11 – Capital Works and School Maintenance

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW enter negotiations and written conversations with the Minister of Education, and the Department of Education School Infrastructure CEO re the management of Capital Works and maintenance of schools, ensuring that the policies and procedures support P&C Associations when they are providing the funding.

Moved: Ray Mosley Seconded: Diane Darcy CARRIED



Closure of Meeting

The Chair noted that Motion 11 was the last agenda item, thanked Councillors and Delegates for their attendance and participation and then closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 3:54pm.

