

2020 AGM Minutes

Saturday 29 August 2020 – Zoom Meeting

P&C Federation President and meeting Chair, Tim Spencer, opened the meeting at 9:53am.

Welcome to Country provided by Uncle Chris Tobin, Darug Elder.

Councillor and Delegate Attendees: Nicole Mottlee Central Coast, Natalie Walker Far West, Ray Mosley Macarthur, Jason Ryan Mid North Coast, Angela Martin New England, Alan Gardiner North Sydney, Tim Spencer North West Sydney, Saba Nabi Riverina, Bryce Wilson Southern & Central Tablelands, Craig Kettle Central Coast, Diane Darcy Far West, Mark Van Kerkwyk North Sydney, Lisa Wilmshurst North West Sydney, Richard Copnall North West Sydney, Simon Payne Sydney

Apologies: None

Councillors and Delegates Absent: Susie Boyd South West Sydney, Maria Kaivananga Sydney, Jason Yeo Southern Sydney, Natasha Coster Western Sydney, Janine Cramond North Coast, Sharon Bright North Coast, Gregory Burns North Sydney

Other Attendees: Hannah Pia Baral (P&C Federation General Manager), Fiorella Recchi (Federation Administration Officer), Patrick Doumani (Federation Communications Officer), Steve Edwards (Federation CFO) (from ~11:00am to ~12:05pm).

Tim Spencer, as Chair, proposed that the meeting be recorded and received no dissent.

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

Minister Mitchell delivered a presentation around the following key topics:

- 2020 impacts of bushfire, drought, pandemic on schools
- Challenges for schools, P&Cs, parents, the community of more than 1.7 million people
- Schools doing a great job at adapting to challenges, particularly with school attendance, learning from home and then returning to school
- Acknowledgement of variation of technology access across NSW schools
- To date there have been approximately 50 schools affected by COV-ID
- Communication from DoE to parents/ carers is easier with increase in community engagement
- Digital Hub to support students and the curriculum
- Devices such as laptops were provided to year 11 and year 12 students, where needed
- Acknowledged impact of not being able to have parents on-site at schools, including impact on P&C fund-raising

Questions & Answers

Q: *Where do you see P&C associations in the future, particularly during the current pandemic and what support would be provided to those P&C Associations that have been financially impacted by the pandemic?*



A: The plan is to keep communication open between P&C Federation and the Department of Education to allow ongoing discussions. And also note the Government funding via Gonski funding packages to schools.

Q: *What is being done with access to technology in rural and remote areas?*

A: There is more push to ensure access to technology, internet access, resources and support for students. The Department is looking at converting the challenges of the pandemic and turning them into opportunities. As a result, the Department can now have a targeted approach to learning.

Q: *What is being done to get more mental health and wellbeing services into schools?*

A: Looking at providing resources to parents and having resources available to students. There is a commitment in ensuring every high school has either a full-time counsellor or psychologist and additional Student Support Officer positions to support these roles. There are ongoing discussions regarding other resources which can be provided to schools.

Currently have fly-in and fly-out psychology services in rural and remote areas in partnership with Royal Flying Doctor Service and looking at partnering and collaborating with other organisations to share resources throughout the state.

Annual Report

P&C Federation President, Tim Spencer, gave a presentation of the President's Report, as included and distributed in the 2020 AGM Annual Report.

(Nicole Mottlee connection lost at ~10:55am and Steve Edwards connected to meeting at ~11:00am)

Guest Speaker: David Hetherington, Executive Director, Public Education Foundation

David Hetherington delivered a presentation around the following key topics:

- Introduction to Public Education Foundation
- Scholarships to students in public education that are focused on need and potential
- P&C Federation's partnership with Public Education Foundation and supporting of three students with three-year scholarships
- Scholarships available to educational leaders

Financial Report

P&C Federation Chief Financial Officer, Steve Edwards, highlighted aspects of P&C Federation's Finance Report, as included and distributed in the 2020 Annual Report.

(Nicole Mottlee re-established connection to meeting at ~11:55am)

Actions arising: Decided that the Board should review the Federation's current investment policy with respect to suitability of any limitations placed on investments and also that Financial Reports to future AGMs include a summary of investments and associated performance.

(Steve Edwards disconnected from meeting at ~12:05pm)

12:07 – 10-minute break

12:17 – meeting resumed



1. Motion – Board – Minutes of 2019 AGM:

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be received and adopted.

Moved: Ray Mosley

Seconded: Nicole Mottlee

Carried unanimously

Tim Spencer noted that the review and potential restructure of the Federation’s membership fee structure, as decided at the 2019 AGM, had been disrupted and delayed due to the change of General Manager and the impact of the current pandemic, but would be further progressed in the current year.

2. Motion – Board – Appointment of Auditor

That Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW appoint William Buck as auditor of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Moved: Jason Ryan

Seconded: Saba Nabi

Carried unanimously

Tim Spencer addressed the question of auditor rotation by noting that in each area of professional services the Federation generally seeks competitive proposals from potential providers every few years and had done so a few years ago in respect of financial audit services with the result that William Buck was reappointed. It was also noted that William Buck was providing both audit services and investment advice to the Federation.

3. Motion – Board – Membership Fees 2020-2021

That P&C Federation maintain its membership fees for the 2020-2021 renewal period.

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AF6	Primary or Central School 25 or fewer students	\$145	\$145
AF5B	Primary or Central School 26-60 students	\$185	\$185
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AF4	Primary or Central School 160-300 students	\$365	\$365
AF3	Primary or Central School 301-450 students	\$450	\$450
AF2	Primary or Central School 451-700 students	\$465	\$465
AF1	Primary or Central School More than 700 students	\$575	\$575
AF9B	High School 650 or fewer students	\$455	\$455
AF9A	High School 651-900 students	\$560	\$560
AF8	High School More than 900 students	\$575	\$575

Moved: Saba Nabi

Seconded: Nicole Mottlee

Amendment Motion:

That the motion be amended to include an action to review the P&C Federation membership fee structure, similar to that decided at the 2019 AGM, but for possible adoption at the 2021 AGM for the 2022-2023 membership year.

Moved: Richard Copnall**Seconded:** Natalie Walker**Carried**

(Nicole Mottlee connection lost at ~12:40am)

(Saba Nabi connection lost ~12:57pm-1:02pm and ~1:05pm-1:10pm and Alan Gardiner connection lost ~1:09pm-1:10pm)

Amendment Motion:

That the motion be amended to include a requirement that the membership fees be reduced by 10% for the 2021-2022 membership year (only).

Moved: Crag Kettle**Seconded:** Jason Ryan**Lost**

(For: 5, Against: 7, Abstained: 1)

Amended Motion:

That P&C Federation maintain its membership fees for the 2020-2021 membership year at the same rates as for 2019-2020, and also that there be a general consideration of a potential new membership fee structure that could apply from the 2022-2023 year should such a new membership fee structure be adopted at the 2021 AGM.

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Moved: Saba Nabi**Seconded:** Nicole Mottlee**Carried**

Meeting closed at 1:15pm.

