



New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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*Term 4 Meeting
Friday 30th November, 2007
Minutes of Meeting*

1. Attendance / Apologies: see attached attendance / contact list.

- Welcome to new members Glen Yates & Ruth Ernest
- Thankyou to outgoing members – Andy Mojsiewicz, Bill Campbell & Kerrie Wratton

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes be endorsed.

Moved: E. Hazzard Seconded: S. Vasilevska - Carried

3. Correspondence

- Request from Voc Ed. Directorate via Julie Bell for Evelyn Hazzard to represent DP Association

4. Treasurers Report – Andy Mojsiewicz / Noel Morris

Motion: Nominate Noel Morris to take on the position of Treasurer

Moved: A. Mojsiewicz Seconded: E. Hazzard - Carried

- Financial statement tabled and discussed

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: N. Morris Seconded: G. Eather - Carried

- Finances re: 2007 conference almost finalised – need to chase up \$20,000 deposit.

5. Presidents Report – Steve Ramsey

- Report tabled and discussed (White)
- Partnership agreement with Academy signed for \$100,000 over 2 years. Cheques to be presented twice / year in March & July.
- Focus areas for 2008 tabled and discussed (Pink)

Motion: That congress accept the Presidents Report

Moved: M. McLelland Seconded: F. Land - Carried

- Discussion re: Formalising our liaison with SPC to ensure that our voice is clear in terms of issues that are raised. Particular reference was made to recent discussion of DP teaching load by the SPC.
- **ACTION:** Steve Ramsey to address the issue of our representation on the SPC and visa versa.

Motion: Those members of the NSWDPA exec meet with members of the SPC exec to discuss the teaching load and merit selection position papers.

Moved: S. Barnett Seconded: P. Shellard - Carried

6. Final 2007 Annual Conference Report – Frank Land / Karen Smith

- Evaluations sent to all delegates
- Sponsorship issues discussed – 2007 committee suggesting that future committee's aim for a specific amount in terms of money and also set a ceiling on the number of sponsors. This would relieve the pressure of trying to get around everyone and also keep the larger sponsors happy as they would not have to share the delegate patronage.

7. 2008 Conference – Margaret McLelland

- All organisation is on track
- Sponsorship interest is good
- Electronic registration will be trialled and State Committee are funding this trial

- Accommodation options are good and prices should be comparable to this year.
- Draft program coming together.

8. Vladimir Ostashkevich – Not available for meeting.

8. Greg Prior - DET Update on Key Issues

- New Federal Government obviously brings a level of uncertainty - the impact of new policy and election promises is yet to unfold.
- National Testing will continue as planned
- Specific issues that impact on rural and central schools are being investigated and addressed at DG & DDG level
- DG & DDG looking at the implementation of some common sense guidelines to manage how often a Principal is out of the school environment. The belief is that it is not unreasonable that a Principal to be expected to be in school 9 out of 10 days.
- Key directions remain – Literacy / Numeracy
- Initial conversations have begun re: new staffing agreement / award to be in place by 2009
- Feedback from the recent Principals survey reinforces the regional structure
- Issue of the dwindling nature of Secondary Curriculum support raised – Greg noted that there are no plans in place to increase this level and that school's and Regions will need to look at alternate ways of increasing this support for the future. He also noted that the centre was looking to connect more strategically with the Centre for Learning & Innovation so as resources & directions better reflect priorities.
- Short discussion around the future and / or timing of the School Certificate and the issues related to Yr10 when exams are finished.
- Stage 5 VET discussed briefly.

10. LMBR / SALM– Tony James

- Learning Management Business Reform / Student Admin & Learning Management programs presented.
- Copy of presentation distributed.
- SALM proposed timeline for operation – 2011
- SALM modules to include – attendance, welfare, professional Learning, timetable, assessment & reporting. Welfare module should be the first released.
- ERN (enrolment registration number) in place in all schools by March /April 08.
- Check out LMBR website for links to SALM as it progresses.

11. HERMES Presentation – Peter Cuttance

- Hands on Educational Research Map for Effective Schools
- Presentation showing systems for gathering and using available information for educationally sound purposes
- Documentation distributed outlining a subscription offer for DP's
- **ACTION:** Regional reps should pass the application form onto DP's.

12. Reports

Executive Officer – Barry Lovegrove

- Met with Dave Smith re: welfare survey – should be ready by end of term 4.
- Met with Col Ekert. Col has prepared a paper re: Medical Retirement as a resource for DP's. Col is working with three other retired DP's preparing a range of papers with advice for retiring DP's.
- Met with Maree O'Halloran & Federation – a very +ve meeting that has resulted in Barry being able to access welfare officers immediately to support DP's.
- Teacher's Federation Welfare leaflets tabled – leaflets available to download on the Federation website
- Newly appointed DP list emailed to congress members
- Room at Bridge St booked for all of 2008 meetings
- Have visited Central Coast & booked for both Nth Sydney & Sydney regions in the near future.

Secondary Principals Council – Steve Ramsey

- State Assembly report tabled within Presidents Report - Green

Website Update - Miriam Wride

- Emails have been sent out to congress reps to encourage people to access the website & use the resources
- Considering the use of HERMES to survey the use of the website
- Thankyou for regional updates
- **ACTION:** Miriam requested that Congress members send an electronic photo of themselves so as it can be uploaded to the website

School Leadership Reference Group – Margaret McLelland

- 2008 PL plan tabled.
- Minutes of reference group meeting distributed
- A number of resources were discussed – information on all can be accessed via the PLLD website: www.det.nsw.au/proflearn
- Anne McIntyre has been asked to address the Term 1 2008 meeting.

13. General Business

- **Questions on notice for next meeting**
 1. What is being done to monitor effective use of ICT in schools?
 2. What is the status / availability of the 'School Loan System' for the purchase of large equipment such as photocopiers / printers?

- Motion re: School Certificate discussion

To alleviate the stress on schools that the current timing of the School Certificate examination imposes the DP's State Congress recommend that the S.C. Exams be moved to the first week of December.

Moved: Don Wilkinson Seconded: Ray Linabury Carried.

Meeting closed 3.00pm

Evelyn Hazzard
Secretary
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