



# New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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*Term 1 Meeting  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2007  
Minutes of Meeting*

**1. Apologies:** K. Smith, M. McLelland, D. Roberts, K. Duryea, C. Alves.

## **2. Minutes from previous meeting**

Motion: That the minutes be endorsed.

Moved: S. Fransisco    Seconded: D. Wilkie    - Carried

## **3. Correspondence**

Nil

## **4. Treasurers Report – Andy Mojsiewicz**

- Financial statement tabled and discussed
- Discussion re: Increasing membership subs – members asked to consider a subsidy increase to cover the rising costs of meeting organisation and regional support.
- Common seal has been prepared.

Motion: That members consider the issue of a subsidy increase and put a motion to the term 2 meeting so as the issue can be taken to the AGM.

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

Motion: That the treasurers report be endorsed.

Moved: A. Mojsiewicz    Seconded: A. Gill    - Carried

## **5. Presidents Report – Steve Ramsey**

- Report tabled and discussed
- Focus areas for 2007 tabled.
- Sponsorship co-ordination raised again – S. Ramsey to contact Mark and finalise the role. Also discussion around new deal with Academy.

Motion: That the executive be authorised to pursue a new sponsorship package with Academy

Moved: F. Land    Seconded: A. Gill    - Carried

- Welfare survey discussed.

Motion: That we work towards implementing a welfare survey on a biannual basis

Moved: S. Ramsey    Seconded: S. Parker    - Carried

Motion: Seek professional advice regarding the development of the welfare survey

Moved: S. Ramsey    Seconded: S. Leavers    Discussion held - Carried

- Annual conference 2008 raised and discussed.

Motion: That we extend the lead in time to 18 months in order to organise venues etc in advance.

Moved: S. Ramsey    Seconded: E. Hazzard    Discussion held - Carried

Motion: That Sydney Region be the official hosts of the 2008 conference

Moved: S. Ramsey    Seconded: G. Eather    Discussion held - Carried

## **6. 2007 Annual Conference Report – Frank Land**

- Flyer and magnet out to all DP's
- Draft program and registration available early next term

**7. Vladimir Ostashkevich** – Not available for meeting.

**8. Greg Prior**

- DET key Conference dates –11/12 July : 15 -19yrs & ¾ October : Connected Learning
- Raised a series of “Big Ticket Issues” for the DET at this point in time
  - Stages of learning
  - Personal Pathways
  - National testing – due May 2008 but still uncertainties
  - Reporting to parents
  - Technology – secure internet – tool soon to be available to allow greater local management of sites being used. This will give schools the ability to better manage bandwidth.
  - Aboriginal Education – personalised learning plans for all aboriginal students – emphasised that this is not necessarily individual documents but how schools demonstrate how they cater for student learning needs.
- Performance pay – a federal agenda and not one that is going to go away no matter which government is elected. Discussions are being held re: what it might look like. Concerns at this stage centre around maintaining the collaborative nature of teaching and learning in schools. Suggested that SDPA might consider a position paper that raises the issues of performance based pay.
- Selection of staff
- Issues with new enrolment forms raised, discussed and clarified.
- Email systems raised. Discussion regarding the appropriate use of both systems. The Corporate system is not being removed at present.
- Question raised regarding access to the case studies developed as PL tools – will continue to investigate.
- Leadership fellowships raised – no funds available at this time and we would need to explore alternative avenues
- HSC monitoring due at the end of the week.

**9. Merit Selection Survey Presentation – David Smith**

- Report and recommendations discussed. Issues raised about the nature and validity of the representative sample.
- Issues report to be made available to congress members – a DRAFT document that should not be copied and distributed at this stage.
- Issues for SDPA to follow up;
  - Preparation for the position of Principal to be mandatory.
  - Need for strategies to achieve this.
  - Additional data gathering from SEDs etc?
  - In school screening or accreditation process?

**10. DP Role & Teaching Load Survey – Steve Barnett**

- Survey finding reported – position paper & presented

Motion: That the recommendations put be endorsed

Moved: S. Barnett    Seconded: S. Parker    Discussion held - carried

- Nominations taken for a reference group ( S. Ramsey, S. Barnett, S. Parker, R. Linabury, S. Leavers)
- Position paper to be made available on the website.

**11. Constitutional Review – Steve Ramsey**

- Draft amended constitution tabled ( emailed with agenda to all congress members)
- Discussion re: small changes suggested – Steve Ramsey to follow up

Motion: That as a congress we endorse the constitutional change in principle with a time frame for review of 2 weeks from the posting of the meeting minutes. The constitution to be finally endorsed at the 2007 AGM.

Moved: M. Das Neves    Seconded: A. Mojsiewicz    - carried

- Review comments to be emailed to M. DasNeves

**12. Reports**

**Executive Officer – Barry Lovegrove**

- Has attended a number of regional conferences and had successful experiences.
- New clients and increasing welfare contact with DPs

- Newsletter – discussion re: regional reports – regional reps tom email details to Barry
- Attended Linda Shearers retirement
- Meeting venue change from term 2 meeting – Bridge St – conference room

#### **Secondary Principals Council – Steve Ramsey**

- State Assembly report tabled - Blue

#### **Website Update - Miriam Wride**

- Miriam has agreed to manage the website
- Website to be updated at the beginning of each month – information to be posted needs to be with Miriam by the last week of the month prior.
- Discussion held re: the structure and layout of the site. Changes were suggested and any further ideas to be forwarded to Miriam

#### **Professional Learning Plan – Steve Ramsey**

- Plan tabled

Motion: That the plan be endorsed

Moved: N. Morris    Seconded: S. Vasileska    Discussion held - carried

- Discussion regarding the fellowship concept held

Motion: That the congress investigate the concept of leadership fellowships and put forward a proposal re fellowships funded through the SDPA.

Moved: S. Ramsey    Seconded: M. Christison    - carried

#### **School Leadership Reference Group – Steve Ramsey**

- Report tabled

#### **General Business**

- DP Induction requires facilitators – interested persons to email Steve by 19/3/07

Meeting closed 3.30pm

**Evelyn Hazzard**

**Secretary.**

**22/3/07**