CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Summary of the 462nd Regular Meeting of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia held at 9.00am on Friday 1 November 2013 at the Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street Leederville

Director’s Report

Purpose: to appoint a CSPA nominee to the SRC.

_Further information is available from Mary Retel, Executive Officer, CECWA._

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That:**

_Caroline Payne be appointed to the School Resources Committee for an initial term of two years._

APPROVED

SECTION II TOPICS IN CANTOLIC EDUCATION

Purpose: to review CECWA standing committees.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That:**

_A subgroup of the CECWA comprising the Director, Debra Sayce, Tony Pietropiccolo, Celia Hammond, Sonia Faccin Nolan and Glennda Scully investigate the methodology, process and timeline for Standing Committees into the future to bring back to the CECWA._

APPROVED

9. 2014 Catholic School Levies

Purpose: to recommend to the CECWA the 2014 Catholic schools levies.

_Further information is available from Paul Leuba, Team Leader, Finance._

**RECOMMENDATION**
(i) The following levies be set for 2014:
   • Catholic Education Office of WA 77.61
   • Catholic Tertiary Education 7.04
   • Catholic Schools (WA) Co-responsibility Building Fund
     - Primary 102.49
     - Secondary 146.41

(ii) The NCEC levy of 3.44 for 2014 is noted.

(iii) The Bishops’ Conference Pastoral Research Levy of $ 0.06 per student
     and the Indigenous Initiative Levy of $ 50 per school are noted.

APPROVED


Purpose: to present the proposed Catholic Education Office budget for the year ending 31 December 2014

Further information is available from Paul Leuba, Team Leader, Finance.

RECOMMENDATION

(i) That the proposed budget for the Catholic Education Office of WA for the Year ending 31 December 2014, minus the Capital expenditure of $2,500,000 for the Newman Siena Learning Institute be approved.

(ii) A Business Case be developed for the capital expenditure for the Newman Siena Learning Institute.

APPROVED

17. Review of CECWA Policy Statement 2-B5 Religious Education

Purpose: to present the revised CECWA policy statement 2-B5: ‘Religious Education’ following consultation with the stipulated parties.

Further information is available from Diana Alteri, Team Leader, Religious Education and Faith Formation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia policy statement 2-B5: ‘Religious Education’ be approved with the inclusion of the deleted text in 5.2.

APPROVED
18. Review of CECWA Policy Statement 2-C1 Accreditation 462/3/10

Purpose: to present the revised CECWA policy statement 2-C1: ‘Accreditation’ following consultation with the stipulated parties.

Further information is available from Diana Alteri, Team Leader, Religious Education and Faith Formation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia policy statement 2-C1: ‘Accreditation’ be approved.

APPROVED


Purpose: to present the revised CECWA policy statement 2-B8: ‘Information and Communication Technology Use by Students’ following consultation with the stipulated parties including recommendations made by the CECWA at the September meeting.

Further information is available from Diana Alteri, Team Leader, Religious Education and Faith Formation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the revised Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia policy statement 2-B8: ‘Information and Communication Technology Use by Students’ be cross referenced to the Bullying and Harassment policy statement and sent out for legal consultation.

APPROVED

20. World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education 462/3/12

The purpose of this paper was to seek support for two Catholic Education Aboriginal Committee members to attend the World Indigenous People’s Conference on Education to be held on the campus of Kapi’olani Community College on the island of O’ahu in the Hawai’i Archipelago from 19-24 May 2014.

Further information is available from Robyn Collard, Team Leader, Aboriginal Education.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Catholic Education Commission of Western provide full financial support to two members of the Catholic Aboriginal Committee to attend and participate in the 2014 World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education.

APPROVED

Purpose: to outline the provisional allocation of the 2014 Australian Government Commonwealth Funding for Group Funded Schools.

Further information is available from Victor de Vicente, Recurrent Consultant, Resources Team.

RECOMMENDATION

The provisional allocations for 2014 Australian Government Commonwealth Funding, as outlined in Attachments 1-10, be approved.

APPROVED

22. 2014 Maximum Fee Increases for Group Funded Schools 462/3/14

Purpose: to present the recommended maximum increases in fees and charges in 2014 for Group Funded schools.

Further information is available from Victor de Vicente, Recurrent Consultant, Resources Team.

RECOMMENDATION

(i) That the recommended 2014 maximum increases in fees and charges for Group Funded schools as outlined in Attachment 5 be approved; and

(ii) The tuition fee for holders of an eligible Health Care Card be $230 for students in Kindergarten to Year 7 on primary sites and $1,400 for students in Years 7 to 12 on secondary sites.

APPROVED

23. Cathednet Budget 2014 462/3/15

Purpose: to present the 2014 CathEdNet Budget.

Further information is available from Rob Troost, Targeted Initiatives Consultant, Resources Team.

RECOMMENDATION

(i) That the 2014 CathEdNet budget and associated levies be approved, and

(ii) $397,727 of recurrent funds be transferred to the Capital provision account for 2014.

APPROVED
25. Purchase of the Australian Technical College Site in Maddington

Purpose: to discuss the proposed purchase of the Australian Technical College Site in Maddington to develop a new Catholic secondary CARE school, with a focus on vocational education and training (VET).

Further information is available from Jeff Thorne, Chief Strategy and Governance Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That CECWA supported an Expression of Interest to purchase the Maddington property (non-binding) on the understanding that a concrete proposal to procure will be presented to CECWA in the future.

APPROVED

SECTION IV ITEMS FOR NOTING


Purpose: to provide an update of the paper that was ratified at the School Resources Committee in April 2012, regarding the allocation of the ‘More Support for Students with Disabilities’ Australian Government initiative funding to schools.

Further information is available from Jacqueline Reid, Team Leader, Students with Disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the allocation of the ‘More Support for Students with Disabilities – Australian Government Initiative’ funding be noted.

NOTED

27. 2014 Students with Disability Schools’ Support Program

Purpose: to present the provisional grant allocation of the Special Education component of the Australian Commonwealth funding and the State System Special Need Funds for Group Funded schools in 2014.

Further information is available from Victor de Vicente, Recurrent Consultant, Resources Team

RECOMMENDATION

That CECWA Note:

(i) The provisional grant allocation for the System Special Need Funds, as outlined in Attachment 1 (page 1 and pages 2 and 3, column 1); and that

(ii) Schools be informed that any staff employed under these programmes are temporary. Positions are conditional on the availability of on-going
funding and contingent upon the enrolment of funded students in the school.

NOTED

28. Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia Scholarships 462/4/3

Purpose: to present a School Personnel Committee paper which provides an overview of the current status of Catholic Education scholarships and makes recommendations on the future directions for scholarships and the budget allocations for 2014.

Further information is available from Jonathan Woolfrey, Chief Human Resources Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed Scholarships budget for 2014 be noted.

NOTED

29. Update on Catholic/Non-Catholic Enrolments 462/4/4

Purpose: to provide an update on the Catholic and non-Catholic enrolments in Western Australian Catholic schools for 2013.

Further information is available from Ainslie Perrigo, Research and Policy Officer, Strategy, Policy and Governance Team.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

(i) The update on Catholic/Non Catholic Enrolments be noted;

(ii) The paper be referred to the Religious Education and Curriculum Committee (RECC) for their consideration; and

(iii) A regular review of the non-Catholic enrolments to be undertaken.

NOTED

30. Early Career Teachers Program Sustainability 462/4/5

Purpose: to present a School Personnel Committee paper which proposes the formal establishment of a system wide Early Career Teachers Program to enhance induction into the teaching profession. The paper also proposes an ongoing funding model to ensure the sustainability of the Program.
Further information is available from Georgie Wynne, Leadership Consultant, Leadership Employment and Community Relations Team.

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed funding model for the establishment of an Early Career Teachers Program be noted.

NOTED

31. Teacher Housing Principal’s Rental and Mortgage Assistance Scheme

Purpose: to consider changes to the Principal’s Rental and Mortgage Assistance Scheme for the Catholic Education System in Western Australia.

Further information is available from Cathy Carr, Kimberley Schools Consultant, Resources Team.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

(i) Housing assistance for principals is clearly designated between those where principals are assisted with housing and those where they are not;

(ii) Where the principals in the Bunbury Diocese are to be assisted with housing then it should be provided by Teacher Housing;

(iii) Mortgage Assistance to the current principal of Collie is maintained until a new principal is appointed; and

(iv) This paper is presented to the School Personnel Committee for comment.

NOTED

32. Future ICT Service Costing

Purpose: to present an alternative Information and Communication Technology costing model.

Further information is available from Martin Roberts, Chief Information Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That CECWA note the following items:

(i) Optional services and associated fees become part of the CathEdNet funding mode starting in 2015;

(ii) As each ICT service faces renewal, schools should be given an opportunity to see if the service is still required and how many schools want the service.
This information will be the bases for contract negotiations, with the aim of making the service optional. Schools will then have the choice of whether to use the service; and

(iii) When CathEdNet services become optional and schools choose not to use that service, the associated costs will be deducted from their CathEdNet fees.

NOTED