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Issue No. 290 TASSO Management Committee Meeting Synopsis **October 21st 2017**

Venue: The Grange, 4a Commonwealth Lane, Campbell Town

WELCOME –Lisa Gillard (President) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:30am.

BUSINESS ARISING

From the June 10th 2017 meeting

- **Staff First Aid Training** Debra McOrist-Mitchell to undergo training booked in for November 14.
- **Term meetings with LS North General Manager** were held at LSN in Term 3.
- **TASSO Seminars** the proposal to be develop is to be handed to a sub-committee.
- **TASSO Policy Review Section A** – to be drafted by the Constitution & Policy Sub-committee and prepared as a motion for AGM
- **TASSO Strategic Plan** –The share point is in place, hopefully this will soon be extended so that, the MC will have access to files that they need.
- **TASSO Strategic Plan – State Election** – Peter Kearney has prepared a document similar to what was done for 2014 and has presented it at the committee meeting and has opened the floor to comment over email.
- **TASSO News** is now up and running.
- **Lisa's Parent Engagement Conference Report** is completed.
- **Financial Report** now includes a balance sheet for each month, a profit & loss tracking sheet and the financial year budget.
- **Social Media & Website** – Tempus are now updating the website which is working well.
- **Internal Operations** – will report on the staff PD's and positions in Agenda Item 6.2
- **Tas. Educ. Act 2016** Model Constitution is being promoted to school associations.
- **August Financial Report** to be presented in Agenda Item 5.2

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President–

- **CES** and the commercial viability of the board game
- **Music Bus** further investigation is 4required before TASSO can take a stance.

Report as presented was accepted.

Financial Reports the financial reports as presented were accepted.

- Concern that we are not sustainable and that we do need to look at the financials and budget. Particularly in relation to meeting costs.
- Budget to be revaluated at each meeting.

Executive Officer – tabled a report which covered:

- Membership losses over the last year and areas that numbers have been lost.
- Tempus has been bought on at \$80 p/m to maintain the website.
- The 2018 Calendar.
- Committee task sheets be compiled for each committee meeting.
- **Moved:** J. Dickason/L. Spaulding that a
- \$30 donation be given to the Education & Care unit at Rowitta Rd for the Term 4 site event.

- Volunteering Tas Awards Launch.
- Advertisements in TASSO News.
- Summer Office closure.
- Childcare costs associated with Management Committee members attending committee meetings.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Sub Committee membership and conveyors

- Internal Operations: Lisa Gillard (Pres), Jared Dickason (Snr VP), Gary Morse (Treas), Lindie Read (Sec), Lyn Spaulding (region not represented, North), Debra McOrist-Mitchell (Operations Manager).
- Conference & AGM: Lisa Gillard (Convenor), Jared Dickason, Ellie Woolnough.
- Finance: Gary Morse (Convenor), Lindie Read, Jared Dickason.
- Constitution & Policy: Jared (Convenor), Lisa Gillard, Lindie Read, Chris Lynch.
- Grants & Sponsorship: Ellie Woolnough (Convenor), Lindie Read.

TASSO Conference

The results of the TASSO Conference Survey presented.

Community Empowered Schools

- A report on the board game edits was given.
- Upcoming workshops to be held at Montello and Brighton.
- The question of who owns the board game is still to be addressed.
- Money for schools has been quarantined but not confirmed in writing.
- More money is needed for TASSO to run CES to the level required.

Tasmanian Education Act 2016 – Grant

- Hoping to do more Education Act Forums this term.
- Stanley visit will be held at some point
- Implementation group met Oct. 20th 2017 and discussed the Finance template,
- Procurement process and the possibility of adjusting the Grant Deed KPI's timeframe as DoE haven't completed all policies and procedures, we need to write to them for approval.
- That TASSO state to DoE that the original payment date be maintained for the Grant Deed despite the need for an extension due to late policy release on their end.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- TASSO Strategic Planning –presented. TASSO strategic plan will be tasked to the Constitution & Policy Sub-committee.
- NDIS to be followed up on if TASSO can or needs to be involved with this & report back at to the next meeting.
- Review to achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools. Submissions to be on the strengths in our state schools in less than 3000 words. L. Read will write this for editing by 26th October 2017. The office will get it out via Google Doc. on 27th October 2017 for feedback. Submission due 2nd November 2017.
- Agfest 2018: it was decided TASSO would not go to Agfest in 2018 and suggested that funding saved could be used for ACSSO conference.
- Home Areas: maps and a link to them are to be included in the next newsletter and on Facebook.
- Labor's National Schools Forum: to go with pre-planned questions, around disability funding, needs based blind funding, why Labor are still proposing to over-fund Catholic Schools, GST and the affects for Tasmania, etc. Lisa agreed.
- Draft Religious Instructions : program examples that aren't explicitly religious by name but are by content to be forward to the Education Act Implementation Team.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

External Committee representation ratified:

- Curriculum Framework Advisory Group (CFAG)
- Mental Health in Schools Reference Group
- My Education Consultation Group
- NAPLAN Stakeholders
- DoE Selection Panel, Yrs 11 & 12 in High Schools
- DoE Yrs 11 & 12 Extension Reference Group
- Tasmanian Assessment, Standards & Certification (TASC)
- Tasmanian School Canteens Association Board
- UTas Faculty of Education Course Advisory Committee
- Education Act Implementation Working Group - School Association
- Ministerial Inclusion Advisory Panel
- Off Campus Activities & Risk Management Working Party
- Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Community Network
- Healthy Kids Coalition

Meeting Closed: 2:30pm

Next Meeting: 2 December 2018 at Longford