MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS HELD AT QLD COLLEGE OF TEACHERS AT 4.10 PM 17th September 2008

Present: Caroline Brooks (Vice-President (ACHPER); Jackie Mergard (Secretary); Joy Schultz (SOSEAQ); Karen Bonnano (SLAQ); Jason Zagami (QSITE); Janet Cochrane (President (QSITE); Sherryl Saunders (MLTAQ); Susan Hearfield (MYSA)

Apologies; Beryl Exley (ALEA); Lyn Allsop (Treasurer (QAGTC); Ros Korkatzis (QHTA); Dianne Hubbard (BEAQ); Darlene Hill (SLAQ); Tony Boyle (STAQ); Jan Cavanagh (QAMT)

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2008 with amendment of “Kay Walters” to “Kim Walters”
   Moved Caroline Brooks Seconded Janet Cochrane Carried

4. Business arising -

Action Items

Jackie Mergard Distribution of Association Directory - underway

Jackie Mergard Collate dates for University preservice teacher events for 2009 Jackie to put on JCQTA website

Janet Cochrane Forward an invitation to Gary Francis, AIQ and Catholic Education to discuss AGQTP funding and plans. COMPLETED

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Jackie Mergard Organise catering, wireless network and Jill Manitzky, Kris Holm and Leigh Hobart as speakers for August Forum COMPLETED

Jackie Mergard Confirm QCOT venue for AGM and circulate nomination forms - COMPLETED

Joy Schultz Contact Kris Holm after Forum for Ed Views promotion COMPLETED

Joy Schultz Contact Values Education organisers re copyright of materials and provide to Jackie Mergard for inclusion on JCQTA website AWAITING REPLY

Susan Hearfield Review evaluations from 2007 Forum COMPLETED

Roz Korkatzis Take photos at Forum COMPLETED

All Suggest guest speakers for 2008 meetings

5. Correspondence Inward -

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Tue 9/2/2008 9:42 PM  RE: PD in Bali

aed@acer.edu.au
Mon 9/1/2008 4:41 PM  Australasian Education Directory - Please update by 08 Sept 2008

tim wicks
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Bob and Joy Schultz
Thu 8/28/2008 11:23 AM  renting archive space
COCHRANE, Janet
Wed 8/27/2008 6:20 PM  RE: is there room?
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Wed 8/27/2008 5:12 PM  FW: is there room?

COCHRANE, Janet

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Terry Gallagher
Wed 8/27/2008 3:27 PM  Postponement of stakeholder consultation meeting

Ros Korkatzis
Debra Brydon
Wed 8/27/2008 10:47 AM  ‘Leadership in Focus’: short articles needed for school leadership journal

Caroline BROOKS
Wed 8/27/2008 8:09 AM  Australia National Standards for advanced teachers & for principals DUE

COCHRANE, Janet
Tue 8/26/2008 8:10 AM  [jcqta-exec] FW: REMINDER >>>Teaching Australia National Standards for advanced teachers & for principals DUE

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6. **Correspondence Outwards - Nil**

Moved that inward correspondence be accepted.

Moved Jackie Mergard  Seconded Caroline Brooks  Carried

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The financial report for September along with the March one for which the error in taking too much off in outstanding cheques has been rectified.

**JOINT COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO COMMITTEE MEETING 17 September 2008**

Last official report March 2008 - reasons for this = April Forum no meeting; treasurer away during May; June and July; August Forum no meeting. This report to AGM & meeting 17 September 2008.
**Bank Balance 17/3/08 (as shown on last report)**  
$66 051.57

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**Balance 17/3/08**  
$67 094.50

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**Less cheques presented since 17/3/08**  
15 454.61

**Statement Balance as at 29 August**  
$58 560.83

**Expenditure**

| Cheques written since 17/3/08 (x = outstanding cheques) |
|---|---|
| 31/3/08 | 572 | AJCPTA – affiliation fees | 284.97 |
| 31/3/08 | 573 | EC Teleconferencing | 103.00 |
| 10/4/08 | 574 | ATO – GST Payable | 2 670.00 |
| 17/4/08 | 575 | EC Teleconferencing | 9.50 |
| 6/5/08 | 576 | Caroline Brooks – April forum expenses | 30.00 |
| 6/5/08 | 577 | Ros Korkatzis – April forum expenses | 74.76 |
| 6/5/08 | 578 | Janet Cochrane – AJCPTA meeting expenses | 295.00 |
| 12/5/08 | 579 | Jackie Mergard – April forum expenses | 87.70 |
| 12/5/08 | 580 | Lyn Allsop – airfare J Cochrane | 299.00 |
| 29/5/08 | 581 | Noel Preston – April forum expense | 200.00 |
| 18/6/08 | 582 | Janet Cochrane – travel expenses | 183.00 |
| 18/7/08 | 583 | EC Teleconferencing | 95.44 |
| 23/7/08 | 584 | Aon Risk Services Aust Ltd – Public Liability | 775.88 |
| 23/7/08 | 585 | ATO – GST payable | 24.00 |
| 8/8/08 | 586 | Qld Teachers Union – directory mailout | 6 600.00 |
| 8/8/08 | 587 | Lyn Allsop – travel expenses J Cochrane | 350.59 |
| 23/8/08 | 588 | EC Teleconferencing | 91.80 |
| 23/8/08 | 589 | SOSEAQ – Values money | 2 200.00 |
| 23/8/08 | 590 | Essentially Gourmet – August Forum catering | 534.60 |
| 23/8/08 | 591 | Lyn Allsop – Airfare J Cochrane Aug Forum 319.61 and AJCPTA meeting $341.59 L Allsop AJCPTA meeting $341.59 | 1 171.77 |
| 28/8/08 | 592 | Marketforce Mail & Finishing – mailout of Directory | 13 822.82 |
| 28/8/08 | | o/s cheques | 14 449.22 |

**Available balance 29/8/08**  
$44 111.61

Term Deposit - $43 315.42 (renewed May 2008 maturing November 2008)

1 Outstanding membership - BETA

The above payments presented for ratification and approval.
The move that this Treasurer’s report be accepted.
Lyn Allsop (Treasurer QAGTC)
Term Deposit - $41 494.86 - matures 5 May 2008

All memberships are up for renewal.
30 membership renewals have been forwarded on 16/3/08 with no renewals received at this time.

The above payments presented for ratification and approval.
I move that this Treasurer's report be accepted.
Lyn Allsop (Treasurer QAGTC)

Seconded Joy Schultz  Carried

8. Reports from Representations
8.1 AJCPTA
Lyn Allsop to attend as 2nd JCQTA delegate in place of Caroline Brooks.

8.2 AGQTP
Nil

8.3 Other
Professional Issues Conference - QTU and QEIU - see appendix 1

NEF - Karen Bonnano attended on behalf of SLAQ and JCQTA.
Reported that NEF to create a discussion paper for CSNEPA and that a new paper from CSNEPA has been released with a response date of December.
Janet is to send the paper to the list for comment.  For the NEF paper See Appendix 2

ACEL Conference
Move that Karen Bonanno attend ACEL Conference on behalf of JCQTA.
JCQTA will fund the travel and accommodation costs.
Moved Janet Cochrane  Seconded Jason Zagami  Carried

9. General Business

9.1 Strategic Plan
Caroline to represent the final version at next meeting for ratification.

9.2 Association Directory
Directory Distribution is continuing - sent to 4th year students at QUT, UQ, ACU and GU (Logan and Nathan campuses). Still awaiting response from USQ, JCQ, CQU, USC and Griffith Gold Coast.

After distribution complete it may be possible to give each association a box of 160 directories for their members who didn’t receive via QTU or QEIU.

9.3 Values Education  
Materials for website - explain values process and clarify questions.  
Joy to check if materials can be reproduced in Journals and advise any requirements

9.4 End of Year Awards  
Janet has criteria from NSW - to collate this.

9.5 Terms of Representations  
A list of representations and guidelines for representation is to be formalised for inclusion in the strategic plan as it will give us some guidance around where we should be seeking representation as well as how we might go about seeking representatives.  
Janet Cochrane to compile the current list of representations.

9.6 Guest speakers for 2008  
Other Guest speakers to be suggested by members = Terry Hayes from QTU - Janet to invite.

9.7 Joy Schultz indicated that there is space for archives available for lease at the Albion Peace Centre. Joy will draw up a proposal and circulate.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

Next Meeting - 22nd October 4.00-6.00pm  
Venue: QCOT

Subsequent 2008 meeting dates: 19th November

**Ongoing Actions**

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REPORT ON PROFESSIONAL ISSUES CONFERENCE
MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2008
SPONSORED BY QTU AND QIEC

This was the inaugural Professional Issues Conference facilitated by the Queensland Teachers Union and it now looks like it will become an annual event. The QTU wishes to work with Professional Associations in providing professional development and responding to issues that effect curriculum and working conditions.

Professor Allan Luke, Faculty of Education QUT, was the keynote speaker. He spoke of the need for an educational plan that recognised the strengths of the current system. He compared overseas developments and urged Australia to look at the high quality/high equity education systems operating in Finland and Ontario, Canada as examples of successful systems where there were no league tables, teachers were highly qualified and had autonomy and the curriculum documents were mean and lean.

He contrasted these systems with examples from the United States of America (No Child Left Behind) where there had been a deprofessionalisation of teachers due to the focus on standardised test results. The “back to the basics” approach had lead to a rigid, teach to the script pedagogy and less classroom time being spent on high order thinking skills. In this system schools which were deemed to have failed for 5 years would be closed down and reopened as charter schools. For Australia to follow this path would prove disastrous and pressure needed to be placed on Government decision-makers so that relevant research was data collection was undertaken.

There were a choice of workshops for the second session of the Conference; The National Curriculum, Moderated Assessment versus external exams, Continuing Professional Development and Early Childhood. The JCQTA representative attended the Continuing Professional Development session facilitated by Professor Diane Mayer from Deakin University. Professor Mayer spoke about teacher certification and accreditation in the United States, particularly what was happening in the state of California. In California the CCTC is responsible for certifying teachers—once teachers are certified they pay a registration fee and there is no further professional development. The system in the states is not a unified one although a National Board of Teaching Standards has been established. This board recognises highly
accomplished teachers but to receive this recognition teachers must compile a portfolio and pay an application fee of approximately $2000.

Professor Mayer presented findings from the research work of Darling-Hammond on models of accountability. The model Darling-Hammond proposes is one where a self-regulated teaching profession takes collective responsibility for defined professional standards. Professor Hammond raised some issues and discussion points which are listed on attached sheet.

The final session of the Conference was a panel discussion on points raised in the previous workshop session. The relevance of this to the JCQTA is for the association to support a quality, coherent education plan and to advocate for teachers and associations to take responsibility for regulation and enforcement of teaching standards. We need to recognise what we do well and promote it to the wider community. It is encouraging to see the QTU involved in Professional Development issues and it is hoped JCQTA can work with them in this area.

Caroline Brooks
17 September 2008
## National Education Forum (NEF) meeting
13 September 2008 held in Brisbane – Report by Karen Bonanno

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<td>Need to be prepared to engage in the consultation process (mid November through to February 2009) for comment on the 4 curriculum framing papers for English, Maths, Science and History from perspective of the respective subject associations and for other associations who offer cross-curriculum “skills/capabilities/competencies”</td>
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<td>• Subject associations outside the initial 4 subject areas expressed disappointment in the approach of only limiting the curriculum development to English, History, Science and Maths; felt this was less inclusive and their vision was restricted and narrow; receiving mixed messages from Tony Mackay, Deputy Chair, who indicates willing to “fight for the profession” then is restrictive; concern of not being listened to as a profession; no specific timeline and everything appears to be ad hoc</td>
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<td>• Subject associations currently engaged consider reasonable acceptance (History in particular); open discussion; some concerns about the appointments of the chairpersons for the subject areas (see <a href="http://www.ncb.org.au/our_work/preparing_for_2009.html">http://www.ncb.org.au/our_work/preparing_for_2009.html</a>); have been provided with the opportunity to identify good practitioners who will have input into the paper frameworks</td>
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<td>• Concern expressed of having to pay for attending the consultation sessions and often not able to have the best people available to attend</td>
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| • Concern expressed that primary teaching profession not represented; school libraries also not represented as an across the curriculum profession with focus on inquiry based learning, curriculum planning,
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<td>Query if there will be a linkage between national goal statements (Hobart and Adelaide Declarations) and the national curriculum; concern about how national curriculum was going to deal with assessment – three cannot sit separately</td>
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<td>CSNEPA meeting – 26 June 2008 (Report from Christine Reid)</td>
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<td>Curriculum Standing Committee established under different govt; group to speak on behalf of profession; need to be careful not to just react to the NCB but to set the agenda &gt; what should be a curriculum for the 21st C and challenge some of the things that are coming through; avoid being highjacked by NCB and be more proactive</td>
<td>Associations to contribute to the discussion paper from perspective as member of NEF when the paper becomes available</td>
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<td>ACTA prepared a discussion paper and circulated to parents, etc. – focused on only two key points and found these other groups were supportive of the points raised and willing to endorse the position of TESOL</td>
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- Nothing new; media reports on Julia Gillard provide the background; nothing new

**Report on DEEWR National Consultation Forum – 6 August 2008**
- Focus on improving teacher quality; addressing critical areas for schools serving challenging communities; looking for high impact strategies to cope with performance indigenous and non-indigenous
- Treasurer appears to be a strong stakeholder in any decision making; concern that those in Treasury may have little knowledge / experience in education; accountability and performance linked to improving teacher quality and Treasury determining a lot of projects rather than education; focus is different to what has happened in the past;
- TESOL comment: SPP = federal funding was tagged by the state and had to use for new arrivals programs; but under current govt will not be allocation to specifics and can be used for more general areas
- Previously 98 SPP and looking to cut to 5 – schooling in general would be SPP funds; general feeling is state govt are the ones responsible for schools; and then if not willing to do what govt ask then won’t be given funds; concern of the makeup of DEEWR with inclusion of workplace relations and do not have an education background

**Report Teaching Australian Network Forum – 22 & 23 June 2008**
- Current issue = development of NCB and finding opportunity to be involved; professional associations working together = need for clarity of purpose and aim for big picture and respect each associations point of view;
- Standards council set up – main role to ensure profession and public of the quality of the teaching profession
- Meeting dates noted: October 9 and October 15

**Guest speaker - Rose Naughton, Acting Executive Director, National Curriculum Board (0409112306 rose.naughton@ncb.org.au)**

- NCB in interim status; each state / territory represented in staffing structure; resting on a review of national education across a number of areas; in a fluid situation; only a bit of the bigger picture;
- The “around the nation” forums reveal the challenge to set up a national curriculum + address teacher quality; feedback / interaction through web site is under development; limited funding and needing to be savvy about how to use; enough funds for consultation for production of position papers and other publications from the NCB;
- In April board formed, then national forum end June (goodwill gesture)\(\rightarrow\) development paper \(\rightarrow\) events report
- Position paper being prepared by Barry McGaw (Chair of NCB) – draft going to the September meeting and test some of the statements in the NSW forum and WA forum (September)
- 4 imminent persons supporting the board’s work (subjects); to help the writers identify ‘reference group’ prepare draft \(\rightarrow\) will develop an expert group following the subject forums to shape up ideas \(\rightarrow\) to Nov board meeting and then on web site for three months for consultation and feedback
- The inclusion of other subject areas currently outside the govt brief
- Feedback focusing on a **layered curriculum** – rigour, structure, what do we need to teach, what it might look like in difference contexts, e.g. indigenous communities, remove broad based statements that are vague; resource links via digital/online; curriculum documents written for curriculum experts and not the practitioner therefore this needs to be changed.
- Curriculum – pedagogy – assessment delicate mix

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'The QLD forum has been and gone but you can listen to a vodcast of Barry McGaw


Things to look out for:
Position paper by Barry McGaw available until December
Subject framing papers available mid November to end of February 2009

Also – receive their email alerts – to subscribe go to

Cross-curriculum "skills" need to be embedded in as appropriate – opportunity to have buy-in when subject frameworks available for consultation mid-November to February 2009; consider these skills are a "lens" across all curriculum development; references to a wholistic curriculum inclusive of creativity, languages, etc.

National Declaration on Education Goals > draft only and encourage input prior to close of consultation early October

Word proving to be problematic – is it syllabus or frameworks; key learning areas or subjects or disciplines

School based moderated assessment and national assessment debate > considering both

Member Association Reports

Most reports focused on upcoming conferences; publications, involvement in various consultation response processes and, for some, development of their standards documents.

A learning continuum will be developed and is still under discussion

Schedule of meetings for 2009

7 February – Melbourne to link in with pending closing date of the feedback on the NCB framing papers

30 May – Canberra

17 October – Sydney

Other business – concern expressed about the overlap of the number of national conferences and need to develop a web-based calendar

Suggestion of the EdNA site for this type of information rather than duplicate effort