

# Chairo Christian School

ABN 12 451 824 370

WARRAGUL DISTRICT PARENT CONTROLLED CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC. Reg. No. A5753

## ~ GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~

**Thursday 14 November 2019, 7:30 pm, Drouin Campus Theatre**

### 1. Attendance

#### 1.1 Full members present:

Jeff Calway, Merron Calway, Robert Bruce, Jemima Bruce, Michael van Leeuwen, Mark Smith, Leon Pedersen, Marcus van Heijst, Brian Tucker, Naomi Clark, Mark Cutchie, Kerrie Jackson, Andrew Jackson, Christine Hibma, Tim Hibma, Stephen Young, Alan Rumble, Darryl Martin, Annette Martin, Karen Thorp, Louise Hood, Justin Groenewaldt, Allan Piening, Sam Nalder, Lisa Nalder, Rob Scali, Cameron Marshall, Christine Marshall, Chris Dean (proxy), Julie Dean (proxy)

#### 1.2 Associate and graduate members present:

Pam Hill, Peter Hill, Judy Linossier, Millie McLean, David McLean, Chris Pedersen, Hans Pedersen, Laura McAllister, Ian Gawler, Tim Tulloch, David Ball, Simon Matthews, Tammy Williamson, Jane Ward, Stephen Jones, Graeme Spink, Graeme Lowe, Wendy Lowe, Shelly Beamish, Val Wells, Peter Wells, Di McAllister, Aaron Maidment, Bethany Calway, Lyndon Calway, Keryn de Bruyn, Leigh Angus, Tania Maunder, Katharine York, Merv York, Anine Kruger, Kristy Wilson, Kim Miller, Nick McLean, Anet Van Leeuwen, Elise Groenewaldt, Tim Wight

#### 1.3 Non-members present:

Michelle Dempsey, Hannah Conley, Ethan Calway, Hayden Calway, Lucy Calway, Denise Spink, Steve McAllister

#### 1.4 Apologies received:

Danielle Smith, David Sollberger, Hannah Sollberger, Helen Neumann, Jeanette Breaden, Medon Loupis, Andrea Munn, Melissa Rumble, Jason Ward, Lorraine Lodge, Louisa Doherty, Lisa Finlay, Sharon Hirst, Amanda Bradshaw, Kym McLeod

### 2. Welcome

- 2.1. Jeff Calway welcomed everyone to the meeting, including guest speaker Michelle Dempsey from Christian Education National, and announced that Cameron Marshall, Christine Marshall, Andrew Mock and Jemima Bruce have all become full members of the Association since the AGM in May.

### 3. Devotion & Prayer

- 3.1. Steve Jones shared a devotion from Ezekiel 37:1-6 and challenged us to think about what student transformation is. God's vision of transformation is change from the inside out by his Spirit and Word. We come to life through the good news of Jesus' death in our place, which we believe by the Spirit of God in us. We have life through his sacrifice, and through God's Spirit breathing life into us. Our role in making this happen in our students is to have a sharp focus on bringing the Word of God to students, so that by God's Spirit they will have transformed hearts.
- 3.2. Steve Jones opened the meeting in prayer.

### 4. Student items

- 4.1 Seth Calway and Esther Clarke sang 'Reckless Love', and Seth Calway then sang 'Home'.

### 5. General Resolutions

- 5.1 **Resolved** on the motion of S Young & M van Leeuwen that the agenda as distributed be adopted.
- 5.2 **Resolved** on the motion of M Smith & N Clarke that the apologies received be accepted.
- 5.3 **Resolved** on the motion of K Jackson & C Hibma that Ian Gawler and Leigh Angus be appointed as scrutineers for the Board election.

### 6. Special Presentations

#### 6.1 CEN ITEC Conference

Shelly Beamish reported in relation to this year's CEN ITEC Conference, highlighting what was learned at the pre-ITEC intensive with David Smith when he challenged teachers to match what happens daily in the classroom with their intentions for teaching. Re-imagining learning was the theme of the conference and having the opportunity to be challenged about re-imagining how their classrooms could reflect their intentions was valued by the teachers who attended.

#### 6.2 Departing staff members

Pete Wells thanked Jane Ward for her years of service and the impact that she has had on the school over 22 years in various roles. Judy Linossier then thanked Peter Hill for his years of service, particularly noting his love for God and the wise counsel that he has given.

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### 7. Financial Matters

#### 7.1 Financial report for 2019

Roger Simons reminded us that God always provides what we need. He reported regarding the Association's financial position and capital expenditure forecast for 2019.

#### 7.2 Introduction to the budget for 2020

Roger Simons reported regarding the Association's budget and capital projects for 2020.

### 8. Board Election (Jeff Calway)

8.1 Jeff Calway thanked Christopher Dean and Allan Piening for their service on the Board, noting that both men had resigned during the year due to other commitments. He also thanked Ian Gawler for his service to the school. Jeff explained that he would not be continuing on the Board after the end of this year as he will have served ten consecutive years, the maximum allowed by the Statement of Rules.

#### 8.2 Board nominations:

- Justin Groenewaldt for a three-year term (nominated by Kerrie Jackson)
- Louise Hood for a three-year term (nominated by Helen Neumann)
- Brian Tucker for a three-year term (nominated by Mark Cutchie)

8.3 Jeff Calway explained the Board election process and then Justin Groenewaldt, Louise Hood and Brian Tucker left the room so that any questions in relation to the nominees could be asked. The nominees then returned to the room and the election was conducted.

### 9. Guest Speaker

9.1 Simon Matthews welcomed and introduced guest speaker Michelle Dempsey, the CEO from Christian Education National.

9.2 Michelle Dempsey spoke about the things that she delights in at CEN schools, including:

- Schools with a clear vision for their work, and no ridiculous tag lines
- Schools that exhibit true hospitality
- Schools that capture the ideas of John Van Dyke – authentic not tacky or dualistic
- Schools that take measured risks to achieve their vision
- Schools that take governance seriously

Michelle commended Jeff Calway for the way in which he has led the school as Board Chair and thanked him for his service.

### 10. Special Report

#### 10.1 Partnership at Chairo

CEN schools have two key things in common: they believe in the sovereignty of God and partnership with parents. Simon Matthews spoke about partnership at Chairo and a new brochure explaining what partnership looks like at Chairo. He concluded by showing a short video about partnership that forms part of a series of videos regarding Chairo's core values.

### 11. Board Election Results

11.1 Jeff Calway announced that Justin Groenewaldt and Louise Hood had been elected to serve three-year terms on the Board, but that Brian Tucker had been unsuccessful.

11.2 Jeff Calway addressed Justin Groenewaldt and Louise Hood, sought their agreement regarding their commitment to their roles and responsibilities, and led the meeting in prayer.

### 12. Closure

12.1 Past Board Chair Denise Spink spoke about Jeff Calway's long and active service on the Board, including as Chair for the past ten years, and highlighted some of the key stages of Chairo's growth during that time.

12.2 Simon Matthews made a presentation to Jeff and Merron Calway, thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and invited those who could remain longer to stay for a time of fellowship over supper in the Bray Gallery.

12.3 Simon Matthews closed the meeting in prayer at 9.34 pm.