

WACSSO Annual Conference Resolutions 2008

AC1/2008 That the WACSSO Constitution be amended to update section 2.1 to include:
Meetings means face to face or by any electronic means.

AC2/2008 That the WACSSO Constitution be amended to update section 2.1 to include:
Absolute Majority means greater than half of members in office whether attending the meeting or not.

AC3/2008 That the WACSSO Constitution be amended to update section 2.1 to include:
Simple Majority means greater than half of members present at a convened meeting.

AC4/2008 That the following points be added to the WACSSO constitution in relation to life membership of WACSSO:

18.0 Life Membership

18.1 From time to time State Council may bestow life membership upon a person who has displayed meritorious and long-standing commitment to the objects of WACSSO.

18.2 Life Membership entitles the person to the right to speak and vote at WACSSO Annual Conference.

And that the Constitution points numbering is adjusted to reflect this change.

AC5/2008 That WACSSO Constitution Item 19.2 be amended to include "Life Members," before "School Organisations".

AC6/2008 That WACSSO Constitution section 12.6 be amended to read:

Nomination forms required by these Rules shall be lodged with the Secretary by 12 noon on the first Friday in April for term elections and by 12 noon on the appointed date for by-elections. Forthwith thereafter the Secretary shall forward to each organisation in the electorate particulars of every nominee as set out in the nomination form. Any election for a Councillor shall thereafter be completed within the month of May in the case of term elections or within nine (9) weeks after the appointed date for the close of nominations in the case of a by-election. After the 1st February in each year the call for nominations for a vacancy for a by-election may be delayed until the term elections are held.

AC7/2008 That Constitution section 12.2.6 be amended to read:

12.2.6 Attachment of
an application for, or
a current,
National Police Certificate related to association with children.

AC8/2008

That a new point at 15.3 and 15.4 be included into the WACSSO constitution to read:

15.3 (iii) has been charged with or convicted of any offence deemed prejudicial to the interests of WACSSO.

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AC9/2008 That WACSSO have the words “to be heard’ inserted into D1.3 (a) before “by the teachers” and in 1.3 (b) after the words as representative groups.

AC10/2008 That WACSSO in Policy J.5 Vocational Education and training have the words ‘post-compulsory’ removed from Premise 1 and policy point 5.1 (a) remove the words ‘in post-compulsory years’ and in 5.1 (b) (i) have the words “rurally isolated” replaced with “rural and remote”.

AC11/2008 That in Policy J8.1 the word “should” be replaced with the word “must”.

AC12/2008 That WACSSO remove Policy point J8.2 “The introduction of computers should be implemented with careful consideration by School Councils in consultation with P&Cs, students and staff.”

AC13/2008 That WACSSO change the first instance of the word “computer” in Policy point J8.3 to the words “information and communication technology”.

AC14/2008 That the WACSSO Policy be amended to include a new policy at J.13, regarding the following policy on homework.

Homework

Premise:

1. Homework should be a positive and inclusive learning experience for families.
2. Homework can assist students
 - (a) in the development of independent learning and self motivation
 - (b) in the consolidation of concepts and skills learned in the school environment.
 - (c) by extending the time available for exploration of new ideas and situations.
3. Homework should relate directly to the needs of the student by supporting the day to day learning and teaching programs within the school.

Policy

1. Schools should have a documented whole school approach to homework that is
 - (a) consistent across all learning areas of the curriculum
 - (b) developed in consultation with parents, school principal and staff
 - (c) endorsed by the school council
 - (d) implemented and supported by all staff
2. Homework should:
 - (a) be set with respect for students'
 1. age
 2. home life
 3. recreational opportunities
 4. cultural influences
 5. employment prospects
 - (b) be used to develop learning independence, and self motivation
 - (c) enhance parents/carers and school relationships
 - (d) only be used to complement and enhance classroom curriculum
 - (e) be phased in gradually and consistently as students move through their years of education.
 - (f) never be used as an alternative or replacement for the day to day learning within the school environment
 - (g) never be used for punitive means.

AC15/2008 That WACSSO remove the words in Policy point J8.4 “for the purchase and upgrade of computers” and replace with “for the purchase, maintenance, and upgrade of all information and communication technology resources” before the words “in schools”.

AC16/2008 That WACSSO remove policy point L2.7 and replace it with:

2.7 Asbestos containing material in government school buildings may pose a potential health risk and must be managed:

- a) in accordance with regulatory requirements and relevant polices.
- b) by regular checks of school buildings and grounds for asbestos dust and fibres.
- c) with regular and appropriate maintenance of buildings.
- d) with the eventual and safe removal of all asbestos products from school sites.
- e) with parents as an integral part of all consultative and decision making processes relating to the removal of asbestos within government schools.

AC17/2008 That the President of WACSSO to write to the Minister for Education and Training and the Premier of Western Australia requesting that a program be developed and implemented to remove all asbestos products from schools, with the program commencing in 2009 with the final completion date be no later than 2020.

AC18/2008 That WACSSO take steps to amend the constitution at clause 17.3 to read:
"For a General Meeting of the Association the quorum of a small school shall be five (5) financial members and for a school which is not a small school or where the Association represents a group of schools the quorum shall be eight (8) financial members."

AC19/2008 That WACSSO add an exclusion clause to the P&C Constitution similar to that used by Parent Bodies in other states.

AC20/2008 That WACSSO support the upgrade of Secondary and Specialist facilities in District High Schools, by lobbying the Minister and Government.

AC21/2008 That WACSSO support individual school communities and their P&Cs, to effectively lobby to achieve upgraded secondary and specialist facilities in their local District High Schools.

AC22/2008 That WACSSO requests the Health Minister take an urgent positive action to prevent further closure of Dental Therapy Services and to reinstate the services already lost to the School based and mobile Dental Therapy Centres thereby safe guarding our children's dental health.

AC23/2008 That WACSSO writes to the Department of Education and Training to requesting Level 3 Administrator positions be included with the current Level 4, 5, 6 selection process to provide more stability for small rural communities and schools.

AC24/2008 That WACSSO requests the Director General of Education and Training to consider reducing the two year wait for the reclassification process once benchmark student numbers have been reached so a detrimental effect is not felt by staff and children at schools in this position.

AC25/2008 That WACSSO writes to the Minister of Education requesting that P&Cs be exempt from using approved suppliers for P&C funded projects.

AC26/2008 That WACSSO write to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation and the Minister of Education requesting they reconsider the warrant criteria in determining the need for a school pedestrian crossing.

AC27/2008 That WACSSO write to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation, the Minister for Education and the Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee requesting that any 'Type A' crosswalks that have been removed against school community wishes, whether or not warrant criteria is met, are reinstated in the interests of children's' health and safety.

AC28/2008 That WACSSO writes to the Minister of Education advising him that our teachers are quite happy with the use of the graphics calculators and cannot see any justification in imposing the requirement for students to purchase a CAS calculator when they may very well have only 1 or 2 years of study remaining and requesting him to act on our students' and parents' behalves by avoiding this sudden change and cost in their final years of school.

AC29/2008 That WACSSO request that the Department of Education and Training ensures, as a design requirement, that the facilities for relocated kindergartens meet or exceed those already in existence, with particular reference to sufficient, safe, off-street parking.

AC30/2008 That WACSSO Executive strongly urge the Federal and State Ministers for Education to review the current allocation of funding to the education sector with a view to improving the per capita share of primary students so that it reflects a more equitable approach.

AC31/2008 That WACSSO writes to the Western Australian Minister for Education and Training requesting that funding be allocated to establish a removal and replacement program of CCA treated pine playground equipment and structures in our school playgrounds with suitable replacement equipment.