

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. ~ Albert Einstein



PTCWA – A voice for teachers and support personnel WA

Vol 1, Issue 1, February 2019

Meeting with the Minister

Members of the Committee met with the Minister for Education, the Hon. Sue Ellery. While the meeting wasn't entirely successful, the Committee did get a commitment from Ms Ellery to set up a meeting with the new Director General of the Education Department of WA, Ms Lisa Rodgers.

During the meeting the Minister stressed the need for the Association to clearly state its strategic mission and objectives if we wanted a place at the decision-making table. Chris Callus did stress that PTCWA represented a substantial number of the teacher associations in WA and that we worked to represent teachers and support personnel who had a direct effect on student learning and social outcomes in schools.

These voices are often missed during major discussions about curriculum change, reduced staffing levels and funding, poor preplanning for school buildings and new schools, and increased student numbers. Teachers and support personnel do not have a voice and often find out about change agendas when they about to be implemented.

Below is a draft for a new mission statement for PTCWA. Please send your thoughts to the President (beecee@inet.net.au) or the Executive Officer (Barb Lippiatt barb.waata@bigpond.com).

PTCWA Mission Statement - draft

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia provides a voice through their teacher associations for teachers and support personnel working in WA schools. PTCWA provides access to information, advice and professional development to enable personnel in schools to successfully deliver positive learning and social student outcomes. Areas for consideration include curriculum, resourcing and funding, staffing issues and information dissemination.

AGM

The PTCWA AGM will be held on the 12 March at the Faye Gayle (previously Carpe Diem) Studio, UWA. We would like all member associations to send a representative. Please consider sending someone who would also be willing to become a Committee member. Commitment is for a 2-year term and it is not onerous, with monthly meetings scheduled in advance.

We need more people on the Committee if PTCWA is going to move forward and push for a major voice that represents the people who work at the coalface in classrooms.

Changes?

Has your Committee changed since your last AGM? Please let PTCWA know so we can keep you informed about events to support the important work that you do. Email the Executive Officer, Barb Lippiatt at barb.waata@bigpond.com

Professional Development

PTCWA is developing a series of professional learning sessions to support the work of associations. The first of these will be delivered as part of the AGM. A session on how your association can add value to your PD will be conducted by Dr Barbara Combes, President PTCWA.

Other topics for PD include the following.

- GST Refresher
- Getting your Committee working smoothly
- Social Media
- TryBooking

PD will also be provided if possible, on request.

Save the Date

PTCWA Awards Night – 23 October 2019 at Tompkins on Swan. Nomination forms will be sent out soon. Nominate someone who is or has been an outstanding member/worker for your association.

PTCWA Committee