

PAI Board Communiqué June 2012

The Board met in Adelaide on 12 June 2012 and addressed a full agenda including the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer.

New CEO

Jim Davies will commence on 2 July 2012 and brings to Principals Australia Institute extensive experience as a principal, educational innovator and leader. Jim is a highly respected professional who is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor with Flinders University School of Education. Previously Jim has been the President of the South Australian Secondary Principals Association, assisted in establishing and then leading the Australian Math and Science School and a number of South Australian Schools. The Board warmly welcomes Jim to the role.

Principals Australia becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee

The Board also agreed to changing the organizational entity to become a Company Limited by Guarantee to better meet the demands of delivering professional development across Australia.

2012-13 Budget

This budget has been approved by the Board and will be reviewed by the incoming CEO. The 2012-13 financial year is shaping up to be the best year yet for Principals Australia as we seek to diversify our funding base and build additional professional development services and products.

Additional Palnet Funding

Palnet, the online professional knowledge network for school leaders has successfully received additional funding from the Department of Education and Workplace Relations to continue building the network and its services. This follows submission of an evaluation that found high levels of usage and satisfaction from the 1500 plus members.

A survey of aspiring leaders completed as part of the evaluation found

- Accreditation by employers and associations to be important for at least 3 in 4 respondents
- One third currently using online professional development
- ¾ likely to use online professional development in next 12 months
- Key factors for online pd – flexibility in the timing of training (90%); opportunity to translate to the individuals' specific contexts (86%); credibility of training (86%)
- Level of proficiency in identifying new uses of ICT in classrooms – just over 50% suggesting additional effort required to improve at least some aspects of ICT proficiency in teachers

- Satisfaction with PAI programs was high – higher than in main survey; high awareness of DTL, MM, KMP

The Board would also like to thank Heather Parkes for the excellent job she has done in leading Principals Australia Institute prior to the appointment of Jim Davies. Heather has made a significant contribution to building the business.

Since the last Board meeting PAI has secured a major new contract for Leading Curriculum on line, finally won our case on getting exemption from payroll tax, secured an additional year of funding for Dare to Lead, and reviewed the current budget and developed the 2012-13 budget.

With regards to all.

Susan Lenehan
Board Chair