

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL HELD AT DRUMMOYNE ON FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1987, FROM 4.00 P.M. TO 9.00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1987, COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Brothers Alman Dwyer (Provincial), Ernest Houston, Kelvin Canavan, Michael Flanagan, Christopher Wade, Terence Heinrich and Brian Sweeney (Secretary).

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CHILD ABUSE

The Council received a document outlining a child abuse policy for the Province of Poughkeepsie, U.S.A. The Council also learned that Brother Raphael Bassett, F.S.C., had simply re-issued to the De La Salle Brothers a copy of the document issued by Brother Kevin McDonnell, C.F.C., for the Christian Brothers Province. This issue is one which is currently receiving much attention in the press and in Government policies. It will be necessary for the Province to develop and to proclaim its policy in the matter. There will be an opportunity for some input during the Principals' Conference in April 1988. Schools would have received documents by now from the various Catholic Education Offices and other Diocesan sources. The Council believes, however, that a statement should be issued by the Provincial to all the Brothers of the Province outlining Province policy and indicating that under the present climate litigation and its consequences are almost inevitable if there are any proven incidents in this area. A statement will therefore be sent to the communities in the last week of January 1988. Brother Ernest Houston will organise it.

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Marist College, Pearce

There is no further progress to report.

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