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Parent Meeting
Wednesday 21st November 2001

Present

LO

Parent

LN

Parent

LS & LR

Parents

LK & LL

Parents

LJ

Parent

Linda Clifford

Parent Advocate

Karen Rogers

Parent Advocate

John Harley

Public Advocate

Lea Stephens

Shadow Minister Health & Disability

Vic Simons

Advisor to Lea Stephens

Linda Clifford welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated the need for confidentiality.

Families introduced themselves and told of their individual stories.

LS & LR have written to Allan Dooley at Catholic Education Office stating the need to contact all families of children who attended St Anne's between 1986 & 1991. A copy of the letter is attached.

Lea and John both spoke about how this should be addressed. Both believe there should be an independent inquiry about the situation.

John is not in a position to investigate as his powers are limited. He will approach the Attorney General to initiate an Investigation or a Royal Commission.

Lea will support this with letters to Attorney General and will act as a "watch dog" to ensure action is taken.

Families need to be independently represented. LO will make inquiries about lawyers who may be prepared to support families as a group on a contingency basis.

Parent Advocacy has approached Catholic Education Office requesting they provide some funding to ensure that this group is able to continue. There is a possibility that the group will grow after the letter to parents has been sent. Catholic Education Office support the parents getting together for mutual support and are willing to discuss providing some funding.

LO has spoken to Victims of Crime. This group is free to contact them if or when there are specific needs.

Next Meeting 10th December
 7:00pm
 Parent Advocacy
 5 Ninth Street Bowden

As this will be the last meeting before Christmas, we will have Christmas drinks after.