

**Minutes  
SWMPF Working Group on  
Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People  
9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017  
Cockburn Youth Centre**

**Chair:** Simone Ryan

**1. Participants:** Judy Walls (SWMPF); Denise Henden (Dep of Education); Cynthia Becher (DSS); Daniel Mooney (Community Policing); Felix Ross (City of Melville); Joan de Castro (City of Cockburn), Alex Kepes (Access Housing); John Rich (Ottey Centre); Gavin Radice (WA Police); Antoni Gover (Sport & Rec); Michelle Champion (City of Cockburn).

**Apologies:** Sophie Doy (City of Fremantle); Jenni Gordon (SWMPF); Yvette Little (St Pats); Kerry Wadsworth (FFSN); Julie Mitchell (SMYL); Glenn Swannell (WA Police) Russ Eldean (WA Police); Vania Dapaz (CPFS); Olivia Mourish (City of Cockburn)

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Follow ups:

- Joan has followed up with the business team at Cockburn and they are interested in having Denise present on the 'Keeping Kids in School' initiative which involves local businesses. Joan will let Denise know when an opportunity to present arises.
- Judy has circulated the templates for application to the Brokerage Fund, as well as reporting and acquittal templates, and the ToRs.
- Denise has not been able to locate a copy of the Dept of Education Directive regarding birth certificates, but will chase this up.
- Working group members were reminded to bring business cards and brochures to share with other members, to promote their services.
- The contact list was circulated. Additional names have been suggested and Simone will include.

**3. Brokerage Fund Applications**

**a) City of Melville** raised a proposal to fund the Night Fields program in Willagee, which targets many of the same kids as attend Caralee and other services. The City is currently funding this, at the expense of other youth focused programs, so would like to free up \$700 spent on this program for other initiatives. The group suggested that in the current term the funding should continue to sit with the City of Melville, but we would consider another application for Term 1 2018.

**b) Palmerston** submitted an application for the Mooditj program with Sexual Health Quarters for \$3,150. This is a component of the Transition to High School program.

The group agreed that this was a worthwhile initiative and should be positively referred to the SWMPF Steering Committee.

**c) Palmerston** submitted a proposal for the Young Boxing Woman program, also a component of the Transition to High School program. The application was for \$1,110. It was suggested that this application may be presented to Sport & Rec in future funding rounds, however due to the time for approval, it was agreed that the Brokerage fund support this application this time round.

Should other SWMPF members wish to make application to the Brokerage Fund, they can do so at any monthly meeting, and if possible provide an electronic copy of their application to Judy and Simone prior to the meeting. Applications will be attached to the minutes.

#### **4. SWMPF Branding**

SWMPF Leadership Group has been considering rebranding the Forum to *Imagined Futures*. The driver is the fact that SWMPF is a mouthful and not great in terms of promotion and communications. This is a great indicator of support from the LG for the new Imagined Futures initiative, and having the whole Forum behind the brand gives it strength. The working group felt this was positive, and reiterated their support for the name *Imagined Futures*. It was suggested that whilst the IF brand was positive, it gave no indication of what geographical area the initiative / forum covered. So the idea of maintaining the by-line of SWMPF would help place us in a geographical sense.

#### **IF Logo**

A number of logo options were presented which had been developed pro bono for the *Imagined Futures* initiative. The working group were very impressed with all the concepts and their professionalism. There was some discussion about target audience, and the development of a communication strategy was discussed. In general, the group were most positive about Option 1, feeling that it would hit the mark from a corporate perspective, and would appeal also to the teen group. There was a sense that the younger cohort would probably like option 2. The fact that the primary schoolers also had their own brands (Rocketeers, Idea Hunterz) was discussed, and the potential impact of bringing in another concept/name.

After the meeting, the Chair and the SWMPF ED rounded up a few young people from the Youth Centre and presented the various options. As suspected the younger group liked Option 2, and the slightly older group liked option 3. No votes for Option 1.

#### **5. Program Updates**

##### **- Youth Ambassadors Group**

Felix suggested that the idea was to convene 2 separate groups, one with LLSHS/SLPS kids, and one with Melville SHS/Caralee Community School kids. He reported that contact has been made with Melville SHS who are keen for their students to become involved, and was awaiting a response from the Principal at Caralee. The South Lake meetings could potentially be held at the Ottey Centre,

which is keen to provide space for engaging young people, especially in the afternoons.

#### **- Transition Program**

21 students have completed stage 1 of the program at LLSHS, of which 13 will be involved in the second stage at SLPS. Engagement with the Year 6 primary schoolers will begin in week 3 of Term 4. A review of the program to date is scheduled for week 1 of Term 4 to get feedback from teachers from LLSHS involved in the program. Some baseline information was gathered with the LLSHS students through the application of the Happiness Scale. This will be repeated later in the year/early next year to gain some indicator of program impact.

#### **- Resilience Building program**

Caralee has approx. 15 students engaged in the Idea Hunterz and SLPS has approx. 25 students Rocketeers. During the term the groups engaged in Lawn Bowls, which proved popular with the kids, and kits can be purchased so that the sessions can continue without the support of the facilitators from LBA. Both groups have also enjoyed cooking, and had an end of term party at SLPS. An end of year party will be considered and working group members are encouraged to attend. An evaluation of attendance for these students was undertaken, and for Terms 1-3 attendance of participating students at SLPS was 89% and at Caralee 93%, a great result. Data capture from the schools is improving.

#### **7. Any other business**

- **Swan Extended School Hub** is another example of a collective approach to improving school outcomes for vulnerable young people. The initiative is coordinated by Smith Family. Jenni, Judy & Simone plan to meet with them on Oct 13. The working group is interested in inviting them to come and present at a meeting, to learn from their experiences.

- **SWMPF Annual Event** is now scheduled for Nov 3, 1.00-4.30pm. All working group members invited and encouraged to attend to support the presentation of the Imagined Futures initiative.

- Alex will send information regarding the **ANZ/Smith Family** educational support initiative to Simone for circulation, but noted that the Smith Family do not work in this geographical area- however families living close to boundaries might be referred.

**8. Next meeting** – Friday October 27th, 9.30-11.30am will be held at the City of Melville Civic Centre.