

## Minutes

### **Meeting of the SWMPF Working Group on Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People**

**9.30am – 11.30am, Tuesday 16 June, 2015**

**Department of Education Regional Office**

**184, Hampton Road, Beaconsfield**

**Chair:** Karin Mac Arthur (SWMPF)

**Participants:** Denise Henden (Department of Education); Paul Loseby (Manager, Headspace); Russ Eldean (Youth Liaison Officer, WA Police); Rieki Rolle (Team Leader, Y-Shac Anglicare WA); Christine George (Youth Project Officer, City of Fremantle); Dee Skuza (Community Development Officer, Youth - City of Melville); Bobby Mizen (Youth Outreach Officer, City of Cockburn); Julie Fitzgerald (Team Leader, Responsible Parenting Services, Department for Child Protection and Family Support); Ian Jorritsma (Department of Housing); Rebecca Caldwell (Department of Housing)

**Apologies:** Michael Wood (Operations Manager, Nyoongar Outreach Services)

**Visitor:** Eleanor Jones, A/Inclusion Officer, Department of Sport and Recreation

#### **1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

The working group welcomed Rebecca Caldwell (Department of Housing) to the group. Rebecca will be replacing Ian who has been promoted to a new position at head office. Rebecca will join the WPS group and will also take over from Ian in seeking to source sporting equipment for South Lake PS.

The group thanked Ian for his valuable contribution to the working group over the last year.

#### **2. Volunteer to take the minutes**

Rieki Rolle

#### **3. Introduction of Eleanor Jones, A/Inclusion Officer, Department of Sport and Recreation**

Eleanor explained the role of the Department of Sport and Recreation and outlined opportunities that are available to schools such as the Community Participation Grant funding of up to \$5,000 for active after school programs and targeted at low socio economic at risk

children/young People in school. DSR project officers on hand to support and recommend applications for financial funding.

The CPG is worth keeping in mind for the after school sporting activities at our three schools.

Full details available on the DSR website.

**Actions:**

- Karin asked Russ Eldean to follow up with Brad Robbins at Fremantle PCYC to put in for a CPG to engage someone to coordinate sporting activities at Davis Park.

**4. Evaluating the impact of our project: Dr Amma Buckley, Curtin University**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**5. Approval of minutes meeting 12 May 2015**

The minutes were approved without change.

**6. Business arising from minutes**

Foodbank has asked for a meeting with Winterfold PS to discuss the health benefits of the food being used for the takeaway breakfast club.

Palmerston's funding application to DAO to run the Protective Behaviours programme was not successful. However, Palmerston has advised that it will fund the program itself. Karin has sent the Principals an outline of the proposed program and is awaiting their feedback.

**Action:**

Karin to liaise with Foodbank re the meeting with Winterfold Primary School.

**7. Debrief of student working lunches, Term 2**

Caralee

- Had a successful lunch and children enjoyed poster making. Messages focused on bullying. There was a good turn out. Denise has drawn up some certificates for presentation to the children. She kindly offered to make certificates for the other schools.

South Lake

- Good turn out and kids enjoyed the session. They also focused on bullying. Bobbi will follow up re certificates. The school has advised it can see a difference in the children since programme commenced.

Winterfold

- Had a good turn out at the lunch. One child was resistant, however did join in. Christine succeeded in getting a more diverse range of

messages by inviting the children to close their eyes and imagine what they would like to see at school. The children produced lots of great posters. Christine is getting her admin team to polish these off and laminate them.

**Action:**

- Rieki to follow up with Steve re when certificates can be presented to the children.

**8. Next steps for consolidating stage 1 initiatives (including update on each of the schools)**

Caralee

- Benches have been delivered (the children had asked for outdoor furniture).
- Karin continuing to work with business and philanthropy to get funding for the after-school homework program.
- Dee reported on the many great initiatives being run by the City of Melville, including the school mural.

South Lake

- Karin is awaiting revised quote from Dismantle for the bike building project.
- Bobbie is awaiting the kids' feedback on the dances they want to learn.
- Rebecca to follow up re school's requirements for sporting equipment.

Winterfold

- Breakfast club is going really well. The school is also using some of the take away food for lunches.
- Julie from South Fremantle High School is looking at the possibility of getting their Year 10s to run the after-school computer club.
- Christine still waiting on a cheque for \$300 which was generously donated by Scarvadis IGA for the breakfast club. The cheque appears to have been lost in the mail. IGA will reissue if it isn't found in the next week.

**Theme for working lunches, Term 3**

The group discussed possible themes for the Term 3 lunches. These need to support the project outcomes. It was suggested they could be tied in with the protective behaviours program.

The group also considered the possibility of introducing the Drumbeat program.

**Action:**

- Karin to get information about Drumbeat and its possible use in our project.

Possibly a one of drum beat workshop  
Term 4 Around health schools committee

**Action/s:**

**9. Any other business**

Karin advised the South Metropolitan Population Health Unit had kindly offered to support the 3 schools to introduce 'healthy school committees'. This could be the focus of the project in Term 4.

Karin provided the group with an overview of the upcoming inaugural annual meeting of the SWMPF. This will include a 'stall' on our project, which is kindly being staffed by Dee and Paul.

Christine on leave from 29 July to 18 August.

Julie Fitzgerald is going on LSL in early July. Pamela Sturgeon will replace her on the working group.

**10. Date and venue of next working group meeting**

9.30am, Tuesday, 21 July, Regional Office Education Department,  
Beaconsfield.