

Minutes

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

9.30am – 11.30am, Tuesday 20 October, 2015
Canning Room, City of Melville Civic Centre
10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon

Chair: Dee Skuza (Community Development Officer, Youth - City of Melville)

Participants: Russ Eldean (Youth Liaison Officer, WA Police); Christine George (Youth Project Officer, City of Fremantle); Bobby Mizen (Youth Outreach Officer, City of Cockburn); Chris Stent (Manager, Housing Services, St Patrick's Community Support Services); Michael Wood (Operations Manager, Nyoongar Outreach Services); Julie Fitzgerald (CPFS Parent Support)

Apologies: Debbie Moss (Placement Services, DCP)

Minute taker: Michael Wood

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Welcome to all. Dee advised that in order to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the SWMPF projects, Karin is now handing over the reins to new chairs. Dee has agreed assume the role of chair. This will also allow Karin to develop the business case for SWMPF stage 2, in accordance with the recommendations of the SWMPF inaugural annual meeting in July. Dee welcomed back Julie from her 3 month holiday and welcomed Chris Stent to the group.

2. Volunteer to take minutes

Michael agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

3. Review of working structure

Dee has agreed to Chair with support from group in minute taking. Christine has offered to do the next meeting (November). Dee will attend the Leadership Group to report on progress of working group actions.

4. Approval of minutes meeting 15 September 2015

Approved without change.

5. Business arising from minutes

Bobbie advised an email has been sent to Chris Stent and Debbie Moss regarding coming on board at South Lake. Unsure of Debbie's role as she has taken on a new role at DCP. Bobbie is waiting to hear back on the resilience program which does not start again until November 2015. The children are enthusiastic.

Simone is working 1 hour every week until July 2016.

Action: Julie to find out what role Debbie Moss would like to have in the group i.e. South Lake Group.

4. Update from each school sub groups

Caralee: Dee confirmed a partnership with South Metropolitan Population Health Unit (SMPHU) to deliver Healthy Hoops after school for 12 – 16 year olds - starts this week. The SMPHU are keen to partner with other agencies and LGA to deliver healthy activities with a health message, although their target audience is 12 – 18 years. Community Safety Event planned for Drop In on Thursday and great support from Headspace, local police and Neighbourhood Watch for young people from Caralee and their families. Two new Youth Engagement Officers have started to work with young people in the Library after school 4 days a week (4pm – 7pm) and also at Drop In, to support the Homework club and Library staff. Funding is being sought for the homework club via OCP funding by City of Melville.

Winterfold: Christine confirmed Rebecca was away at the moment. Christine is working on a roster for the working group to assist Simone. The school appeared under the impression that they did not need to supply a teacher. The first session run this term ran through baseline rules with children. Of the 19 young people they are about to lose 6 young people as they move beyond year 6. Christine asked whether they keep cohort or do they bolster with more numbers? The proposal with South Fremantle Computer Club and SEDA is more sports focused. There are challenges in computer program in facilitation. Christine proposed SEDA more likely to work as an after school activity than a computer club.

Action: Christine will get an indication from students at next working lunch in November. From this she will present ideas and options to the school principal at the next Principals meeting planned for Nov/Dec.

South Lake:

All going well. Bobbie confirmed follow up with school bike program and discussions with Corey. They are back to square one with further talks with Dismantle.

Actions;

- All members of the group to continue working on the initiatives requested by their respective school groups.

- Dee to seek guidance from Karin re numbers of groups for 2016, as we are losing the year 6's.
- Russ to make enquiries with PCYC to see if there is capacity to facilitate sports/ cooking program at Winterfold.

7. Update on representatives from local club to attend working lunches

Southlakes – Bobbie is liaising with WAFC.

Winterfold- Date will be advised when we contact the school for the Transition Project date. WPS Strikers need to choose direction of the type of afterschool activity it wants to pursue next year: ie computer club, SEDA, etc. There may be too much to squeeze in this discussion and the lunch (also giving out prizes from the Resilience program sticker winners). PCYC may divert attention. Will talk to Russ if we pursue the sport as well.

Caralee- Dee has asked Melville Braves Baseball Club to come and give a talk or even a small game of baseball on the oval.

8. Update on proposed event with all year 6's in each of the schools with Year 7's from feeder schools (Transition Project)

Bobbie in discussions with South Lakes.

WPS have been positive about having an ex Yr 7 student from SFSHS attend the school for all Year 6's for a Q and A session. We need to follow up with Julie Duthie from SFSHS who was away late last term.

Caralee have organised their transition project with Melville SHS and Caralee ex-students. A 2 hour excursion is planned where they will attend a science class and stay for recess. In addition, two ex Caralee students in Year 7 will be visiting the school to talk to Year 6 students and answer any questions. MSHS also have an orientation day planned.

9. Update on WA Football Commission program

- Bobbie advised this starts next week and will be run next to the South Lake Learning Centre.
- Dee said the Willagee sessions went really well with approx. 25 attending and support from PCYC Hilton coming along on the bus.
- Christine to chat with WAFC / Liam to sort out venue for Term 1 Football Program as there was confusion over it being at Davis Park

10. Agree possible dates for a meeting with Principals towards end of term

Dee offered to organise the meetings with Principals. Dee will send out an invitation asking for ideas for the agenda from the working group. Dee to ask South Lakes if they would like to host.

11. Any other business

- **Survey**

Baseline survey data was discussed as very important in order to assess the benefits of the program. Some of the working group members stated that they had not seen the attendance data which would be a good indicator of number of students engaged. Michael suggested that the surveys if done again in future need to be tightened up and refined to ensure that indicators of students' progress are obtained.

- **Clarification of role**

It was discussed what was the ongoing function of the working group. It was discussed that as a group we need to think where we are heading after June 2016 and review the result after 3 years. With the group principals meeting feedback will be obtained on what schools have seen as beneficial and worth keeping, what needs to be let go and what is the schools' contribution.

- **Possible attendance of another SWMPF member**

Christine indicated she was exploring whether the new City of Fremantle Project Officer of Children and Youth will attend the meetings along with Christine.

Actions:

Dee to follow up with Karin re timeline for collecting data and plan for continuing on, before speaking to Principals.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 November, 2015. 9.30am – 11.30am

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