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**Quality LinCS/DECS Inner South  
Innovations & Partnerships Action Team  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Taissa Ceric, Liz Burbrook, Rob Smallacombe, Simon Critchley, Richard Whaites, Peter Smith, Peter Leolkes, Nicole Theodorou.

**1. WELCOME** by Peter Leolkes

**1.1 Apologies**

Rod Dyson, Tanya Sharkey, Clayton Disley.

**1.2 Accept the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate record**

Moved- Richard Whaites, Seconded- Simon Critchley

**1.3 Business Arising**

**Regional Training Program (RTP) Update- *Nicole Theodorou***

320 Regional Training Program applications have been received to date. Approximately 50 applications have been received since the end of November. A majority of courses are full. Most popular courses are;

- Construction at Marleston- 75 applications
- Plumbing at PEER- 40 applications
- Electrotechnology at PEER- 23 applications
- Engineering at TAFE- 12 applications (filled up very quickly)
- Childcare at TAFE- 22 applications
- Hair & make Up Design at Shermans- 23 applications
- Hospitality Operations, Food & Bev at SITE- 18 applications
- Animal Studies at TAFE- 12 applications

Quality LinCs will be using a new online VET Management System. This will be implemented end of term 1, 2008. Schools will be able to enter data direct from schools sites. Information is in the current Quality LinCS newsletter. VET Coordinator workshops will be held to go through the process. Nicole will contact VET Coordinators later in the term.

**2. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2.1 RICA Update- *Andrea Cameron***

Andrea Cameron is the new RICA for the Southern Region. Andrea comes from a background of working with young people, primarily in training. She worked with the Connections program for 3 ½ years. She has also worked in small business management providing training and research. Andrea has established many Industry links over the years.

Andrea has completed her RICA Environmental Scan for the Southern Region. The Scan is a large document- 92 pages. She provided a 'snapshot' of the scan to IPAT, providing information on skills shortages for the inner southern region (information attached).

As the new RICA she has met with Southern Futures, Fever and Quality LinCS LCP staff to determine some joint projects for 2008. Some of the priorities for Andrea in working with the LCP's include;

- Accessing industry for tourism and hospitality teacher tour, mining teacher/student tours and engineering teacher/student tours
- Present to parents information on skills shortages i.e. 'where will the jobs be?'
- Teacher presentations (at staff meetings) on career pathways and skills shortages
- Teacher presentations on what industry is looking for in Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) and Adopt a School Projects (ASP).

**2.5 Priorities for IPAT 2008** (this agenda item brought forward to ensure priorities for IPAT were recorded by the end of the meeting)

One of the issues identified by IPAT is parents not understanding career pathways for students. A **Parent as Careers Partners** event with a particular focus on SBNA's and apprenticeships is a priority for IPAT. Another possibility for a parent event could be a quiz night.

Another priority is to look at **Regional Training Program gaps i.e automotive** course and see how we can apply for funding as a district. To be able to deliver an automotive course within the region would be extremely beneficial as many students are interested in automotive courses in VET. Peter Leolkes to look into Federal Trade Schools funding that was recently advertised and see what principals are considering applying for and if a joint application is feasible?

Another priority is implementation of **shared VET Curriculum**, there is too much overlap with introductory information for different courses. Perhaps a core unit can be offered in OH&S?

**Adopt- A- School Projects** are another priority. Hamilton and Blackwood have expressed an interest in linking their school with Industry. Nicole to discuss potential projects with VET Coordinators. Please contact Peter Leolkes or Nicole Theodorou if you have any priorities to be included for 2008.

### **2.3 The new Industry Pathways Programs - Peter Leolkes**

Peter has information on an Engineering Pathways Program which is currently being developed in 10 Industry areas along the lines of the Engineering Pathways Programme. 3 of the pathways will be supported by the future SACE office and will replace some of the SSABSA VET subjects.

### **2.4 TAA Training & Inner South DECS District VETiS funds application process- Peter Leolkes**

Applications have been received. Please contact Peter if you would like to book in for the training. It is scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. May. The number of days a teacher will need to do will depend on what qualifications they currently have. This information was sent to VET coordinators a few weeks ago.

## **2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Meeting closed at 5:40pm*