

Inner South Schools with a secondary enrolment. Youth Engagement Network members indicated

Ashford Special School
Australian Science and Mathematics School
Blackwood High School - Susan Hyde (chair)
Daws Rd. Centre - Suzette Griffiths
Hamilton Secondary College - Malcolm Hughes
Hamilton Unit
Kilparrin Teaching & Assessment Unit

Mitcham Girls High School
Pasadena High School - Wendy Lowes
Pasadena High School Unit
SA School for Vision Impaired Children
Seaview High School - Anne Thornton
Unley High School
Urrbrae Agricultural High School - Peter Smith

Minutes of the Youth Engagement Network **Wednesday 6th June 2007 at Urrbrae Skills Centre 8:00 am to 9:30 am**

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: Sally Sutton

In Attendance: Susan Hyde, Wendy Lowes, Kathy Ellis, Ann Thornton, Peter Smith, Lori Hocking, Peter Leolkes, Suzette Griffiths.

Minute taker: Wendy Lowes

1.1 Accept the minutes from the 7th March 2007

2. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

2.1 Progress of Action Teams' priorities *(in italics)*

Innovative and Partnerships Action Team (IPAT)

The Pre - Work Placement teaching resource package.

Needs further development. See item 4.2.

The review of the Regional Training Programs

Nicole has convened a group with reps. from schools, RTOs and the QL board which is undertaking a review.

Adopt a School.

Lori described the SAGE project and that a number of DECS schools have expressed interested. Peter mentioned that the earlier attempts to form a partnership with local businesses (Melrose Park/ Edwardstown area) facilitated by Marion Council has gone nowhere and that he is still keen to continue to pursue this as there could be benefits to students. Discussion ensued about why establishment and maintenance of such partnerships are difficult.

Malcolm outlined the Leading Education Enterprise Program (LEEP) program which has been successful at Hamilton.

'Networking' and information sharing at meetings

Has been occurring.

Targeted Intervention Action Team (TIAT)

Parents as Career Partners with a disability focus.

This has occurred and was successful. (see report below)

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Compass school leavers guide update to cater more for YP with special needs.

Groups were convened and feedback on last years guide sought. It is now at the printers. It has been rewritten/expanded and updated by Peter and 2 TBs from neighbouring Districts to include more specific support available for young people with special needs.

Development of Yr. 12 (stage 2) Curriculum for students with a Disability.

Jenny Boisvert from Urrbrae has applied for District funds to release teachers to work on this. Plan to have curriculum available for the Mitcham alliance schools.

Career and Transition Action Team (CATAT)

The provision of information about the future SACE - specifically the Personal Learning Plan

No action on this to date.

Active support of The Trades Skill Expo

In progress. See agenda item 3.1.

Explore Parents as Career Partners. Anna Mirasgentis from Mary McKillop presented at last mtg. Attendance by other teams' members as it is also a priority for TIAT. Enthusiasm to try an event was evident. Peter prepared to support schools if they wish to run a PACP event (included in the Business Plan).

'Networking' and information sharing at meetings.

Occurring although the fact that there is only one meeting per term for 1.25 hrs. and there is a lot to get through does not allow for enough of this.

General attendance at meetings is improving – discussion covered the following:

- Look at format/meeting structure (again).
- Ask schools to nominate a proxy.
- Don't get too precious about the attendance. People are busy.

3. Reports

3.1 Inner South Futures Connect Activity Report - Peter Leolkes

1. Consultation with schools, writing and submission of Inner South Futures Connect Business Plan. Copy of approved Business Plan was distributed.

2. Individual Learning Plan Workshop.

35 attendees, 5 presenters. Currently planning follow up(s). See agenda item 4.1.

3. Trades as a Career Expo (27th June) organising/planning/promoting.

Working with Bill Bonney from Urrbrae, TAFE and Nicole.

Approx. 20 industry exhibitors and 8 TAFE program areas. A good response from schools so far. Encouraging parents to attend in the evening via local paper ads and school newsletters.

4. School Leaver's Guide *Compass* review and rewriting with Transition Brokers from S/West and West.

Additions/changes based on feedback received from Action Teams. The new edition better caters for Young People with special needs. Hope to get to schools earlier than last year. (term 3 week 2). Important that the schools "introduce" the guide and don't just hand it out. Can be used for all school leavers and as a teaching resource. Last year it cost \$2.71 per book/CD with a total cost of \$4000.

5. Trades School for the Future Information Sessions for IS/SW schools with follow on meetings with DDs and 3 Principals. Submission has been submitted by Principals and DDs with input from Peter. Not the Futures Connect model, however the main features still likely to be:

- Identified focus areas based on local, state and national labour market information, school capacity and student interest.
- Career Development and ILPs from Yr. 8
- Cert. 3 delivery at TAFE
- Prerequisite Certificates delivered by schools
- ASBAs

6. DECS Inner South Secondary Reform Group established. (Working with Susan Miels - District Curriculum Advisor) Role: Conduit for flow of information/feedback between IS schools and DECS Senior Secondary Planning Reference Group.

7. Marion Learning Festival (August) Mitsubishi Expo (July 31st), Choices Directory 2007 funding/promotion/distribution. An electronic version of the Choices Directory can be found at <http://www.ican.sa.edu.au/pages/regions> - then select Southern Region.

8. Action Teams. Priority areas identified and actions started (see business arising above)

9. Aboriginal Awareness Program PD. Aboriginal Parents lunch 21st June.

Working with District Aboriginal Education Coordinator. Follow on from last year.

10. Southern Region Network activities/events.

Working with QL, Fever, Southern Futures and 2 other TBS.

Includes: VETNET breakfast, Industry visits (today), Parent forum (cancelled).

11. Urrbrae AHS trial of Career directions with selected students using SA Career Consultants.

Talking with students involved today to evaluate outcomes.

12. Workplace Authority (formerly Office of Employment Advocate) information session for DECS Principals and follow up in depth PD planned for August 2nd (Week 2 term 3). Good feedback.

13. Ongoing support of Statewide Disability Project.

Currently in the second phase of program - The Introductory Vocational Education Certificate.

15 students from Pasadena Unit and High School, Unley and Seaview.

14. Funding submission process for a) District VETiS funds and b) Inner South Futures Connect Programme funds.

All submissions are now in and have been looked at by Susan and Peter. More funds have been asked for than what is available. A summary of District VETiS funds requests was distributed.

15. Professional Development.

myfuture training for DECS staff has been organised for June 26th. It is now fully subscribed. Working with Wallara TB and State FC. Australian Career Development Studies component 2 training planned for 13th Sept. (T3W8) and 25th October (T4W2). Training funded by FC State Office. TRTs will be provided by District Futures Connect funds. Still to be advertised. Purpose of both PDs is to build capacity in schools to address the Futures Connect aim of "All year 8-12 students will be engaged in structured learning opportunities that assist them to develop career development skills and to become competent self-managers of their futures."

16. Parents as Career Partners events for students with disabilities held last week (4 separate events) - 80 parents in total - 8 topics. Worked with DRC, Western Futures LCP to organise. Nicole presented.

3.2 Inner South Futures Connect Financial Report – to end May 2007 *Peter Leolkes*

Financial report distributed at meeting. Peter explained the amounts included carry over funds from '06 because those funds arrived very late. Blackwood High School is the nominated school to receive the 2007 Futures Connect Programme Funds, the district VETiS funds and the Social Inclusion Funds. Blackwood has received the VETiS funds and the first instalment of the Programme funds (\$20,000) as well as \$1,500 of Social Inclusion Funds. Half the annual allocation of the Admin. funds (\$9900) is to be paid into the District and should be there now.

3.3 DEST Report *Lori Hocking*

- o Copy of Quality LinCS Business Plan – distributed
- o Recommendation to distribute environmental scan.
- o Joint (Quality LinCS/Inner South) Website has been set up www.qualitylincs.com.au
- o For Quality LinCS/Futures Connect Information

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 ILP Implementation workshop report *Wendy Lowes*

Evaluation of workshop distributed at meeting and recommendations for follow up was discussed. Wendy and Peter to meet soon to plan follow up for term 3 and 4.

4.2 Work Placements preparations program discussion

Work Placement teacher resource package

Follow up through Safe Work SA

Recommendation. Hold a workshop to brainstorm product.

Recommendation. Provide students with a certificate on completion of the programme.

Outcome – A Teacher resource to be used to prepare students for workplacement/experience.

5. Issues for Inner South Secondary Principals Group

Attendance – proxy

Employment – office advocate

Website

Work Placement preparation program/product

6. AOB

Newsletter – on the website

Peter to send out summary of Environmental Scan, Southern Blueprint etc. IS school snapshot re delivery of VET and participation of Regional Training Programmes which was prepared for the Trades School Submission.

Meeting closed at 9:40 am. Next meeting is Wednesday 29th August.