

Victorian TAFE Staff Development Network

Meeting 3, 2009

Friday 26 June, 10:00am – 12:30pm

VTA Meeting Room

Level 3, 478 Albert Street East Melbourne

Minutes

Chair: Mary Hoffmann, Swinburne TAFE

Minutes: Lyndsey Smith, Gordon Institute of TAFE

1 In Attendance:

Robyn Tunbridge, Box Hill TAFE
Rachel Matthews, South West TAFE
Mary Hoffmann, Swinburne TAFE
Lyndsey Smith, Gordon TAFE
Jeremy Linssen, Wodonga TAFE
Marlene Claffey, East Gippsland
Suzie Kellie, Gordon Institute of TAFE
Julie Hurrell, TAFE Development Centre
Lynne Matheson, NMIT
Evelyn Ibrahim, Victoria University
Sue Goodbourn, University of Ballarat
Lisa Kinross, Holmesglen
Sharon Durantini, Kangan Batman TAFE
Tim Symons, Kangan Batman TAFE
Faye Byers, Goulburn Ovens

Apologies:

Ron Wilson, VISTA

2 Presentation: Jason Price, Client Relations Coordinator, VETASSESS

Jason gave an overview of VETASSESS and spoke about the range of online assessment services it offers at Certificate II and Certificate III level. The assessment services comprise 2500 assessment tools and resources for teachers and 600 Unites of Competency within 13 training packages.

Jason walked us through the Assess it Now site which can be viewed on:

www.assessitnow.com

This showed how to create a test and the list of pre-prepared tests. The pre-prepared tests are written by industry experts who have a great understanding of training packages.

3 Presentation: Sandi Givens, 'Shattering Glass Ceilings'.

Sandi Givens is a Consultant who runs workshops, seminars and conferences. Sandi ran a short workshop for us (as a sample of what she offers), exploring assertiveness and proactive behaviour. This was an interactive and very, very entertaining workshop that got us all involved and excited!! For more information on Sandi, you can go to: www.sandigiven.com.au or call Rachel Matthews at South West TAFE and/or Robyn Tunbridge at Box Hill who have both used her services for workshops at their Institutes.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Friday 24 April 2009

Minutes were accepted and the Agenda for today's meeting was rearranged because of time issues and because the TAFE Development Centre Coordinators' meeting was being held in the afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE TOOK A MOMENTS SILENCE FOR MICHAEL JACKSON WHO WE HAD JUST HEARD HAD DIED

5 VTSDN Biennial Conference 2009 Update

Mary Hoffmann gave a brief update on the conference which will be held on:

12 & 13 November 2009

Jasper Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne (near Victoria Market)

After discussion it was decided that the conference commence on 12 November and go all day and on the 13 November, we conclude the conference at 12:30pm.

Some suggestions for keynote speakers are:

Sandi Givens – who presented earlier at this meeting

Jason Clark – from Minds@Work

If anyone has any other suggestions, could they contact Mary Hoffman or Lyndsey Smith/ Suzie Kelly at the Gordon TAFE.

6 TAFE Development Centre Update

Narelle Jennings informed the meeting that they have had 350 TAFE staff go through Assess Information Learning, 150 of which had gone through the last round of training. This has been highly successful.

Expressions of Interest for the customised program at Institutes, should be sent to Narelle at the TDC by 31 July 2009.

Frances Hales highlighted that 90 participants have completed the first program of 'Industry as Experts'. They are looking for a further 85 participants for the next round.

Participants have to come from industry and not current sessional teachers already employed at the Institute. The initial TAFE gets the funding even if the person changes to another TAFE. The closing date for the next round is the end of November.

7 TAA and Diploma of VET Practice for staff in a contestable environment

Lyndsey Smith opened discussion about payment of fees for teachers undertaking the Dip TAA and/or Dip VET Practice. Lots of discussion was held but no-one is really clear on what the situation should be.

8 Other Business

Wiki (Lisa/Alana) – Lynne Matheson to follow up on a session to show members of VTSDN how our Wiki works!

9 Next Meeting

Friday 28 August 2009

10am – 12:30pm

VTA Meeting Room, Level 3, 478 Albert Street, East Melbourne

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