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WAIKATO MATHS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 16th February 2012, 4.30pm

Hillcrest High School, Hamilton

Present: Allen Cant (PC), Ashik Chand (PC), Christine Meads (SHGC), Ann Leach (IDPL), Ingrid Rinsma (HHS), Craig Wilson (HHS), Tess Hastie (SPC), Janet Sukias (HCS), Mark Plant (SJC), Lyn Brassington (HFHS), Deb Leong (HGHS), Velma Murphy (Dio), Pam Fisher (TAC), Saia Sisitoutai (HC)

Apologies: Judy Bailey, Coleen Nolan, Jenny Holland, Bethany de Malmanche

Welcome all to our first meeting for 2012 (Allen Cant holding Chair).

Minutes of last meeting:

24th November 2011 – given all present were in receipt of - Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved:

Seconded: Chair

Carried

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: Nil

Professional Development:

Deb talked about PD and asked for contributions for these – It was suggested we investigate visiting Auckland for their Stats PD days held on Saturdays for term 3 PD. Discussion was held on the next PD session (term 2) – date to be confirmed. Contact could be done via Lyn to NZAMT.

Scholarship Days were raised by Ingrid, 28/9 August have been confirmed as detailed in minutes of last meeting.

NZAMT Report from Lyn. She talked about of the Maths Camp held at St Peters over the Xmas break. There are tentative dates for this camp 2013 as 14th – 17th January (Mon – Thurs at St Peters) It was

mentioned that some had already made vacation plans before they were aware of this event for 2012.

Concern was raised at the possible lack of support for NCEA Level Three changes/realignment due to the seeming lack of Advisors this year.. Deb suggested that a letter can be sent from WMA outlining the concerns of the WMA to the ministry.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer: Balance currently \$1001.43 plus \$13 245.42 on term deposit.

Treasurer said WMA application for a WEL grant of \$1000 was declined – indicated he may investigate to find reasons for its decline. It was raised that this money went towards the running of the annual Waimaths Competition. Treasurer may investigate other areas where sponsorship could be found.

Subscriptions are due now. Invoice to be sent out shortly. (Note from minutes of last meeting, these have increased slightly)

Areas of Discussion:

Allen spoke of his need to stand down from Presidency of WMA (for personal reasons) stating this would be his last meeting as that. Allen's resignation was reluctantly accepted. Ann spoke in support of Allen and gave thanks on behalf of WMA for his work and commitment.

Allen mentioned he has authored three text books that will be available midyear. On discussion with Allen these books could be useful for our students who are working on a portfolio demonstrating skills to meet the numeracy requirements for NCEA L1. Keep your eyes open for these.

Allen asked for a volunteer to fill his place.

There was discussion on this issue as the future of WMA could be in jeopardy if it were not for the dedication and passion of committee members.

Ann offered to fill the role for one year (only) with the idea of mentoring a successor for 2013. Ingrid accepted with the view of Presidency and asked if there could be some assistance with Scholarship Days held later in the year.

All thankful to Ann for offering. Deb officially nominated Ann.

Moved: Deb
Seconded: Chair
Carried

Discussion was raised on the need to have a Vice President for the Association. It was decided Ingrid would fill this role.

Moved: Allan
Seconded: Mark
Carried

Ann would like to “advertise” for assistance with Scholarship Days. If anyone is able to assist with these days please contact Ann.

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:04 PM.

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