

**JAMBOREE HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL
HEALTH MEETING 03-03-08**

Minutes from Health Committee Meeting on Monday 3rd March 2008

Attendance

Nicole O'Brien
Louise Ruzic
Tricia Elgar
Irene Harmon
Kelley Taaffe

Committee/Interests

P & C Secretary
WSB Co-ordinator

Apologies

General Meeting Opened

09:30 am

Nicole O'Brien

Welcome to Health Committee.

Main aims of the committee discussed as being supporting parents, education of the community and policy development if required.

Brief discussion on OSHC policy needs regarding anaphylaxis and other illnesses.

Introduction of members, signing of P & C registers.

General discussions regarding the following topics:

- Parents don't seem to understand that anaphylaxis and other conditions such as diabetes and asthma can be fatal in under 1 minute if not treated correctly.
- Previous issues with admin staff not having the knowledge or policies to assist them in dealing with serious health issues
- Current issues with inability to exclude food completely, and the problems that not all health issues are the same and no solution will fit all children
- Banning vs requesting – generally not good, for the general community, as well as the child as they need to integrate into society and self-monitor.
- Anaphylaxis area for eating – suggestion that perhaps an area for children who bring the allergen food, not the allergic children, but this cant be expected to be supervised, maybe an independence and awareness thing
- General feeling is that the school policy and handling of the health issues is good, but an easier system could be created.
- Education was provided to classrooms the previous 2 years, but was not noted this year – needs to be conducted every year, every class room
- Look at videos for primary school age
- Request for health issues to be an item on assembly once a term
- Suggestion for a demonstration to show all children what to do in any kind of emergency situation – anaphylaxis, diabetes, head injury etc
- Need to use charity weeks to involve school and educate the students
- Agreement with the simple policy for each parent to provide the plan for their child and work with the admin/teacher so everyone is informed and comfortable with the plan – the 1 page info with a photo needs to be in any classroom they go to, the tuckshop and the office

AGM COMMENCE

10.00am

Nicole O'Brien

All positions officially declared open.

Request for nominations for President.

Tricia Elgar was nominated for President by Louise Ruzic.

Seconded by Nicole O'Brien.

No other nominations.

Tricia Elgar declared elected as President.

Request for nominations for Secretary.
Nicole O'Brien nominated by Tricia Elgar
Seconded by Louise Ruzic
No other nominations.
Nicole O'Brien declared elected as Secretary.

Request for nominations for Treasurer.
Kelley Taaffe nominated by Irene Harmon
Seconded by Louise Ruzic
No other nominations
Kelley Taaffe declared elected as Treasurer.

AGM CLOSE 10:10 am Nicole O'Brien

General Meeting Resumed 10:10 am Nicole O'Brien

General discussions regarding the following topics:

- Noted that the committee is now a place for parents to bring suggestions and complaints and we can either deal with it, or recommend it go to the P & C general.
- Teachers need more support as the onus is on them to look after these children and it can be a scary thing
- Need to note in the newsletter that the committee has formed, need to keep notices positive, we need to advertise events etc
- Need to look into Healthy Choices options for this committee to take it on, and look at other health issues such as obesity etc
- Note to thank Maryanne for her diligence in the tuckshop

Meeting Closed 10:30 Nicole O'Brien

Next Meeting Term 2 TBA