

Minutes GAT Support Committee

Date: 7:00pm, Monday 12th February 2018

1. Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:10am. Rosanna welcomed new and returning attendees, gave a brief history of the GAT committee, and ran through our terms of reference.

2. P&C Membership

P&C Membership requirements explained. Membership forms distributed.

3. Attendance

Rosanna Fanciulli, Terena Semler, Tina Ho, Louise Chapman, Darren Thompson, Jocelyn Gopalakrishnan, Gopal Ponnusamy, Lesley Street, Bradley Spurgo, Ben Hermann, Anja Hermann, Lucy Ewing, Shirley Ho, Shalini Malik, Ankur Malik, Krishna Raj, Kausalya Krishna.

4. Apologies

Apologies from Rebecca Streeton, Mariska van Waaijenburg, Indika Nandasinghe.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes previous meeting Accepted with amendments to point 6. Dates should have read:

15th February 2018 – Year 7 Parent Staff BBQ

15-25th May 2018 - NAPLAN

Motioned: Terena, Seconded: Darren. Motion Passed

6. Elections of committee members

All positions declared vacant and nominations sought for committee positions.

6.1 Convener. Self-nominated by Rosanna, Seconded by Lucy. Passed

6.2 Secretary. Darren nominated by Lesley, Seconded by Lesley. Passed

6.3 Treasurer. Tina nominated by Krishna, Seconded by Rosanna. Passed

6.4 GAT Co-ordinator. School nominated GAT Co-ordinator Louise Chapman.

6.5 General Committee members

a) Self-nominated by Brad, Seconded Darren. Passed

b) Self-nominated by Anja, Seconded Terena. Passed

c) Self-nominated Ankur, Seconded Darren. Passed

d) Self-nominated Terena, Seconded Lucy. Passed

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 7.1 Ref 5.3.a Previous Minutes GAT Club – LPSG and GSC to jointly assist with GAT club events as required.
- 7.2 Louise explained GAT club to members of meeting attendees. Once a term event for GAT students across all years.
- 7.3 Rosanna explained that the P&C President has suggested that ‘seed funding’ be made available to our new GAT sub-committee, to help us get things off the ground. Funds can go towards upfront costs for fundraising events. We will need to apply to the P&C Committee.
- 7.4 Methods of fundraising. In an effort to keep meeting on schedule, it was decided to canvass for fundraising ideas via email.
- 7.5 Fundraising goals – where to direct money.
Previous ideas submitted by Math, English, Science and Language teachers - Lego Mindstorm Robotics, Incursions, Excursions, Maths Resources, GAT Language Scholarships. Lesley suggested start small to get runs on the board.

Lesley informed us that a ‘GAT Alumni’ may be formed – possible beneficiary. Lesley aims to re-unite Yr 11s once a semester for a cultural event. We may be able to help subsidise this. Costs could be distributed such that the school, parent and GAT Committee pay one third each.
- 7.6 Lesley reminded parents of the Year 7 BBQ coming this week and encouraged all Year 7s to attend. Rosanna and Terena will be speaking at BBQ in regards to GAT and Languages committees.
All parents were also encouraged to contact the school with any concerns or queries they may have. Feedback is encouraged. GAT parents can contact Louise via louise.chapman@education.wa.edu.au

8. New Business

- 8.1 Convener much of it covered above – Input from Principal, GAT Club, GAT Alumni, GAT Newsletter – parent support for gifted students.
- 8.2 LPSG & GAT joint meetings. LPSG and GAT will be scheduling a joint meeting, once a semester. Primary purpose is to identify areas where we can work collaboratively and where conflict may occur. The LPSG has suggested this can be quite relaxed, over coffee. Executive to organise, others welcome. Lesley would be happy to attend such meetings if the committees wish – ideally at the school.

9. Reports

- 9.1 Gifted and Talented Education Co-ordinator
Louise presented her written report. (see attached)
 - Debating is starting soon. Open to yr 7 – 12. Great for of extension
 - Visible Learning. School is implementing the ‘Visible Learning’ program to all yr 7 & 10 students, and all GAT students.

- Parents as guest speakers. The school is seeking guest speakers from industry professionals to share information about the profession/specialty with students in the classroom Science/Maths/History/Geography/Economics. Please contact Louise if you are able to assist. Louise.chapman@education.wa.edu.au
- GAT Club 1. Term 1, 23rd March. All Yr7-10 GAT students looking at going to a Chinese Restaurant.
- Middle School assembly. Term 1, 5th April. ALL New GAT students (Yr 7,9&10) will be presented with GAT Language Badges at assembly. Parents are invited to attend.

9.2 Language Teachers' Report

A written general languages report was presented by Louise (see attached)

- The idea of a scholarship for Italian / Chinese GAT students was raised by Lesley. Does not need to be significant. As per Pt 7.5.
- Lesley suggested fund raising events - Italian Master Chef night, wine and cheese night.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 14th March 2018.

Louise will be on leave, Lesley has offered to sit in for the GAT Co-ordinator for this meeting.

11. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Appendix / Attachments

Teacher's Report

Debating

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Steve Raphael coordinates Debating year 7-12

Debating is a form of extension.

Competitions occur on Tuesday or Wednesday nights.

Our school competes with other schools.

This mainly takes place at Perth College.

Debating meetings at school will take place on Tuesdays at 7.45am.

Teams need to be registered by the end of this week.

This is suitable for committed students who want to challenge themselves and are passionate about participating.

Visible Learning

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Nicola Messervy coordinates Visible Learning.

This is a program in the school that is about students reflecting on how to become a good learner. What skills does a good learner have? How can they improve these skills? This year all year 7 and 10 students and all year 8 and 9 GAT students will participate in the program. The school's focus areas are learning goals, success criteria and feedback.

Parents as guest speakers

Teachers are looking for parents as ambassadors for their profession to be a guest speaker in a Science, Maths, English or History/Geography/Economics classroom.

Are you interested in sharing your profession and specialty area with students?

Please contact Louise Chapman if you can assist.

Louise.Chapman@education.wa.edu.au

GAT Club 1

Term 1 - 23rd March

All year 7-10 GAT students

We are looking at going to a Chinese Restaurant.

Louise Chapman

Middle School Assembly

Term 1 - 5th April (Period 1)

All year 7 GAT students and new year 9 and 10 GAT students will be presented with their GAT Languages badge to welcome them into the GAT Program at MLSHS. Parents are invited to attend.

Louise Chapman

All Languages

Languages and Music Soirée
on Wednesday 21st March
at 6-7.30pm
in the Tricycle Theatre

All year 7-12 language and music students and parents are invited to attend this event to meet and have a chat with your child's Language and Music teacher.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Italian

[Louise Chapman/ Louise.Chapman@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Louise.Chapman@education.wa.edu.au)

Term 1

Italian – for year 10 and 11 students

Two year 11 students have just returned from their Italian exchange and loved their experience. One student was in Parma and the other in Rome.

They lived with an Italian family and attended school as well.

At the moment two year 10s are participating in Italian Exchange Program. They will host an Italian student for 9 weeks and then they will go to Italy at the end of the year. This is a WAATI/Intercultura Exchange Program.

The Italy Tour is being held this year from 12 April until 29 April for year 10 and 11 Italian students.

We are looking for families to host an Italian Assistant for one term. The assistant attends university in Italy and one assistant will come in term 2 and one in term 3 if we can find families to host them. The assistant helps out in Italian classes.

Applications close mid February for to host in Term 2. Please contact Louise Chapman if you are interested.

[Sonia Hatzis / Gifted and Talented sonia.hatzis@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sonia.hatzis@education.wa.edu.au)

GAT Year 9 & 10 OzCLO Competition for Chinese and Italian students on 7th March.

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad.

OzCLO is a contest for high school students. It challenges them to develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages.

- share teacher expertise statewide across primary and secondary schools to provide language programs within and across networks;
- build system capacity to meet the needs of schools that don't have a language program by brokering access to a language teacher either face-to-face or online;
- provide advice and support for inexperienced language teachers;
- support language pathways between primary and secondary schools;
- provide advice for school leadership teams; and
- build community links and partnerships to enhance and embed language programs.

Sonia would like to ask if the parent body could come on board to support me with any endeavours I have to fulfil my role.

The first is the 'Primary School Parent Languages Information Evening' for the 3 of the languages that we teach – Japanese, French and Korean

This night is scheduled for Thursday 15th March 6:30-7:30pm. On the night we plan to invite Primary School parents (info will go out via primary school Newsletters/ a Flyer) and our main aim is to plug the languages that exist within our Hub and really highlight to parents the benefits of learning one of these 3 languages.

Year 9 and 10 GAT students will be involved in OZCLO on Monday 7th March (for some reason this was left off the calendar) – still recruiting students at this stage.

French

Claire Long /claire.long@education.wa.edu.au

Ms Claire Long will be planning to take Year 11/12 French students to see a screening of the film Orchestra Class - It is planning to be on Friday 16/3

Korean

There will be a Korean incursion for Korean language students of Year 7 to 9 in June. Korean language students will be participating in a cooking class and martial art class to experience Korean culture.

The following students will be receiving Korean scholarships during the Whole School assembly on Friday this week. The recipients are as follows:

Year 8 Vanisha MaCane

Year 11 Charlie Britton

Year 12 Shina Jones won 4th place in the 2017 National Korean Culture Performance Contest. She will be representing WA again this year in the 2018 National Korean Culture Performance Contest.

Year 11 Charlie Britton won the Choonpa Korean Literacy Award last year.

Japanese

From the 25th of March to 31st of March, MLSHS will be hosting 15 Japanese exchange students from Japan. They are from different part of Japan. Jaeik is looking for host families to look after the students for one week. Host families will be receiving a small amount of money as a host family fee.

2 Year 11 Japanese students will be receiving scholarships from Gold Intercultural Learning. The scholarships are 2 \$250 cheques and the scholarships will be given to one VET and one ATAR student of Japanese language courses.