

GAT Meeting Minutes

7:00pm Wednesday 16th May 2018

1 Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened 7:03pm. No apologies noted.

2 Attendance

Rosanna, Terena, Darren, Louise Chapman, Tina, Bradley, Anja.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting accepted. Darren, Tina

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Lazer Blaze

Rosanna reported briefly on Lazer Blaze. It sold out and raised \$1676.35. It was a great event which not only raised funds but provided an opportunity for parents and students to socialise. Thanks to Tina, Jocelyn and Rosanna for organising event. Louise thanked the committee on behalf of the school.

Lazer Blaze has invited us to do another event in the future and may be able to waive the deposit requirements. Rosanna is putting together a project document which should make the next event simpler to organise.

Rosanna put forward a motion to rebook Lazer Blaze now for same time next year (1st Sunday, Term 1 holidays). Seconded by Bradley. Motion passed.

4.2 Lazer Blaze Expense Reimbursements

Darren put forward a motion to retrospectively approve reimbursements of expenses associated with Lazer Blaze event totalling \$802.23. Reimbursements were made from cash collected from ticket sales, so no cheques need to be drawn. Tina has all documents relating to costs and income from the event. Motion seconded by Anja. Motion Passed.

4.3 Bank Problems

There have been issues with access to the committees account details. A change of signatories and banking systems resulted in Tina (Treasurer) being unable to access the system. This was problematic whilst accounting for ticket direct deposits during the Lazer Blaze event. This is still not sorted. ACTION: Rosanna or Tina will bring up at next general meeting of the P&C.

4.4 Joint LPSG/GAT Cake Stall

GAT and LPSG jointly ran a cake stall at the careers expo/parent teacher interview day. \$133.40 was raised (each). Terena thanked the GAT committee

on behalf of LPSG and informed the committee that LPSG sees this as a recurring joint event.

Anja reported issues with dropping food off on the day for the cake stall. Her daughter was turned away. There would seem to have been a miscommunication. This was noted, and efforts will be made to make the drop off point and recipients clearer in future.

4.5 Music Languages Soiree

Rosanna reported that the soiree went well. The colour dots used to help identify music/gat/language parents was a good idea, and should be used in future events, although a better method of distribution would be helpful – perhaps enlist students to assist.

Some feedback was given. Lighting was poor and should be looked at by the school for future events. Scheduling was also an issue as Chinese language students had a meeting at the same time which resulted in low numbers until they were able to join. ACTION: Louise take feedback back to department.

4.6 Language Expo

Language expo will need help in week 8. The Principal raised this at the joint LPSG/GAT Committee meeting in Term 1. School organisers to contact GAT Committee regarding help required.

Language Parent Information Night – LPSG would like us to participate. However, last year we were informed that one committee cannot ask another to participate in school-run events, only the school can ask us. We are very happy to be involved, we just need a school request.

ACTION: Louise will contact school organisers to ensure we are given details and invited to participate.

4.7 Scholarships

Awaiting feedback from Principal Lesley Street. Held over till next meeting.

4.8 GAT Photos

Lesley contacted Rosanna to let us know that she was able to organise whole of GAT class photos with the school photographer. A great outcome. The committee expressed its thanks to Lesley, Louise and Anne for organising this.

5 New Business

5.1 Quiz Night

Brad raised quiz night. Discussion: GAT parents v. students or general fund raiser, venue, price, quizmaster and further considerations. Date? ACTION: Rosanna to send letter of thanks for donation. ACTION: Louise to check school calendar. Brad to check community calendar.

5.2 Seed Funding

John Pryor has obtained P&C pre-approval to lend us \$1,000 as seed funding for any future event. Process outlined.

5.3 Voluntary Contributions

John Pryor has suggested that we request a voluntary contribution be added to the schools' charges for the GAT Committee. Louise suggested this would be very helpful for GAT extension needs in MESH subjects. It would need to be presented to P&C Committee, then Principal.

5.4 School Uniforms

Discussion on the design/quality of school jackets. Piping on the sleeves wears out prematurely on the shoulders. They do not last the year. This is caused by school bags and is exacerbated by students having no lockers, and thus having to carry school bags at all times. Length of school skirts and the lack of alternatives being offered. Skorts are an example of an alternative. ACTION: Rosanna to take to general P&C

5.5 Self Defence Class for Girls

Tina raised the possibility of self-defence classes for girls. An early idea which needs to be fleshed out. Other options. Community service? School fund raiser? ACTION: Tina to draft a proposal. Further action can be investigated based on this.

6 Reports

6.1 Treasurers report

Tina submitted a written treasurers report as attached to these minutes.

6.2 GAT Education Coordinator Report

Louise submitted a written teacher report as attached to these minutes.

6.3 Language Teachers Report

New teacher Lesley Lui is settling in well. China tour went well. Jaeik has 20 Japanese students coming which will be looking for host families

7 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held 7:00pm Wednesday 13th June 2018

8 Meeting Closed

Meeting Closed at 8:37pm

TREASURERS REPORT

GAT SUPPORT COMMITTEE - CASH BOOK, BANK RECONCILIATION, AVAILABLE FUNDS

Date this report 16/05/2018

Date last report 27/11/2017

CASH BOOK

Cash book opening balance

27/11/2017 270.00

Add: Deposits

Memberships

Language and GAT cake stall

Fundraising - Lazer Blaze & Foodstall

133.40

1,676.35

Total Deposits

2,079.75

Less: cheques drawn

Chq #

Total Cheques

0.00

Cash book balance as at

16/05/2018 2,079.75

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank balance as at

16/05/2018

Add: Outstanding deposits		0.00
Total Outstanding deposits		<u>0.00</u>
Deduct: Unpresented cheques	Chq #	
Total Unpresented cheques		<u>0.00</u>
Adjusted balance (agrees with cash book)		<u>0.00</u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS		
Cash book balance as at	16/05/2018	2,079.75
Less: Committed funds	Motion #	
Total Committed funds		<u>0.00</u>
Available Funds		<u>2,079.75</u>

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Teacher's Report

Year 7 and 8 GAT Maths

Michelle Lee (year 7 & 8 GAT maths teacher)

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Here is a list of things we have coming up in Maths:

23 May APSMO Olympiad – First of a Maths Problem Solving competition

Year 7 & 8

The Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) is a not-for-profit, professional organisation that offers a range of mathematical competitions for students aged from around eight to 14. The programs are unique in that they focus on the students' ability to solve mathematical problems in a creative manner - as opposed to simply reaching a solution using a prescribed method.

The APSMO Maths Olympiad has been operating in primary schools since 1987 and in high schools since 2003. Each year thousands of schools participate in the competition from around Australia and New Zealand.

Group Projects

Year 8 – happening at the moment

"Bringing the Real World into Maths' issues/investigations. Students have chosen to present topics of personal interest to them, such as design, conducting surveys, algorithms, Global Education, inquiry-based units on modelling motion, statistics, probability.

Engineers Without Borders

We are exploring the opportunity to have 'Engineers Without Borders' conduct STEM workshops again this year.

The STEM workshops – should be year 7 & 8 and they will be either the end of this term or early next term, depending on when the engineering students are available.

ICAS and AMC Competitions

Year 7 & 8

These competitions will be held over the next few months.

Help needed

I would like to run a session on how Maths is used in various careers. Guest speakers could be parents, family members, past students or members of the community who are prepared to speak to a group or class of students about their careers. We have had Engineers and astrologists as guest speakers in the past.

Year 8 GAT English
Madeleine Thomson (year 8 GAT English teacher)
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Hetty Verolme – Holocaust survivor guest speaker

Year 8 GAT students

A Holocaust survivor, Hetty Verolme came in the speak to the class about her experiences. The class had been studying two other novels on the topic and then wrote an analytical essay on a novel of their choice.

ASI Big Science competition

Year 9 & 10 students

9th – 16th May

Richard Meagher

Richard.Meagher@education.wa.edu.au's a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical thinking and problem solving skills, not just factual recall.

Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable and interesting. Competition questions in the Big Science Competition are aligned with the Australian Science Curriculum.

Italy and China Tour

Both tours went well and students had a great time.

Kapture Photos

GAT year 7 – 10

GAT year group photos were taken on April 10th with Chinese and Italian combined. Photos should be ready to order soon through Kapture Photography.

Upcoming events

Languages

Grace Costa – Languages Program Coordinator

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Year 10 Languages Parent Information Evening

Information about year 11 and 12 languages

Tuesday 22nd May 6.30-8pm

GAT Club 2

Languages

Louise Chapman – Italian GAT teacher and GAT coordinator

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Lesley Liu – Chinese GAT teacher

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Year 7-10 Italian and Chinese students

Friday 25th May 11.30-2.15pm

Italian GAT students will be going to the Art Gallery of WA to participate in a guided tour of the Corsini Collection a private art collection of one of Florence's most eminent families.

Featuring Renaissance and Baroque paintings by Italian artists such as Botticelli, Tintoretto, Caravaggio and Pontormo.

Leaving the city, it's called home for 500 years, this is the first time this collection has toured outside Italy and will be the only showing in Australia.

Chinese GAT students will be having an incursion with a Chinese Lion dance and Lion dance workshop and Kung Fu demonstration and Kung Fu workshop.

Science ICAS competition

Richard Meagher – Science Senior School teacher

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Year 7-12 - Voluntary competition

29th May

Languages Expo

Grace Costa – Languages Program Coordinator

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Friday 22nd June 1-3pm

Year 11 GAT excursion

Louise Chapman – Italian GAT teacher and GAT coordinator

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The purpose of the year 11 GAT excursion is to reunite the year 11 GAT group and to maintain their GAT peer network. The GAT Languages Program finishes in year 10 at MLSHS. This is an initiative by Principal Lesley Street.

On 14th June 3.00-5.15pm students will be invited to the Art Gallery of WA to participate in a guided tour of the Corsini Collection, a private art collection of one of Florence's most eminent families.

The school will pay for transport via bus to and from school and for admission into the Art Gallery of WA to view the Corsini Collection.