

# Minutes GAT Support Committee

Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 1. Attendance

Rosanna Fanciulli, Terena Semler, Tina Ho, Louise Chapman, Darren Thompson, Carol Flannery, Jocelyn Gopalakrishnan, Gopal Ponnusamy, John Pryor.

## 2. Welcome & Apologies

Rosanna opened meeting at 7:10am and welcome new and returning attendees.

## 3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes previous meeting Accepted. Motioned: Darren, Seconded: Louise

## 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 **GAT Committee meetings on calendar for 2018.** Darren confirmed dates for next year with John Pryor and Michael Camilleri – all sorted.

4.2 **Communications – GAT Communities.** Deferred

## 5. New Business

### 5.1 Outcomes of the Terms of Reference Meeting

#### a) **Our Purpose**

Rosanna filled committee in on outcomes from joint meeting with LPSG, P&C President, Principal and Vice Principal regarding GAT committee ToR and possible overlaps/conflicts with LPSG committee.

Meeting outcome was that we progress with ToR as they stand.

#### b) **Relationship with Languages Committee**

- a. Once a semester there will be a joint meeting between LPSG & GAT committees
- b. GAT and LPSG commit to contact each other if issues should arise, no need to escalate unless resolution cannot be reached.
- c. Confirmation sought from GAT coordinator that they are able to support ToR as they stand. Confirmed.
- d. Rosanna offered for the GAT Committee to assist LPSG with Languages Soiree, as a sign of mutual support. Louise advised it is a school run event organised by Languages Dept. We would need to be invited to assist by the school. Louise to speak with Grace.
- e. Can GAT have own soiree? As a school event, would need to be cleared by school/staff. Louise will speak with Michael White.
- f. Alternative suggested, maybe possible for AGM to be part formal and informal so parents can meet, perhaps staff also – “mini” soiree? John Pryor suggested clear distinction between social and formal part of proceedings. Formal first.

- c) **How do we get support?**
  - a. Social media was suggested as being imperative for parent contact and getting more parent support. Kids are in contact via iMessage. Perhaps a parent rep from each year group if possible to keep committee abreast of what's going on.
  - b. Discussion about profile of GAT. It seems the school doesn't not recognise students as GAT once year 10 is finished. Not much recognition of the GAT program generally. For example, if a GAT student achieves, only noted as a student, NOT a GAT student. Need to follow up with school/board on getting greater recognition of the GAT program both in the school and out of the school, as this is a priority for the GAT Office. The GAT Program is obviously successful based on student achievements, so why not promote it? Informed by Louise that there is a year10 -> Year 11 scholarship for GAT student.

## 5.2 Communications

- a) **GAT families** (covered in 5.1.c)
- b) **GAT school community**  
Should be improved in 2018 with expected new parents on committee.  
Suggested meet with GAT coordinator to get more information.  
AE/GAT expo was via new teacher, thus little advanced information.  
John Pryor requested that all communications to school principal go through him.  
Endeavour to get Agenda out in advance. As always, items for the agenda are welcome. Will encourage people to put forward ideas.

## 5.3 Functions

- a) **Support for students and families.**  
Suggested: GAT Parent info evening – perhaps with a guest speaker from GiftedWA, check with Anne Magee on previous speaker
- b) **Support for Teachers**  
GAT club support. LPSG has asked GAT Committee to take over. Will discuss logistics when meet with LPSG committee for a coffee. Louise unsure GAT committee can take over as Language Department had requested LPSG support and not GAT committee support. Will follow up.
  - i. **Fundraising Methods** – holdover
  - ii. **Seed Funding.**  
Rosanna informed committee that John Pryor has suggested that the P&C could allocate an amount of funding to the GAT committee as “seed funding” to allow us to get started sooner. Thanks to the P&C for their offer.
- c) **Extension Opportunities for GAT student**  
Is there much extension beyond GAT Club and extra language lesson? Esp during integrated studies?

DT informed of “Robogals”, a group made up of UWA Engineering students. They offer free onsite introductory robotics course using the Lego Mindstorm robotics sets. These kits were one of the suggested expenditure items put to the GAT committee early in the year. They also offer information sessions on engineering

designed to motivate students etc. Louise thinks they may have already had a session at the school this year.

Louise informed us that there are NAPLAN prep sessions and career planning/information programs in place.

Gopal suggested the Aurecon Bridge Building Competition which is a reasonably new initiative, currently only a few school taking part.

<http://buildingbridges.aurecongroup.com>

## 6. Reports

- **GAT Coordinator**

GAT committee have been invited by Anne Tumak to the year 7 GAT/AE Innovation Expo on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 9 English Teacher Rebecca Davies suggested that we try and get GAT alumni in to speak with students regarding career and professions. Perhaps GAT parent may also be able to speak.

Louise provided the committee with a number of significant dates for 2018 which may be of interest to GAT parents, or where GAT committee assistance may be sought, or even provide an opportunity for fundraising.

7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 6-7 Transition Day

11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 – Applications from year 6,8,9 for GAT entry closes

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Year 7 Parent/Staff BBQ

21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 – Year 10 Parent/Staff BBQ

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Photo Day

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – Progress Day/Careers Expo

15-22 May 2018 – NAPLAN

29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – ICASS Competitions Computer Science

- **Treasurer** - Submitted Written Financial Report
- **LPSG** - No Report from LPSG due to time

## 7. Next Meeting

Next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (Changed from 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb due to Valentine's Day) AGM. Suggest bring a small plate, have quick AGM, then social gathering.

## 8. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.