

# Minutes GAT Support Committee

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

## 1. Attendance

Rosanna Fanciulli, Terena Semmler, Louise Chapman, Darren Thompson, Tina Ho, Michael Collier.

## 2. Welcome & Apologies

Rosanna opened the meeting. Apologies were noted from Tao Guo & Michael White.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted by Terena Semmler, Seconded Darren Thompson

## 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

### 4.1. Election of General Committee Members

It was noted that the election process was not carried out correctly for a number of proposed committee members and that a re-election process would be needed. Rosanna Fanciulli contacted relevant members directly to inform them that they would need to re-nominate. No previously nominated members chose to re-nominate.

With the current committee, we have enough people to go ahead, indeed it will make it easier to have a quorum with fewer numbers. No need to follow up for more members at this stage.

Current committee stands at: Rosanna Fanciulli (Convener), Darren Thompson (Secretary), Tina Ho (Treasurer), Louise Chapman (GAT Coordinator) & Terena Semmler (General Member and LPSG Liaison).

### 4.2. Define Scope of GAT Committee

Discussion was held on the scope of the GAT committee. Previous to the meeting Rosanna Fanciulli sought clarification from Principal Michael Camilleri and reported the feedback was positive and to follow our terms of reference.

GAT class refers to all students in the GAT class as put together by the school.

GAT student refers to students who entered the Gifted and Talented program at Mt Lawley SHS via the Education Department's Gifted and Talented Academic Selective Entrance Test.

Discussion ensued on how non-GAT students in the GAT classes would be affected. Using TOR as a guide it was noted that the committee was not formed to support students who are not part of the GAT program. This does not mean non-GAT students would be excluded from partaking in events or using resources.

To a large extent, participation will depend on how far GAT Committee funds can extend. That largely depends on the total number of participants involved. The number of non-GAT

students involved in GAT class activities is determined by the school. As such, it was suggested that one path forward may be that the school or parents may wish to supplement the funds raised by the GAT Committee to help accommodate non-GAT students.

In conclusion, it was felt that there were too many scenarios to document a process for non-GAT students and as such funding for non-GAT students would be on a case by case basis.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. Committee Events

Tina informed the committee that all events need to be approved by the P&C. It was suggested to simplify the process, that we compile a list for events for the year and they can be all approved at once.

### 5.2. Reporting to the P&C

We need to report to the P&C. This can be done verbally via a P&C representative from our committee or via a submitted written report. It was decided that a fixed role was not needed and that either any member of the GAT committee can attend to provide a report, or a written report will be supplied

### 5.3. GAT Committee Website

Rosanna informed the committee that John had updated the P&C website and information on our committee and past minutes are available there.

### 5.4. Social Event

The proposed social event did not go ahead. A combination of ill health and mixed responses made it too difficult to proceed with proposed dates. Idea put on hold, no planned future date at this stage.

### 5.5. Fundraising Ideas

There was some good discussion on fund raising ideas.

Tina started investigating the **Entertainment Book**. It seems no other group at the school has looked into or proceeded with this. It offers a good fundraising option with no outlay required. This was accepted as a something we would like to proceed with. Motion put forward by Rosanna and seconded by Louise. Tina to follow up.

It is understood that the books are valid from May to May, so need to move quick.

The idea of a school **quiz night** was put forward. This could be a main fundraising event for the committee. Suggested that we could organise in conjunction with another group such as languages and engage whole school as a school event similar to Art Auction.

Ideas: Involve students “smarter than an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader”. Parents vs Students. Go beyond trivia/sports – involved language/language rounds. Would need to start planning early – perhaps a term 1 event. Could time well with GAT orientation day in getting people on

board. Darren to collate ideas/follow up

A **Movie night** was proposed. It is understood that SVAPA and LPSG may also be doing this through Cinema Paradiso which is managed by a SVAPA/Languages parent. It was agreed that multiple movie nights should be well spread out. Terena to check dates. We will investigate which term is 'free' and if we can secure the venue.

#### 5.6. Expenditure Ideas

Terena suggested funding GAT staff to a 'Teacher Symposium' – there is one currently running which offers ideas and skills workshops that may be useful for our teachers. Idea was well received. Noted we probably need to get some funds before we look too far ahead. Also have list of ideas provided by Louise at previous meeting.

Darren suggested funding costs of Australian Maths Competition. Was decided that the low cost of this event, and the high numbers of students (All GAT) would result in high cost, low return. Funds better put where we can get more 'bang for buck'. All agreed.

#### 5.7. GAT photos

School photos came home this week. Noted that class photos are of form group only. Given the GAT students are in the same MESH classes for at least 3 years, Rosanna asked if a GAT photo could also be taken? Louise informed the committee that it is Susie Barnes that organises photos and we should contact her to organise if possible. Other special group photos are taken, and are available from the photographer's website. Rosanna to contact Susie Barnes

#### 5.8. GAT Mailing List

We have about 30 email addresses of GAT parents and interested parties. School is to supply P&C with contact details of all GAT families that have approved release of their details. Rosanna will contact John to see if this has yet been provided.

#### 5.9. Apologies to Jaeik

It is understood that Jaeik was not informed that the year 9 building would be free for an event he was hosting. The committee expressed their deep regret that this happened and wish to pass on our sincere apologies for putting Jaeik out. Terena will pass on our apologies in person.

## 6. Reports

#### 6.1. Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator

Louise Chapman reported that the finance application form for the GAT committee has been completed. John has uploaded to P&C website. Given we don't have a bank balance as yet; we will hold off on taking requests for funding until we do.

#### 6.2. Treasurers Report

Nothing to report. Nil incomings, outgoings, and nil balance. Tina has been learning the procedures and processes involved with being treasurer.

## 7. Next Meeting

Next committee meeting to be held: 7:00pm, Wednesday 2nd August 2017

## 8. Meeting Closed: 8:10pm