

Minutes GAT Support Committee

Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday 14th March 2018

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting Opened 7:08pm

2. Attendance

Rosanna Fanciulli, Terena Semmler, Darren Thompson, Tina Ho, Lesley Street, Jocelyn Gopalakrishnan, Gopal Ponnusamy, Bradley Spargo, Anja Hermann, Rajendra Shrestha, Sama Shrestha.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes accepted with amendments.

3.0 Spelling Bradley Spargo

6.2 Seconded by Terena

Moved: Bradley, Seconded Tina.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

4.1. Lazer Blaze

As per previous meeting, email discussion was conducted on fundraisers. Rosanna collated ideas. Tina suggested Lazer Blaze. Research was conducted. Rosanna circulated proposal/feasibility assessment prior to meeting.

- Agreed we should proceed with this fundraiser. The date will be Sunday, 15th April.
- Organisation – Tina, Rosanna. Lazer Blaze Liaison – Tina. Food - Jocelyn and Tina. Posters, Tickets, Marketing - Rosanna. Sales – Tina, Rosanna
- Target Population - It was determined we should target GAT families first, then open to whole school population. Family, siblings, friends welcome – not exclusive to students only.
- Can sell food – no BBQ supplied, suggested drinks & chips. To be organised via email.
- Ticket price to be \$25 for simplicity.
- How to sell? Can't sell through school. Therefore, contact Tina or Rosanna. Info to be put on flyers/posters. Payment options. Cash. Is direct deposit into GAT account also an option? Tina to follow up with P&C Treasurer.
- Need \$350 deposit to secure. 17 tickets sold to parents at meeting, deposit secured. Still need to secure balance of payment for venue hire.

4.2. Joint LPSG Meeting

Rosanna reported on joint GAT LPSG meeting.

- Both committees to hold joint cake stall on Parent-Teacher Meeting days.
- Both committees to have presence at Languages/Music Soiree on Wednesday 21st March – Coloured stickers will be distributed to denote which programs parents and teachers represent. This will facilitate engagement.
- GAT Committee to be active with Languages Expo later 2nd Term

4.3. Scholarships

Further discussion to be held over to next meeting. Lesley to report.

4.4. Aurecon Bridges

Gopal put forward information on an academic competition, Aurecon Bridges. Focus on STEM. Would be suitable for GAT and other students to participate in. Sponsoring company, Aurecon, suggests school have internal competition to choose teams to put forward in national competition. Information passed onto school. Received gratefully, need to be mindful of number of events. The principal raise with relevant staff.

4.5. GAT Photos

Photos of whole GAT class in addition to GAT Italian & GAT Chinese class photos were approved last year. Lesley will organise for Anne Tumak to take photos of whole GAT class later in the year. Discussion - disappointment we have not previously had full class photos. GAT now stays together as one class for MESH and specialist Language, so it would be good to get photos together.

5. New Business

5.1. LPSG/GAT Cake Stall

Cake stall at Careers Expo. Stall operates from 2:30 - 5:30 in 30 minutes shifts for volunteers. Please bring food on day or deliver to student services.

Rosanna to email GAT seeking donations/volunteers

5.2. Soiree

Music & Languages Soiree is on Wednesday March 21st. GAT Committee to represent specialist languages. In an effort to foster parent communication, a name badge/colour sticker code has been put forward to identify GAT/Languages/Music parents. Rosanna to email GAT parents seeking donations of food. Culturally relevant food appreciated, but not necessary.

5.3. Teacher Communications

Issue raised about lack of school/teacher communications regarding what students are doing in class. Suggested that concise information on syllabus provided to parents early in the term would assist keeping students on track and better enable parents to support them. Lesley was grateful for feedback. She explained school has technologies which help and that teachers must use it. The principal does have minimum expectations as to what the teachers will make available and will follow up. It was suggested that parents can contact teachers direct for unit/assessment outlines.

6. Reports

6.1 Lesley submitted a written GAT coordinator report. Please find attached.

6.2 Language Teachers Report

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting is 7:00pm, Wednesday 16th May 2018

8. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed 8:18pm

Attachment 1 GAT Coordinator Report

GAT Parent Committee

Teacher's report

14th March 2018

Science Club

Mrs Jones and Mrs Crabtree

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There is a year 7 and 8 science club commencing Wednesday 8th March. Students will be exploring rockets and robots. This will occur every Wednesday after school, places are limited – this notice was in the daily notices.

Science & Engineering Challenge

Mr Lee Payne

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Year 10 Science and Engineering Challenge on April 9th at the Claremont Showgrounds. The challenge is open to year 10 students who are interested in participating. It is a hands-on challenge where students build and problem solve in groups. It is a competition that promotes STEM.

An updated list of what kind of resources teachers would like funding for:

Science

Year 7 GAT

- Guest speakers
- Access to experts in the field

English

- Incursions
- Excursions (e.g. go to a play)
- Writing Competition funding (this also includes the Write A Book In A Day Competition)

HASS

- Incursions
- Excursions
- Year 9 GAT are entering a competition and producing a book. The funds will be for the printing/publishing of a book. Quotes are coming in under \$2000.

Maths

- Guest speakers (engineers, people using Maths in their work)

- Resources from the Mathematics Association that promote hands on activities and competitions – STEM activities/resources
- Resources from sites
- Maths competitions
- CSIRO resources
- Online learning tools e.g. Hotmaths (Cambridge) – for each student
- Collaboration with ECU
- Linking with Science funding/activities/excursions could also be an option