

# MINUTES GAT Support Committee

Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## 1 Welcome

### 1.1 Apologies

Anja

### 1.2 Attendance

Rosanna, Louise Chapman, Darren, Xavier, Tom, Vimol, Natalie, Pascal, Jim, Steve, Amanda

## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted by Darren, Seconded Amanda

## 3 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Covered in section 4

## 4 Committee Business

### 4.1 Social

#### *Parent Dinner*

After discussion, consensus was that a restaurant would not actually be all that social. A picnic was thought to provide more opportunity for socialising and be more accessible to more people.

Decided that a picnic would be held Midday on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at McCauley Park, Inglewood. We need to check council limitations and availability of toilets (are they re-opened after initial COVID closures?) Xavier to investigate.

This date ties in with being able to invite future GAT parents/students after their induction on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### 4.2 Fundraising Ideas

#### *Kyilla Market*

Caroline reported back via Steve that Kyilla markets is OK with us having a stall there with the caveat of it not being a food based stall. We just need to pick a date (wait for better weather) and type of stall.

Suggestions: Tombola, 'Pot your own Plant' were put forward. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book stall, guess lollies in jar.

Caroline was asked to put together a plan/proposal.

#### *Outdoor Movie*

Xavier suggest an outdoor movie night. Lots to check – council, school, providers. Need to balance between better weather, but not too late a sunset. Xavier to investigate further and report.

### *Bunnings Sausage Sizzle*

Have not heard back – original letter went to Morley, which has subsequently closed down. Will draft new letter to other store – Bayswater, Malaga, Osborne Park (does Bunnings 'Zone' organisations?) Natalie to follow up.

### 4.3 Other Business

#### *GAT Student Mentor System*

Xavier put forward the idea of a 'Big Brother' or 'Big Sister' type mentoring system for GAT students where a senior school student acts as a mentor/contact for junior students. Rosanna to follow up with school/principal/student services.

## 5 Reports

### 5.1 Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator

Louise presented written report as attached.

Nicola Messervy has requested we fund the purchase of a set of 32 clipboards for her class which will be used at a coming excursion. Motion put forward by Darren to approve expenditure up to \$100 for the purchase subject to standard request for funding documents being submitted. Seconded by Xavier with no objections. Motion passed.

Madeleine Thomson promotes reading time at the start of her classes for students and has provided her own books for students to use. These some have gone missing over time and Madeleine has put out a request for donation of middle school age novels to re-stock the class 'library'.

GAT committee to include this request in a future email to all GAT parents.

### 5.2 Treasurers Report

No change since last meeting.

## 6 Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd September 2020, 7:00PM

## 7 Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

## Motions

**20200812-5.1** -- Up to \$100 to purchase 32 classroom clipboards

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**Nicola Messervy – HASS teacher**

Nicola is planning a year 8 geography field work excursion to Floreat Beach to investigate erosion as change of a landscape.

Request from the GAT committee for some clipboards for the Geography excursion. A class set of 32 would be great. Nicola requires them before *Monday* 17<sup>th</sup> August. She could purchase them if the funding has been approved.

**Lesley Liu – Chinese teacher**

In Chinese we have a state speaking competition coming up and a couple of students from Y9 GAT are going to attend.

Y7 GAT Nathan Trinh participated in a SIDE Chinese resource filming session. The resource is developed by SIDE and will be available to all schools once completed.

**Michelle Lee – Maths teacher**

We ran the Australian Maths Comp last week for 7s and 8s.

Year 8 – volunteers for the Maths Talent Quest will be submitting their entries next week. They will be judged at the school level and worthy entries will be sent to the Maths Association of WA for state judging.

A Rewards Day excursion is planned for the Year 7s to Willetton Sports' Centre and the movies for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The Olympiad Competition continues this term.

Spending request from the GAT Committee:  
Australian Maths Competition Resource  
<https://shop.amt.edu.au/products/amc-2019-solutions>

**Madeleine Thomson – English Teacher**

Incursion held for year 7 GAT and AE classes on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

The incursion was fantastic! It was run by the Literature Centre and students analysed the original artworks from the picture book 'Home and Away' by John Marsden and Matt Ottley (nothing to do with the TV show). The school paid for it so the GAT/AE students were very privileged to have been given this opportunity.

A notice for parents:

I believe it is important to have a literature rich environment in the classroom to support and encourage readers. My students start most lessons with 5 minutes of silent reading which I find helps them to calm down and focus. Often, I have students

who forget to bring a novel or would like to try something new which is why I have a book shelf in my classroom. I have stocked it myself but books go missing sometimes and the shelf is looking pretty sparse these days. Could you please ask parents if they or their children have any middle school aged novels at home they would like to donate to the English room book shelf? If they have some books at home they don't want any more, their child could just bring them in to the classroom.

**Louise Chapman – Italian teacher/GAT Coordinator**

GAT Club 3

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 10.45am - 2.50pm

Going to UWA for a future students' presentation with a language studies focus and a campus tour.

**Year 11**

**Chinese**

**MOUNT LAWLEY SHS STUDENT SUCCESS IN NATIONAL CHINESE LANGUAGE COMPETITION.**

Source: Confucius Institute UWA.

'Congratulations to all the talented students from across Australia who took part in the Chinese Bridge competition we hosted on the weekend. Your enthusiasm showed how learning a language helps cross boundaries - even ones made necessary by COVID-19 travel restrictions!

On 8 August, 12 high school students from the ACT, NT, SA and WA took to Zoom to show off their Chinese speaking skills. If that wasn't challenging enough, they also completed a written general knowledge test in Chinese and submitted videos demonstrating their talents at Chinese singing, dancing, cooking, tea art and calligraphy.

The students were competing in the regional final of this year's Chinese Bridge (Hanyu Qiao) Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary Students, which took place online for the first time.....'

Suu Kyi along with 5 students from other states entered finals and now they go the to the next round of the competition.....

"The greatest power of language is that it allows us to unite with each other... to meet the challenges of facing unpredictable difficulties so that we can combine our efforts to build a better future world," CI Associate Director Fu Zheng said.

The Australian final of the competition will be hosted by the Confucius Institute at Charles Darwin University this weekend, with the global finals scheduled for later this year. Our very best wishes to all who take part!"

**MLSHS P & C ASSOCIATION**

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

Date this report 12/08/2020

Date last report 16/03/2020

**CASH BOOK**

<b>Cash book opening balance</b>	16/03/2020	3,941.15	
<b>Add: Deposits</b>			
Memberships			
Language and GAT cakestall			
Seed Funding P&C			
Fundraising - Lazer Blaze & Foodstall			
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<u>3,941.15</u>	
<b>Less: money drawn/cheques</b>	Chq #		
<b>Total Money drawn/Cheques</b>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Cash book balance as at</b>	12/08/2020		<u>3,941.15</u>

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

<b>Bank balance as at</b>	12/08/2020	3,941.15	
<b>Add: Outstanding deposits</b>			
<b>Total Outstanding deposits</b>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Deduct: Unpresented cheques</b>	Chq #		

Total Unpresented cheques

0.00

Adjusted balance (agrees with cash book)

3,941.15

**AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Cash book balance as at

12/08/2020

3,941.15

Less: Committed funds

Motion #

Total Committed funds

0.00

**Available Funds**

3,941.15