

**MINUTES LPSG Meeting:**  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**1. Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm

**2. Attendance:** Wayne, Yaolan, Rowena, Terena, Lesley Street, Lesley Liu, Renee Hill, Anne Tumak, Jaeik, Casey, Michelle, Jackie, Betty.

A Welcome was extended to all attendees, in particular the Principal, staff and new parents. P&C Membership forms circulated.

**3. Apologies:** Ali W., Catherine E.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Wayne moved as True and Correct – Terena seconded – carried.

**5. Treasurer Report:** See attached.

In addition:

At the last meeting it was agreed to spend 4 x \$25 (ie \$100) for Chinese Language Certificate Movie Vouchers. However, \$25 vouchers were difficult to source so 4 x \$30 were provided instead. Wayne moved an amendment to Motion #3 from last year's November meeting to allow the vouchers for the Chinese Certificates to be at a total value of \$120 rather than \$100 (see Motions List below). Yoalan Seconded – carried.

**6. Business Arising:**

**a. Chinese Language Certificates:** These were presented at last year's final Assembly. One award was presented to each of year 7 to 10 students for outstanding effort and enthusiasm, not necessarily for the best student. The Certificates were in the name of Anita Chong and Geoff Davis. LPSG received an appreciative thank-you email from Javier for his Certificate. The Scholarship sub-committee will include these Chinese Language Certificates in its planning this year – will return to LPSG with recommendations. Once finalised, these can be taken to the school for final review.

The Head Boy of 2016, William Tucker, tragically passed away last week. He was much loved, respected and touched the hearts of many. He also was a high achiever in Chinese as Second Language, having won several awards and a scholarship (which he was unfortunately unable to take advantage of). There was discussion about having a Certificate in Will's name. The school requested that we leave this for a little while, as there have been quite a few suggestions from various sources within the school.

This wait time allows the school time to consider the best way to honour William, and a respectful approach to the parents for them to consider.

- b. Year 6 Orientation 7<sup>th</sup> Dec last year.** Terena attended and collected about a dozen signatures from parents then sent a Welcome email beginning of the school year. There was not a lot of opportunity to discuss LPSG at this event as the Morning Tea plus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop needed all hands on deck!
- c. Year 7 Parent Welcome BBQ.** This is coming up Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. Wayne will speak to the parent group about LPSG. Rosanna (from GAT (Gifted and Talented) Committee) will also be there to speak to parents. Terena will also attend. **Wayne and Terena to action.**
- d. Wine Sale.** Approx. 15 cases sold end of last year. The profits provide extra funds for LPSG to have available. Usually 2 per year. The next Wine sale will be around Mothers' Day.
- e. LPSG / Language Staff communication.** The school will ensure Jaeik has information from all languages to update the LPSG at meetings, eg competitions coming up, events organised.

## 7. New Business

- a. LPSG /GAT interaction.** The two committees are committed to working together as much as possible, recognising that GAT Languages is an area of cross-over. Originally planned to share 1 meeting / semester but now think that having an additional meeting / semester which focuses on common ground would be more effective.
- b. Language Soiree.** This is to be held Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. This is an opportunity for Music and Language staff to come together with parents and students. Jaeik to provide Terena with information re the Soiree, and Terena to send this out. **Jaeik and Terena to action.**
- c. Language Expo.** The planning for this is starting soon by the Language Dept. It would be ideal to get some of the ideas the teachers have re this for the next meeting so LPSG can consider funding plus any assistance required.
- d. Fund Raising / LPSG Role.**

The success of last year's Cooking Class, socially, financially plus promoting to the wider Community was discussed. The assistance received from the Language Students was fantastic, and the event was very professionally run. Aim is to have a similar event this year: suggestions were French/Italian, Japanese, French Fusion Japanese, 5 dishes to represent the 5 Languages taught. To be discussed at next meeting.

With the attendance of some new parents and staff, there were a few questions regarding the aim of LPSG, and the fundraising and expenditure process. For further information parents (and staff!) can visit the P&C web-site and select "Languages"

([http://www.mlshspc.org.au/committee\\_lsc.html](http://www.mlshspc.org.au/committee_lsc.html) ) or email Terena (Secretary) [terena@hht.com.au](mailto:terena@hht.com.au). Details of the discussions are below.

Suggestion that a program is made for the year of fund-raising events and targets. This program can be discussed next meeting. It was raised that we are still a small committee and require a bit more parent participation to be able to take on some further activities. Possibly combining some fundraising with GAT, agreeing a % allocation split prior, would assist with this.

There was clarification that the funding from LPSG is for all 5 Languages taught at MLSHS, not just the GAT languages.

The purpose of raising money was asked. The goal of the group is to support teachers for all Languages across the school. The biggest annual event is the Language Expo. Funds provided by LPSG allow teachers to book items such as Sumo Wrestling and Chinese Lion Dancers. The Expo is a showcase of Languages and Culture (not limited to GAT languages). Feeder primary schools are invited to Language Expo.

Discussion re whether LPSG could provide extra funds to help cover costs for families of Language tours. However, if for example, LPSG funds \$100 / student for the Italian tour, that will add up to \$2,500 - \$3000, which is a significant portion of the LPSG funds. In the past LPSG funds have been used to add an extra tour, pay for a special lunch etc., thus enriching the tour experience.

LPSG also can provide teachers with funding for extra resources they are unable to get via the school / Education Dept. In the past, LPSG has funded items such as Language related books and games for the library.

LPSG also provides practical help as required, eg cooking assistance at Language Expo.

Discussion that it is important to nurture relationships with the Community, which can assist in funding Language based events and enriching students with Cultural opportunities.

**8. Teaching Report:** See attached.

In addition:

There will be an Italian and a Chinese tour this year. There are several exchange opportunities run by various organisations. Each year there is the Easter Camp which is a 2 week Chinese Language/tourist opportunity which is partly funded by Confucius Institute, parents pay for the airfare. The Shanghai International Friendship Camp also occurs annually. Parents only pay for airfare for the latter—this is usually limited to senior students.

Student Achievements:

Vanisha MaCane (Yr 8) - Korean Scholarship

Charlie Britton (yr11) – Korean Scholarship

Shina Jones (yr 12) – won 4<sup>th</sup> Place in 2017 National Korean Culture Performance Contest.

Charlie Britton (yr 11) – won Choonpa Korean Literacy Award in 2017.

Well Done!

**9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – includes AGM.

**10. Meeting Closed:** 8:35pm

### Motions

**1. Chinese Language Certificate Movie Vouchers Motion:**

**Original Motion:**

**Motion #3:**

LPSG present Chinese Language Certificates, 1 for year 7 to 10, for effort and enthusiasm, along with a Movie voucher of \$25 each, named the “Anita and Geoff Awards”.

**Amended Motion:**

**Motion #2018-01:**

The Chinese Language Certificate Movie vouchers to be to the total value of \$120 rather than \$100.

**MLSHS P & C ASSOCIATION  
LANGUAGE SUB-COMMITTEE - CASH BOOK, BANK RECONCILIATION  
& AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Date this report 6/02/2018

**CASH BOOK**

Cash book opening balance	3/07/2017		3,624.12
<b>Add: Deposits Cooking class fundraiser</b>			1,531.00
<b>Add: Deposits wine sales</b>			528.00
Total Deposits			<u>2,059.00</u>
<b>Less: cheques drawn</b>		Chq #	
Soiree reimbursment Mt Lawley School		0	500.00
Chef presented cooking class		31	945.00
Total Cheques			<u>1,445.00</u>
Cash book balance as at	6/02/2018		<u>4,238.12</u>

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

Bank balance as at	6/02/2018		5,183.12
Add: Outstanding deposits			0.00
Total Outstanding deposits			<u>0.00</u>
Deduct: Unpresented cheques			945.00
Total Unpresented cheques			<u>945.00</u>
Adjusted balance (agrees with cash book)	6/02/2018		<u>4,238.12</u>

**AVAILABLE FUNDS**

			4,238.12
Less: Committed funds		Motion #	
Language expo		1.00	2,100.00
Presented and paid commitments			-500.00
Total Committed funds to Soiree			<u>1,600.00</u>
Available Funds			<u>2,638.12</u>

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All Languages

Languages and Music Soirée  
on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
at 6-7.30pm  
in the Tricycle Theatre

All year 7-12 language and music students and parents are invited to attend this event to meet and have a chat with your child's Language and Music teacher.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

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Italian

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Term 1

Italian – for year 10 and 11 students

Two year 11 students have just returned from their Italian exchange and loved their experience. One student was in Parma and the other in Rome.

They lived with an Italian family and attended school as well.

At the moment two year 10s are participating in Italian Exchange Program. They will host an Italian student for 9 weeks and then they will go to Italy at the end of the year. This is a WAATI/Intercultura Exchange Program.

The Italy Tour is being held this year from 12 April until 29 April for year 10 and 11 Italian students.

We are looking for families to host an Italian Assistant for one term. The assistant attends university in Italy and one assistant will come in term 2 and one in term 3 if we can find families to host them. The assistant helps out in Italian classes.

Applications close mid February for to host in Term 2. Please contact Louise Chapman if you are interested.

[Sonia Hatzis / Gifted and Talented sonia.hatzis@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sonia.hatzis@education.wa.edu.au)

GAT Year 9 & 10 OzCLO Competition for Chinese and Italian students on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad.

OzCLO is a contest for high school students. It challenges them to develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages.

- share teacher expertise statewide across primary and secondary schools to provide language programs within and across networks;
- build system capacity to meet the needs of schools that don't have a language program by brokering access to a language teacher either face-to-face or online;
- provide advice and support for inexperienced language teachers;
- support language pathways between primary and secondary schools;
- provide advice for school leadership teams; and
- build community links and partnerships to enhance and embed language programs.

Sonia would like to ask if the parent body could come on board to support me with any endeavours I have to fulfil my role.

The first is the 'Primary School Parent Languages Information Evening' for the 3 of the languages that we teach – Japanese, French and Korean

This night is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-7:30pm. On the night we plan to invite Primary School parents (info will go out via primary school Newsletters/ a Flyer) and our main aim is to plug the languages that exist within our Hub and really highlight to parents the benefits of learning one of these 3 languages.

Year 9 and 10 GAT students will be involved in OZCLO on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March (for some reason this was left off the calendar) – still recruiting students at this stage.

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French

Claire Long /claire.long@education.wa.edu.au

Ms Claire Long will be planning to take Year 11/12 French students to see a screening of the film Orchestra Class - It is planning to be on Friday 16/3

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## Korean

There will be a Korean incursion for Korean language students of Year 7 to 9 in June. Korean language students will be participating in a cooking class and martial art class to experience Korean culture.

The following students will be receiving Korean scholarships during the Whole School assembly on Friday this week. The recipients are as follows:

Year 8 Vanisha MaCane

Year 11 Charlie Britton

Year 12 Shina Jones won 4th place in the 2017 National Korean Culture Performance Contest. She will be representing WA again this year in the 2018 National Korean Culture Performance Contest.

Year 11 Charlie Britton won the Choonpa Korean Literacy Award last year.

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## Japanese

From the 25th of March to 31st of March, MLSHS will be hosting 15 Japanese exchange students from Japan. They are from different part of Japan. Jaeik is looking for host families to look after the students for one week. Host families will be receiving a small amount of money as a host family fee.

2 Year 11 Japanese students will be receiving scholarships from Gold Intercultural Learning. The scholarships are 2 \$250 cheques and the scholarships will be given to one VET and one ATAR student of Japanese language courses.