

MINUTES OF LANGUAGES PARENT SUPPORT MEETING 21/4/15

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present: Wayne Houlton, Anne Magee, Nigel Becroft, Anne Tumak, Darryl Ferguson, Jake Jeong

Apologies: Eunice, Yaolan, Esther, Karen, Niall, Luana

Previous Minutes: moved Wayne as true and correct – seconded Anne

Business arising:

- Anne agreed to act as Secretary for meeting; Wayne agreed to act as Convenor for meeting
- add Darryl to email list (DARVERSON@WESTNET.COM.AU) – need to obtain email list
- card and flowers to Anita – were they sent by Karen? Report next meeting
- wine fundraiser – needs organising – Wayne to progress tomorrow – needs at least 1 month for orders as need to distribute by email, return to Wayne by email to collate, send to company and deliver for pickup. Wayne to contact John Prior to get order form sent out to all parents. For each case of 12 ordered, committee gets \$30. If order 3 cases, bonus 6 pack - no handling of cash – all dealt with by Madfish Wines. Wayne to send out by this Friday 1/5 – leave open for orders 4 weeks until Fri 29/5 and completed by Art Auction. Need large lockable garage for orders as likely to be large order. *Appeal for offer of garage nearby school – Niall and Luana may agree to help again?*

New Business:

- GAT Club afternoon tea – successful event with Professor from UWA giving good insight into progressing language studies into University; once you learn 1 language, others are easier; approximately 20 parents attended meeting – opportunity to recruit to committee not maximised – reported some parents are of the view that the committee is only for GAT parents – this needs clarifying to parents – letter to be distributed in newsletter
- Bee Tee is back teaching this term and is a very welcome return
- Languages Week – individual teachers will be organising activities and calling on helpers from parent group – call out to parents via committee email list – Bee has already requested helpers and emails/texts sent out – note to be put into newsletter with email of Grace Costa for response
- No official positions filled – question over correctness of meeting with no quorum – Wayne and Anne agreed to take on Convenor and Secretary roles – Niall to be informed and John Prior for inclusion on P&C website; minutes also need to be added to website for completeness – Wayne to action; meetings are on website; Darryl agreed to be P&C representative to report from language committee; Wayne will do Agenda for meetings
- Need to fill Treasurer position for next meeting – Jocelyn may have suggestion
- Teacher's report – Grace still absent; Jaeik reported interest from 4/5 parents from Korean & Japanese language students keen to join committee
- Discussion re poor lighting and not easy access to year 9 languages building – Jaeik to gain access to key and security code for main admin building and conference room for next meeting

- Anne T discussed re year group photos taken of years 7-10 – main purpose of photos for archiving and to identify where GAT students end up within the pathways? Jaeik to see if all individual students can be identified in each photo. Anne will put notice in newsletter for parents to access purchase of photos from school photographer
- Language Perfect – query re access for students when subscription paid – Jaeik informed access is available – MLfirstname(capital first letter)lastname(capital first letter) password is the child's first name – any concerns to teacher as can reset password
- Nigel discussed vertical language path availability – reported that Mr Milton Butcher guaranteed Chinese and Italian languages in years 11 & 12 at the GAT Club meeting – cannot guarantee other languages; Nigel to follow up with Yaolan re letter regarding this discussed at previous meeting; beware grid line with choices of other languages e.g. economic/politics/Chinese – can't always do language with other timetable clashes
- Jaeik agreed to send out letter from committee to all language parents inviting them to join the committee – Anne to obtain up to date introductory letter and email to Jaeik at Jaeik.jeong@lawley.wa.edu.au
- Grace Costa arrived at 8.25pm – letter given end of 2014 to all language students – suggests letter to be given to all students for parents and to obtain a “yes” or “no” to interest in joining the committee or helping out at functions – Wayne agreed to this – Grace will collect responses and give “yes” responses for him to make personal contact
- Need email list collected at soiree – Anne to action with Jocelyn
- Anne to get letter and forward to Anne Tumak for next newsletter ? next week

Teacher report Grace

- China Tour – all went well – students had a great time – visited 3 schools and links continue
- 2015 language trips completed - 2016 Italy and possibly first French tour ever – may be combined
- Bee Tee back from sick leave – return to substantiated teachers – welcome back
- Languages Week – Mon June 22-Fri 26 – special activities for each language organised by teachers; Fri is Languages Expo – middle school will be released to attend – will run from lunchtime until 6.30pm; inviting community guests with Primary Schools and Principals and other High School teachers – Primary School students are preparing items to perform – special activities e.g. ancient world for year 7s – every language will have different activities; Grace wants parent (adult) helpers for the day to enable putting people in charge of areas – objective is to show off the culture of the language e.g. pasta making, green tea with different stations – HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM THE LANGUAGE COMMITTEE ARE ABLE TO HELP ON THE DAY? Notice will be placed in newsletter by Anne with reply to Grace @ GraziaCosta@lawley.wa.edu.au
- Request for funds by Grace for Languages Week - \$300 per language for activities & food (French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese) excluding Korean (Korean govt sponsorship) and Indonesian \$100 out of respect to final year students – Total request \$1300. Anne to check with Jocelyn re available funds – unable to commit yet as no quorum or official committee – can put forward as motion at next meeting May 5 & gain approval from P&C in time

- Anne suggested Chinese program could utilise Chung Wah Assoc resources – Grace stated this is up to Chinese teacher to access if she wants as Bee is a member of all associations related to Chinese – it was suggested that due to Anita being away, that additional support would be helpful – Grace stated that a teacher comes in twice a week as an assistant from the Confucius Institute and during Arts Festival the Chung Wah Assoc provided a person doing Calligraphy and mask painting. Bee can make contact to gain resources/support; Anne T reported that the Australia/China Friendship Assoc present prizes and scholarships which have been awarded to students visiting China in July 2015 – this could be a useful resource.
- Jaeik suggested parent passion for languages should encompass all languages including Japanese & Korean which are popular with students due to “Aname” and “KPop” and hopes parents will not feel that these will take away from the Chinese language program – Korea is the 3rd trading partner with Australia and studying other Asian languages can open doors to students
- Darryl invited input from Grace re forward budget items apart from Soiree and Languages Week – are there other budgetary requirements? Gat Club each term and otherwise assistance with volunteers; if any funds left over then other resources or equipment can be purchased to utilise funds raised – Wayne to check with Niall if there has been contact with P&C re funds allocated for Languages Week – move at next meeting – Anne to check on funds available with Jocelyn, then put forward at next meeting a proposal for approval at P&C meeting.

Next meeting 5/5/15 7pm conference room main admin building