

Languages Parent Support Group
Meeting Tuesday 13th October 2009
Minutes

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present:

Bianca Petale, Andrea Ko, Suzi Barnes, Sondra Tate, Joe Millimaci

Apologies:

John Pryor

Motion:

Suzi proposed that Andrea takes over from Sondra as Treasurer.
Bianca seconded.

All in favour, motion carried.

Discussion:

Middle School Assemblies, are easy to miss unless minutes from MS meetings are read, can we have these publicised more widely so we can recognise and acknowledge Language students' efforts.

Logo competition – John Pryor to work with the design we looked at, at our last meeting. As John is busy we may need to look at alternative ways of working with the design to complete a final logo which can be used.

Mike Camilleri sketched a design with outline of Australia and the circles within.

Proposal we ask Tory to modify her initial design and check with the LPSG. Andrea to ask Tory and report to LPSG.

Lawley Languages Lunch Report

An incredibly successful event.

The food was fantastic.

The students had a wonderful time.

Parent Support Group members contributed so much and worked wonderfully to make it successful.

Not advertised as well as it could have been.

Need to organise something similar in better weather so more students and parents can attend. Term 1 or Term 4 ?

Sondra would like addresses for language students so we can mail out notifications letting parents know about activities we plan and organise.

ACTIVITIES and TERM PLANNERS

Languages Week – Week 3 Term 3

Cultural Festival - ? Tie in with Harmony Day ? 17th May

Chinese Dragon

Flag Twirlers

Stalls representing different languages and cultural elements in Middle School area.

Citizenship ceremony ?

In order to have primary students attend we would need to have this function in May before closing date for GATE.

We need to have our Language students that love languages go back to Primary schools and talk about their experiences.

Quiz night. 2 Chinese, 2 French, 2 Italian, 2 German, 2 Indonesian

Have questions related to each culture ?

What about other cultures and international students ?

June / July 2010

Raise profile of students coming into our school and integrate the students that are already here.

GATE Students could come up with some of the questions ?

We need more parents helping us with the projects we have in mind.

INFORMATION NIGHT – LPSG – we need to have one like SVAPA and Music.

Year 7 students and their parents invited to Graduation ceremony of Year 10 GATE.

Have a LPSG committee member address the guests and explain the role and activities of the LPSG, in order to have more parents come on board.

We need lists of parent names, contact numbers, email addresses so we can contact them.

We require a GATE List with parents names and details.

We need a flyer to describe what we do and have our contact details and meeting times. Sondra will do this. Logo to go on this.

Year 8 Barbecue - we could advertise our group there too.

Suzi to see if we can have banners made to advertise the LPSG.

Year 8 Barbecue – certificate ceremony.

LPSG could raise funds to award our GATE students in Year 8 a dictionary each.

Should we be presenting certificates to the Year 8s in front of all the parents and students to raise the profile ?

We need to tell parents that we need help and provide them with a list of things they could do that would help the LPSG. Include this in the flyer ?

GATE Language survey has almost been completed, Bianca will collate and provide us with results.

5 Year Plan – we need to ensure that our Language Trips are on the planner so that clashes can be avoided.

European Trips may be needed to be organised every second year – France, Germany and Italy and alternatively an Asian Tour – China and Malaysia.

Orientation Day 10th December – should we do something for parents and GATE students on that day ? Hand out flyers, extend Andrew's coffee club ? Let's start by targeting the GATE parents ?

Bianca thanks Suzie who did a great job, creating the survey, thank you very much !!!

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 24th November 2009