



**NEW ZEALAND
GRAPHICS AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS ASSN. INC.
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**Minutes of the NZGTTA Executive Committee
Wellington Airport – Exec Boardroom
Wellington
Saturday 24 March, 2012 Time: 9.30-2pm**

1. Present:

Kevin Meyer (Chair) (Mid North), Tricia Winter (Secretary), Piki Brown (Treasurer), Ron Van Musscher, (DVC Curriculum – MOE), (Wellington district and lower North Island), Murray Hobbs (ITO), Bronwyn Gillies, (Lower South Island VP), Chris Hubble, (Upper South), Motu Samaeli, (Upper North VP), Steve Ronowicz (Technology Curriculum)

2. Apologies: Penney Dunckley (PPTA).

Apologies accepted

Moved: Tricia

Seconded: Piki

Carried.

3. Minutes of the Executive Committee 17th September were read

Matters arising:

None

Motion:

That the Minutes of Sept 2011 are a true and accurate record.

Moved: Tricia

Seconded: Piki

Carried

4. Correspondence:

Small amount of correspondence received, requests from Glynn McGregor for articles in the T-News.

5. Treasurers Report:

Financial Membership – monies coming in are from 2011 subs, pay in the following financial year. Light membership, bulge will come through July/August.

Individual membership \$50 - \$20

History of membership for the last 8 years – strong numbers in Canterbury

Ron:

Chasing up subs – wondering how we can be more flexible with this, do we need to do this at the beginning of the year? Budgets are set at the beginning of the year.

Piki:

Up to the branches to do this – invoice the Dept through the school accounts.

Kevin:

I have held off writing a letter until after this meeting so that I have a 'feel' for how the NZGTTA is going.

Money that we are holding on behalf of the branches: Initiative of Max's came about because of changes to the website.

Members are asked to register on the NZGTTA website.

Doesn't encourage membership currently the way it is set up.

Should we have a provisional member, and a full member?

There is disparity of names given to me and names on the website.

Ron:

- I think for the most part most schools and teachers pay their subs to their branches and schools.
- If people who want to have access to the website are penalised because they cannot afford to, this is then counterproductive to our Association.
- Register whether you pay or not, it is the local association to chase the money; do not want to cut teachers off because of not paying subs.

I emailed Chris, I wondered about the moderation of this website.

Murray:

Administration wise it would make more sense.

Motion:

That the treasurer move forward with "opening" the NZGTTA website for full access of all those who register.

Seconded: Murray

Carried

Agenda Point 5:

I think that the fees should go up, it takes \$6,500 to run GTTA for a year, and at \$30 per head it is not sustainable. I think it should be \$40.

What do you get: links to the website, resources etc. I will be moving this at the AGM.

Kevin:

All HOD's expect from now that the invoice gets to the Administrator of your schools. Piki has a very good pro forma to send to schools.

Tricia:

How do we track national membership through the website? Do we need to create a national database?

Chris:

As branch officers can we have read only access? This was agreed to by the Exec.

Motion: That the treasurer's report 2012 be accepted.

Moved: Piki

Seconded: Murray

Carried

6. VIP Reports.

Mid Northern (Kevin):

Tabled

Mention has been made of the appalling way the Tech Advisors have been treated by the MOE and are only now finding out if they have jobs.

Lower South Island (Bronwyn):

- Textiles teachers still get together and do cross marking
- Increase with soft materials teachers – losing the U/Stds now looking at Technology
- Had a Graphics cluster meeting
- Delivered a first interschool Scholarship workshop, made another date for that getting the students together (design process and mentoring)
- Lifting the profile
- Best Practice Day this week Piki bringing up a van of 10 from one school
- Looking into doing a Food Technology workshop

Upper South (Chris):

- Canterbury has had a harrowing 2 years
- Still quite emotional for us, lots of job losses and relocations
- Anticipating another event
- Reclassification of buildings keeps the feelings ongoing
- Concern about the welfare of teachers, noticing a difference within schools
- Made an attempt to get something together, no response, this is a reaction of what Canterbury is going through
- Key areas is about membership, subs etc
- Jumbo days

Wellington and Lower Nth Island (Ron):

- Not a lot to add except that I have a large area to cover
- Make a point to try and visit all
- Send notices of meeting out term by term now
- Lots of new young teachers coming into this – they have no idea of who this organization is
- We need to be proactive about our association
- Graphics is strong here
- Cannot find a technology workshop person to deliver workshops for PD

Upper North (Motu):

- Been given the job of trying to set it up
- Got a group together and set up a survey, got 24 responses
- Need to summarise for next meeting
- Set up a bank account
- Have a Secretary and a Treasurer
- First meeting this Thursday
- Plan is to have a meeting a term covering different parts of the region
Central this week, North Shore term 2, East Auckland T3, Sth Auckland T4
- It is really important from this meeting to take back news about NZGTTA
- A lot of new people who have come in have no background of NZGTTA

- Will be talking about L1 A/Std's to get the ball rolling, 1st meeting will be interesting to see what people will bring to the table
- Have tried to get a key person in each region as well

Kevin:

Could you type up a report and put on file for us?

Action:

Motu to type up a report from the first Auckland Branch Meeting and submit to Exec.

7. Curriculum Reports:

Technology (Steve)

Tabled

- Do a fair bit with MOE and NZQA
- MOE have been culling jobs
- GIF funding is now frozen (guessing) changing landscape
- Matrix continues to roll out – people are only just getting their heads around what these offer – allows small schools to be more flexible
- Subject boundaries will be coming more and more void as time permits
- Issue – need to become more communicative so that you don't double dip on students – this is going to become more of an issue
- Feedback level 1 is okay, level 2 feedback too soon
- Lot of writing going on in NZQA – final draft form going through
- Discuss scholarship in terms of what students are going to do – wonder what is going to happen there (still 2 separate scholarships)
- Technology (techlik) is the best resourced curriculum in the country
- Trainee numbers are well down this year with the 2yr scholarships disappearing
- What is happening with graphics in the junior sector? Do we need to get a bit more inclusion with technology?

Where is the teaching and learning guide for Graphics?

Ron:

- The yr9 and 10 curriculum levels – alignment process has always been focussed on NCEA Level 1,2, and 3.
- The website needs to be used for this (junior Graphics)
- Pedagogical impact has been removed
- The rewording of the T&L guides have just been a rewording of the standards
- Where is your practice? Extrapolate from NCEA Level 1 for learning

DVC (Ron):

- Major things for DVC level 2 stds were out before Xmas for people to include in their programs – externals are current
- Internals can still be the old version
- Level 1 in response to GTTA concerns about the level 1 stds, we're invited to rewrite the stds, Vicki Compton responsible V2 of all the Level 1 stds are out now
- Geoff Ketih is now replacing Tony Turnuck
- Issue with level 2 DVC stds (resources) schedules and descriptors weren't changed from last year, 2.30 not right, Motu looking at this now – specifications are okay, just the resources not right
- Only 3 externals now in most subjects

- Read Chief Assessors report each year, encourage your HODs to read these (due now)

PPTA Report:

Tabled – a lot of discussion around Scholarship and the implications of different disciplines within the Technology matrix.

ITO (Murray):

Tabled

TESAC:

Concern was made that there could be a financial obligation to this Conference. What does it mean by 'start up' costs?

It was decided in principle that NZGTTA is fully supportive of the philosophical aspect of TESAC and we can see how this is a professional body representing the 4 subject associations which will only add strength to them – (Ron). There is strength in numbers.

8. Website:

Ron spoke to this and using the VisArts website as an example suggested that a page each be allocated to regional VPs and they be responsible for it.

Supports the sharing of resources and suggests that all teachers do this.

Can our current hosting allow for subject sites with links and forums from other sites?

How much do we pay for traffic for our current hosting system?

9. General Business:

Issue with Bruce Imrie – reliant on the website looking for information but hasn't been there.

Ron to take care of it.

President's Report:

Will be coming after the TESAC meeting.

Action Points:

1. Ron and Motu to send a summary of where we are at with the standards and the new versions, what changes.
2. Do we go to our branches to find out about the suggested name change
3. Kevin to email the mail merged document re subs

Meeting closed at 2.53pm.