

**MINUTES: Thursday 4th April 2019 4:30pm**

**Venue: G27\_1.11 (Business 2 Building)**

**Attendance**:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Cathryn Cooper (Benowa SHS), Peter McCosker (Miami SHS), Susie Fenton (Beaudesert SHS), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Tracey Sommerville (Upper Coomera State College), Jerome Richalot (All Saints), Keita Ishii (Somerset College), Sofia Chu (Arundel SS), Miki Ellis (Elanora SHS), Rosa Chen (Norfolk Village SS), Anna Belousova (Russian School), Kylie Doonican (Gilston SS), Cathy Hegarty (King’s Christian College), Kiyomi Takahashi (Mudgeeraba SHS)

**Welcome**

Leigh welcomed everyone. We started at 4:35 to wait for enough online participation.

Thank you Kylie for coming to offer a PD.

PD was run first then a normal meeting after that.

**Apologies:** Aileen Seidman, Loretta Kishihara, Chris Dunn, Rachel Vickers

**PD presented by Kylie Doonican about a taiko group and the AIM approach**

Kylie Doonican discussed how she set up a taiko group in her primary school four years ago.

* Partnered up with musical teachers / other relevant groups (Facebook groups)
* Set realistic goals – don’t compare to others
* Seek professional training / workshops
* Start small and simple
* A good advocacy for language / cultural learnining

A technical issue occurred and an online connection was disrupted

Kylie also spoke about how she implemented the AIM program in her classroom.

* Textbook used – どうやっていきますか。Dou yatte ikimasu-ka.
* Extensive use of gesture while teaching vocabulary and phrases
* Observed Improvement in students’ pronunciation as they are constatnly exposed to spoken Japanese.

**Confirmation of agenda**

 Leigh moved that the minutes be approved and Peter seconded.

Cathy Heggarty’s name has been added to the attendance list.

**Correspondence in and out** - N/A

**President’s Report:**

Kathryn Tominaga has finished her presidency for the State MLTAQ – Judy Williams has been elected to be the president. Jackie Mikami has taken the secretary position for the State MLTAQ. Leigh and Marcel Noest will be journal editors.

New journal is coming in June – any contributions will be welcome by mid May

The MJS Centre (Japanese Studies Centre for Teaching Development at Macquarie University) would like to invite applicants to apply for a MJS Grant for $3000 for primary anf secondary Japanese language teachers in Australia. Grant applications need to be submitted online vie <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/faculties-and-departments/faculty-of-arts/departments-and-centres/department-of-international-studies/leaders-in-languages/japanese-study-centre> by 1 st May, 2019.

After a recent meeting with Japan Foundation, Sydney staff, it was agreed that they will offer a one-day conference on the Gold Coast in February as well as another possible one later this year.

Site now shows agenda of meetings on the Monday preceding the meeting, as well as the minutes.

**Webmaster’s Report:**

Emails went out today to all 2018 convenors asking them to confirm participation in 2019. Thank you to all who already replied and confirmed their participation.

2019 speech comp information will be available online as soon as possible after confirmation. Links are being updated and activated – archives are for new convenors to check at this stage.

Convenors’ position to fill: Primary Spanish, Senior Chinese. There might be more – any available positions will be advertised in Google groups. Spanish might split (primary and secondary).

Back up entertainment convenor is needed as Cathryn Cooper might be away.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Current bank balance - $7697.85

Encourage people to get a membership

**General Business**

AFMLTA coining up in Hobart in July

Afternoon tea - Thank you Tracey for bringing afternoon tea – it was delicious! Thanks Leigh for bringing in a kettle and tea & coffee. Cathryn will see if her school’s tuck shop can prepare afternoon tea for future meetings.

**Gold Coast Languages Print & Digital Media Competition**

Cathy Galligan is convening. First meeting will be held on the 16th April (Tuesday) at 3pm at Hinterland Tavern in Nerang.

 You can be a committee even if you couldn’t come to the first meeting – can enter your students if you’re not a committee member.

This competiion can be a great opportunity for students to present their knowlegge of writing – can be presented in any media embedded in one PowerPoint page. No bigger than A3. Check the MLTAQ website for further details.

**PD**

Future PD ideas

May – no PD

June – Peer review and game swap

July and August – no PD

September – AFMLTA conference feedback from attending members

October – textbook demonstration

November LP assessment tool and data literacy

Russian Ornaments Workshop by Anna will be held on the 19 April 2019 at 2pm (Cost: $5, venue: GCA Tennis Club, 135 Christian Avenue, Burleigh Waters. Kids from 5 years old and adults. If interested in attending, RSVP info@schoolromashka.com.au

The meeting concluded at 6:00pm

**Future meetings:**

 Thur 02 May GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 06June GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 18 July GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 01 August GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Sun 18 August Speech Contest Various

Thur 05 September GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 10 October GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 07 November GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 05 December Christmas Party To be advised