**The Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Queensland Inc.**

Gold Coast Branch

**Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 3 May 2018**

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

**Commenced: 4.10 Concluded: 6.00**

**Attendance:**

Eve Blackwell, Chris Dunn (St Hilda’s), Cathryn Cooper (Benowa SHS), Jo Fullerton (Canungra SS), Tracey Somerville (Upper Coomera State College), Jackie Mikami (Park Lake SS), Patricia Petraello, Sofia Chu (Arundel SS), Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Atsuya Kotoda (Pacific Pines SS), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Peter McCosker (Miami SHS), Mark Pentland, Jerome Richalot (All Saints), Miki Ellis (Elanora SHS), Trina Nakahashi (Guardian Angels PS), Kath Kirkpatrick (Rivermount College), Rosa Chen, Jodie Ishizaka (Coomera SS).

**Welcome**

* Leigh welcomed everyone
* Leigh appologised for needing to cancel April meetings. No executive members were available to run the meeting.

**Apologies**

* Kim Hepworth, Michele Soulard, Lindsay Rawnsley

**Confirmation of the Agenda**

* Speech Contest added to the agenda

**Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising**

Leigh moved for the meetings minutes for previous meeting to be approved.

Minutes seconded by Jerome.

Minutes were approved.

**Correspondence in and out**

 **President’s Report**

* MLTAQ Biennial Conference - 1/2 July - University of Sunshine Coast
* Alliance Française Poetry Competition to be held at All Saints Tuesday June 5. Registrations close May 18. All Saints is hosting but all entries must go directly to Claire at Alliance Française in Brisbane - claire@afbrisbane.com. This year’s prizes for year 9 students is a trip to France (part of an exchange program).
* Exciting opportunity for teachers. If you speak Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, German, French, Italian and/or Spanish, why not add a language specialisation to your qualifications to expand your teaching opportunities? Our department is sponsoring up to 25 teachers to complete the new Adding languages to your teaching profile program which focuses on how to teach languages and also provides credit towards a graduate certificate qualification. Applications close on 1 June 2018. You are able to download e-book copies.

If you have any questions about this program or completing this form, please email Globalschoolsthroughlanguages@qed.qld.gov.au.

* The MLTAQ was recently commissioned by the Department of Education and Training to help source and to provide details (abstracts, translations etc.) for children’s books in Chinese, French, German and Japanese to be included in the 2018 Premier’s Reading Challenge Booklist. These booklists are now available and we encourage all of our members to view the lists and alert their school libraries and administration to this exciting additition for 2018. Lists are available at this link: <https://ahrc.eq.edu.au/resources/prcbooklists>
* Part time Japanese teaching position at Mt Cotton SS from May 17

 **Webmaster’s Report**

* Speech contest - speeches are being uploaded to the website as soon as the convenor sends them to Jerome.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Balance is $8513.02
* We have received the annual report and it came back approved and is being signed off by the committee.
* Peter has made a suggestion that we use survey monkey to fill out the forms for the speech contest. Teachers would need to register the entry on-line, then the invoice and survey monkey would be sent to the teacher’s e-mail. In the survey monkey we need to record the names and grades of each of the participants. It will be decided by the convenors at the speech contest meeting if this is the process we go with.

**General Business**

* Writing competetion update – All information is available on-line. Remember the topics are broad and you can start at any time
* Speech contest – the convenors have been sent their speeches for review and these will be posted to the website as soon as theyare received. French and Chinese speeches are already on the website.
* Cathryn discussed possible options for entertaining. Discussions about roaming entertainment or entertainment being in front of each of the langugage areas. We need to discuss this further at the speech contest meeting.
* Rules will be discussed by convenors at a special speech contest sub-committee meeting to be held at 4:00pm May 17, 2018. Room is G27\_1.11 our regular meeting room.
* Chris will be unable o attend the meeting and has asked for clarafiction on the rules of eligibilty in terms of student entry (re: disqualification). The alteration may need to have speech contest convenor to sign off or agree to a disqualification before it happens. This will be discussed further
* Cairns must compete in QLD competition before they can go to the national competition.
* If you school is in the boundary of Brisbane City and you teach Japanese you need to participate in the Brisbane competiton. If your school is in Gold Coast City you need to attend the Gold Coast competition. Schools in neighboring areas can choose which competition to compete in .This will also need to be clarified in our rules at special meeting.
* Cathryn asked what High School Teachers and their schools are doing in terms of the implementation of the new system. She was hoping to get a group of teachers together to work on the ammendments. If you are interested please e-mail Cathryn: cbrut6@eq.edu.au. Cathryn will host a meeting May 29th at Benowa SHS. Cathryn has put together some thoughts about what needs to be covered. These are attached to the minutes.
* Module 6 is now available on the QCAA website for language teachers – regarding the new assessment for high school students.
* August 1, 2018 (4.30pm) – PD - Cengage French Workshop- Springlife conference centre, Springwood

**Professional Development 5.00-6.00**

PD This month: Maree Carr - Language Perfect - content creation (make and take)

Cathy introduced Maree.

Language Perfect Teachers: there is a closed Facebook group that you can apply to be a part of : look up education perfect modern language teachers group.

A webinar is happening this week – great for you to learn how to do new things. These webinars happen regularly.

Maree demonstrated how to add and change content.

Pixabay is a good website for finding free to use pictures.

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[https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/752704189](https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/YNMhCnxynYH8rPf0S80r?domain=global.gotomeeting.com) **This meeting is locked with a password**: MLTAQGC  **You can also dial in using your phone.**
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**Dinner this month** Nozomi Japanese Restaurant, Olsen Avenue, Parkwood, near the University.

**Future meetings:**

 Thur 07 June GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 19 July GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 02 August GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Sun 12 August Speech Contest Various

Thur 06 September GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 11 October GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Thur 01 November GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11
 Tue 11 December Christmas Party To be advised