



**Minutes of the NZGTTA Executive Committee
Sudima Hotel
Christchurch
Saturday 18 September 2010
9am - 3pm**

Meeting opened at 9am

Present:

Cliff Harwood, Motu Samaeli, Ron Van Musscher, Simon King, Max Maddison, Chris Hubble, Kevin Meyer, Bronwyn Gillies, John Maguire, Tricia Winter, Murray Hobbs.

Apologies: Penney Dunckley, Piki Brown (due to weather conditions, could not fly out)

Moved Apologies to be accepted: (Max)

Seconded: Ron

Carried

Minutes of the Past AGM:

Matters Arising:

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

- John Maguire did apologize
- Chris Hubble is the correct spelling
- Change from Warren to Ron in the minutes for the Graphics Report

Motion: (Max)

That the minutes of 2009 be ratified subject to the changes mentioned.

Seconded: Simon

Carried

Nomination of new Executive Office Holders:

Motion: (Max)

That Motu be formally voted as VP of the Auckland region:

Seconded: Simon

Carried

With no formal nominations and the incumbents prepared to stand for 2011 the following positions were confirmed:

President: Max Maddison

Secretary: Tricia Winter

Treasurer: Piki Brown

Regional VPS:

Central North (Tauranga) Kevin Meyer

Lower North (Wellington) Ron van Musscher

Upper South (Canterbury) Chris Hubble
Lower South (Otago/Southland) Bronwyn Gillies

Correspondence:

Piki has the correspondence. No correspondence Tabled

President's Report:

Website: August 2015 visits, September 1037 visits

Discussion:

Simon:

The membership push in the website is not working in my school for the school's finance system. It is too much trouble going through that way in the website. I request that we just get a paper invoice to the school.

Kevin also wants an invoice for schools.

Response: Max

If you have the ability to have the snail mail you should do so, we have a dual platform of electronic and snail mail. We still need to go through that initial stage of the website so that Piki can log them on as members. We are going to be in the position in the future of Piki emailing nationally the membership however, and possibly with a snail mail option.

Ron:

In our region I also added a prefix so that members knew what they are getting for their membership.

Max:

NZGTTA is not GST registered. Technically we do have a GST number but at the end of September we won't be. We need to follow this up when Piki arrives.

John:

We need to have resources for the website.

Max:

Resource material will be uploaded to the website through Tricia or Piki, photos, membership forum etc. Alistair Wells has agreed to be put his site on as a link. Ron has also agreed to put his work on the site.

We will be putting things onto the website; the poll needs to be removed as we are no longer using it. There will also be an events calendar up there and we need a portal of links. We also need a change of photos.

Chris Hubble:

Is it pertinent considering the changes of next year we have Achievement Standard updates on the site - to use the website as a portal to go to.

Max:

I would like to see Kevin, Motu, and Simon put information up on the website about these changes.

Kevin:

I have mentioned on several occasions that I would like to see a shared database for relief lessons etc. I am more than happy if people wanted to email me stuff for this, then I can digitise it and put it on the website. Anybody putting resources into this will need to be aware that these resources will be open for the general public to use.

John:

As an Association we need to maintain professionalism when dealing with the Ministry. It is critical that the Ministry have a consultative approach with the Association. The establishment of these panels was done in a consultative way. I am wondering if we are losing that credibility with the Ministry. We want a professional relationship words like honesty and trust are emotive but we need to be more professional when dealing with the Ministry.

Max:

In dealing with the Ministry the following has been discussed:

- Trying to establish teleconferencing reporting to all the Associations (Niall Dinning)
- Geoff Keith replied that communication will be more often - happened only once
- Best communication is with Tony Turnock
- Geoff Gibb is also very good
- Geoff and Tony admit that it could be vastly improved, could be more active as things are happening.

Communication has not been great. John asks that Max formalise this to the Ministry. Motu would like to summarise the issues and submit to Max for disbursement to the Ministry.

Max:

The table has consistently changed; as each issue comes up we deal with different people. People who we thought we were dealing with move on within the Ministry to different roles (Nigel Evans) were with the teacher and learning guides, his role has now changed.

We are now dealing with Tony Turnock and Cheryl Pym is now managing the T&L guides.

The Ministry has also been caught out - the renaming of the Association. Geoff Keith had no choice, had to go with it.

What I am talking about is the regularity of the communication. Being aware of where and how things work with the Ministry. There have been lots of emails from Ron, Motu, and Simon who been very aware of how these people are feeling.

John:

Geoff Gibb and Tony Turnock are the ones who are overall managers of general Ministry business. The face to face has to occur with Geoff Keith and Niall Dinning or others in appropriate roles. That is the level of communication, if you lose that it will be not good. Change is going to happen.

Cliff:

Misrepresenting points - Graphics has never been a learning area. It is a subject. This misrepresentation has the potential to fuel fires.

1. Nigel Evans to the best of my knowledge is still in charge of the T&L guidelines for all subjects.
2. Geoff Gibbs is in charge of standards development.
3. Learning Media are the editors and publishers of the material.

Max:

I will change the report accordingly from learning area to subject.

John would like to thank Max for his report and what work he has done has been incredible. The intention is to keep our pencil sharp as an Association; we need to maintain a professional approach.

Max:

Whoever takes the Association in the future will not have as much politics to deal with. Whoever takes over next year should have a clear and concise mandate of where we are going as an Association.

Motion: (Max)

That the President's report be accepted

Seconded: John

Carried

VP Reports:

Otago/Southland: (Bronwyn Gillies)

Meeting once or twice a term - technology and graphics at different times

Cheryl Pym has been presenting

TENZ Conference - July holidays

Science and Maths Conferences running at the same time in Dunedin

Cheryl is going to arrange a cluster group in Central Otago

Max moved that the report be accepted:

Seconded: Ron

Carried

Canterbury: (Chris Hubble)

Chris has been doing a lecture at Canterbury University Teachers College. This has been very successful and he has been asked to do this every year. There is increasing student membership for the Association as a result.

Exam break in November: Graphics will arrange a workshop - Motu to attend. Nelson and West Coast will be invited to share best practice.

South Island:

November 19th Unpack Technology Gore High School - contact Piki

November 26th Unpack Graphics Christchurch - Motu/Ron/Sam. Venue to be decided. Contact Max/Chris.

Moved: Report be accepted (Max)

Seconded: Ron

Carried

Wellington: (Ron)

In the Waiarapa nothing has happened, even though I have organized things, I will go up again. I would like to thank Niall Dinning for the funding for these workshops. In Wellington itself, we are pretty financial, not spending any money. Putting all our money into term deposits. I get contact from my membership (about 20 a week). We have regular workshops where teachers bring along exemplars.

We ran a workshop for textiles teachers - freehand drawing etc. Included textiles exemplars this has been the best attended workshop in the Wellington region.

Moved: That the report be accepted (Max)

Seconded: John

Carried

Mid Northern (Kevin)

Contact with members has been by email this year and this is accepted by all, contacting all schools. I now have a further 138 teachers on this site due to holding a Food Technology workshop.

VP Branch attendance: Discussed stimulating attendance to meetings - there were five people at this meeting. We are having a real problem getting people to front up to meetings, looking at ways to improve this.

Now beginning to charge students for attending workshops (\$10), this pays for the catering.

Ran a combined workshop (TENZ) Materials, technology, food tech, and textiles attended by 50 teachers.

We had 80 teachers turn up on the Friday/Saturday, and we had the writers of the standards present as well as the industry people. This proved to be very successful.

Cliff stated that Kevin needs to be congratulated with the work and the initiative Kevin is showing.

Action:

Max to look at how we can help promote this initiative at the TESAC Meeting

As a curriculum leader I have 7 hard material students of excellent calibre. There is a concern that the University is not explaining to the 2 year students who do not come in with a degree that they will start on a basic salary step even though they have come out of industry. That needs addressing, not sure who with.

We currently have a surplus of technology teachers (over 100 with one advertised position). The city is awash with these people.

We have a lot of new teachers who need help with what to deliver in the classroom. I will organize next year a workshop for these people.

Max:

What support have you had from Dr Peter Lind from the Teacher's Council?

They are actively trying to support teachers at all levels. They may be able to help you with equity levels.

Capablenz are looking at a system of accrediting these people as well.
Don Lawson Otago University - www.capablenz.co.nz They are looking at this.

Cliff:

The best person to talk to is Penney Dunkley from PPTA.

Moved report be accepted

Seconded: John

Carried

Manawatu Wanganui Report: (Ron)

They have had a range of things, various amounts of people. A strong technology base up there, would like to see more modern technology.

Ron says that we will all need to share our standards; it is not always the same as it always was, and we need to be going to these workshops. It is important that people get on board.

Report be accepted: Ron

Seconded: Max

Carried

Chris brought up about the comment of NCEA 'guinea pigs'. Ron responded that there is exemplar material being trialled again at the moment. The trial material is intended to be submitted for publication in November.

Auckland: Motu

The first sentence is the critical sentence, still ongoing although Stewart did instigate some work in the North Shore.

Lesley Pearce is an asset in the area, does an awful lot from a curriculum advisory point of view. I have used her to get the email tree out.

There is a coherent view of things happening, actually getting people in different areas is quite a task as Auckland is very big. There are some good people out there, I am tapping shoulders, hopefully will get something going.

It is about getting the branches adopting a coordinator role. We have got to get Auckland on board, it is too vital not to.

Cliff:

Replacement of the orange booklet - what has been replaced is the writing of the teaching and learning guides. What is sitting in that booklet is where does the Yr9 and 10 fit in the booklet? It is time to actually look at what are the objectives are for the Yr9 and 10.

Motu instigated a design forum - actually in the process of looking at design (product and special design).

Motu:

Is the orange book still alive?

Cliff:

Yes because there is nothing replacing the Yr9 &10.

Progression of learning – Stewart has a document where he has done this.

John:

When the guidelines were written the intention was that they were to encapsulate the intent and pedagogical understandings within the orange book for Level 6, 7 and 8. That teachers and students would recognise the subject of graphics. It comes back to ownership of subject if the ministry are not going to update prior learning intentions for years 9 and 10 then we can do this as an association...

Action:

Max to organize for a copy of the orange booklet on the website (need to deal through the Ministry and Ron). If it is on another site, then we need to put a link to it.

Moved that the report be accepted: (Ron)

Seconded: Simon

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion:

Raises an issue on those branches that are no longer running. What has happened to the monies of those?

Hawkes Bay and Taranaki could be in this category.

Action:

- It is a good time for all of us to check into our accounts
- We also need a Register of those who have signatory rights, this needs to be tidied up for auditory reasons
- Query where the change has happened that branch VPs are at the AGM and are paid for by whom?? Branch or National?
- We have got to centralise the database re GTTA regional accounts

Cliff asks if the Ministry funding for Conferences is still there to finance subject Associations.

Max will look into this.

Action:

Tricia to email through to Exec in Piki's absence – membership history. Max requests that VPs look at their branches and find members who are not registered, give them a call and encourage membership.

\$900 being held for branches:

Will be going back to branches for those people who have paid fees.

Kevin asks that we have an ABC step by step on how to register on the website. We have opened up more access to the website to allow members access to more resources.

Max moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted
Seconded: Ron
Carried

Curriculum Reports:

Graphics (Simon)

At the moment the work that we have written has not been published, not sure when these will be published. Motu has contacted Cheryl, she is doing the editing. It is assumed these will be published in November.

Now working on Level 2 and 3 Motu, Ron, and Sam have been working on these.

The lack of consultation over the name change has been an issue. The Ministry found that they were under resourced (lack of people) to keep up with the constant consultation in the writing, this is a contributing factor.

The naming of graphics is not in the teaching and learning guides nor in the standards.

The name graphics have disappeared from my school and we now have
"Spacial Design and Product Design"

Lots of other schools have retained the word graphics in their courses. I am suggesting we leave this issue open for another year and consult with the membership again at the AGM next year.

Standards writing:

Level 2 under consultation at the moment we don't know as writers if there is going to be any reconvening of the writing.

3.1 Specific discussion on this (Geoff Keith) would fund a special meeting to run a Ministry special funded meeting.

Level 3 is still relatively in draft. There are still a couple of residual aspects for discussion:

Mockups and models out of the level 1 and 2 standards also looking at a digital aspect as well, these have been parked and left at the moment.

Where are we at with the sub domain at this stage? (Max)

Motu has not had a reply from Geoff Gibbs yet.

Cliff:

NZQA cannot remove them, used the scenario of Visual Arts, it has to be an existing domain.

The domain is a lot more flexible.

Technology:

Looking at the sub field name being technology with the domain names being the subject.

The domain name is the issue for Universities. There is a project happening in Universities (the current stands at the moment). Currently the Vice Chancellors are in discussion.

The grade point issue is different. As an Association we have got to be pushing that the Ministry is not backing our kids into a corner. We must leave ourselves well open.

The domain is the real issue, not the subfield.

Moved that the report be accepted (Simon)

Seconded: Kevin

Carried

Technology (Cliff)

We are in a fortunate position that there is at least some support from each of the Universities under school support.

PD next year, that level of funding isn't changing – it comes down

The ministry is encouraging that this funding stays the same.

Next year it all becomes contestable, and goes out to contract providers across all PD for schooling also extends out to the publishing arena.

If you are interested in becoming a provider go to a website called GETS – managed by the Policy Division of the Ministry. This is a considerable pool of money \$12M annually. However, this funding is across all education – ECE to Tertiary.

Ministry funded Middle Management. Philosophy is good, but however this is done in schools varies. The nuts and bolts stuff of how to deliver sound curriculum based learning is also very important – not taking away from this.

Resources: (Techlink)

- Very wide and varied – nature of resources very curriculum focussed
- techlink would dearly love graphics resources on techlink
- can go onto techlink to get these resources (the publications)

New Research:

What the aim of Technology is:

New contract is to look at all the strands to develop Technological Literacy

Be particularly careful when dealing with the Ministry:

Maintaining a healthy rigorous dialogue with the Ministry, do keep it open. Got to do it on the basis of accurate information - respond to factual information.

We have a surplus of Technology graduates at the end of this year. Numbers are healthy.

Concern was mentioned about future positions for these graduates. This could be a concern considering the “payback” issue re Scholarship funding (Cliff).

Kevin thanks Cliff in helping his teachers with the indicators of progression and other PD

Moved that the report be accepted: (Max)
Seconded: Ron
Carried

Vocational Pathways in Schools: Murray Hobbs

ITF Conference:

Talking to the right people and now there is a new funding approach. We are better off with this new system. The Ministry are going out of their way to improve communication by removing obstacles and funding is entirely genuine. The Academy in Canterbury now called ??

Hub Schools: (Canterbury)

- Amazing stuff going on in the sewing area (huge shortage there)
- Building (Kaipoi High)
Linwood are running Automotive, Manufacturing, Electro Technology Sewing
- Would like to bring in the two hub schools

Ministry is adamant that the Academy grow slowly so that it is successful.

This has been a very successful year for progress. The Ministry will be bringing up to 11 schools for 2012.

Action: Murray will email information, Tricia will add to the minutes.

Moved that the report be Accepted (Max)

Seconded: John

Carried

PPTA Representative Report: (Tabled)

PPTA Conference paper on Teacher workload

Action: Penney to send out the results of this to members.

ITO Conference:

Neville Ward (CPIT) and Murray Hobbs will be putting together a presentation.

PPTA Report be accepted: (Max)

Seconded: Chris

Carried

Remit from Otago:

Please circulate this out to VPs in regions for discussion within branches then feedback on this to go back to Bronwyn in Otago.

Motion (Max):

That this remit and Manawatu's issue for discussion (in letterhead) go out to all branches. Feedback from this to go back to Bronwyn and feedback from Manawatu's points to go back to Tricia.

Seconded Ron

Carried

Max and Tricia to formalize a letter to circulate to all branches.

Chris requests that correspondence be more formalized in the respect of information are on letterhead. John endorses this reminding that it is a good idea to send out timelines to Exec for circulation to branches.

(Otago) Bronwyn:

Remit

That the national association requests that the ministry of education review the 'Technology Knowledge and skills' category of standards to include further assessment standards for textile materials.

Rational

The range of standards available in this group, focussed on Textiles is limited to two standards which gives 10 credits in total. This restricts textiles teachers in their development of courses for students who excel in practical skills and knowledge.

The Otago Branch requests that the 'body of knowledge and skills' in applied design should be catered for in this category. We would like to see this to be a 6 credit unit at Level One and follow through to Level Two and Three. This would increase the number of credits available to students who excel in this area.

Vote **for** unanimous.

Discussion:

Teaching course and a program of learning – totally different (Cliff).

Action:

Find out from the required ITO if Industrial Machines are required to deliver the Manufacturing Standards.

General Business:

Max has nominated Kevin and Tricia to attend the TENZ Conference in 2011.

Seconded: Motu

Carried

Website: (Chris)

Do we have enough coming events up there on the website? We need as an Association that we are taking the lead.

Action:

Max to talk to Niall about sharing the resources.

Recommendation:

Tricia requests that Chris formalise his requests for a more formal and professional outlook of the Association to be put in writing. This will then be submitted throughout the branches for feedback. Ron endorses this, adding that there should be a North and South Island representative approach.

Collective Executive agreed with this recommendation.

There was active discussion on this with some good points raised. We also need to do the good old fashioned communication methods networking with people (ringing, talking etc). This is really appreciated by people.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

Next Meeting:
To be advised to occur March/April 2011