



Minutes of the NZGTTA Executive Committee
Sunderland Hotel
Wellington
Saturday 18 September 2011
9.30am – 3pm

Meeting opened at 9.45am

Present:

Simon King, Penny Dunckley (PPTA Exec), Bronwyn Gillies, Geoff Newby, Motu Samaeli, Ron van Musscher, Piki Brown (Treasurer), Kevin Meyer (President), Tricia Winter (Secretary), Murray Hobbs (ITO Rep).

Apologies: Stewart McKissock, Chris Hubble, Cliff Harwood

Motion: That the apologies be accepted
Seconded: Ron
Carried

Simon King is retiring from the position of Graphics Representative to the Exec.
Seconded: Ron
Carried

Simon moved that Speaking rights be granted
Seconded Ron
Carried

Minutes of the Past AGM:

Matters Arising:
None

Motion that the previous AGM Minutes be accepted: (Kevin)
Seconded Simon
Carried

Correspondence:

TENZ Conference:

Kevin's school has exhausted its PD funding without benefit because of the bad weather, which prevented their 7 teachers attending the TENZ conference. The school will be reimbursed for everything except registration.

There is a proposal that the running of the TENZ Conference be taken over now by TESAC. Two Executive members from NZGTTA are to be representatives on the TESAC Committee.

Penny asked what is NZDTTA and why is it in brackets. It was explained that this was a proposed name change for NZGTTA from the last AGM. However, it was decided that this is not going forward.

Simon has pointed out that in 2014 the name change for Graphics is definitely Design and Visual Communication. Therefore the name of NZGTTA will no longer match the curriculum with Graphics being renamed DVC entirely at this stage; we do need to consider a name change to be in sync with the Ministry.

Correspondence tabled from TESAC

Ron:

Is the suggestion that NZGTTA disappears altogether and become TESAC?

Piki

The discussion on the floor at the moment is that who are going to be on the TESAC Committee. The next Conference is to be in Christchurch – the President of NZGTTA is to be a representative in TESAC, but we are seeking another member.

Ron is asking what TESAC is all about. Tricia responded that it is an “umbrella” of which all subject affiliations come under and it is more collaborative – that is the philosophy behind TESAC.

Kevin stated that T-News is also going to be changed and now it is to be more a shared responsibility amongst the four affiliations.

If the ministry advisors no longer exist and all we have is the best practice days from the ministry then I have a concern about our PD (Kevin).

Kevin:

My role is to write articles for T-News, and representative for TESAC. It was decided that Tricia be the second representative for NZGTTA in TESAC.

Tabled letter from NZQA Bali Haque – discussion was had around University Approval. Bronwyn said that Cheryl Pym has said that the subjects haven't been decided yet.

Motu:

How does this affect the generic Technology as well as the subject specific subjects for University Entrance?

Penny:

I will take that issue further to the Leaders Forum. The idea of the course thing they haven't got around. The new University qualifications are the hold up and the Vice Chancellors of the Universities are the problem.

60 credits from the subject is the University Entrance.

Under discussion it was decided that the letter from NZQA was not very clear.

You cannot get UE without Level 3.

Ron

Clearly more clarity has to come; we need to know what the “subjects” are and the content within.

Tony Turnock Email tabled:
National Coordinator for Technology
A/Std's & Review – Vicky Compton
Teaching and Learning Guides – Cliff Harwood
Assessment Resource Development and Review – Cliff Harwood
Liaison with Subject Associations – Cliff Harwood
Communications to Senior Groups – Glynn McGregor

The position of National Coordinator for Technology Education is open for applications.
This is a full time position working for the Ministry.

Logo discussion for TESAC. No discussion, fine as it is.

Nomination of new Executive Office Holders:

Ron:
I would like to nominate Kevin Meyer
Seconded: Simon
Carried

Seconded Positions:
Simon has tendered his resignation as Graphics Advisor in NZGTTA.

Tricia nominates that Ron take his place.
Seconded: Motu
Carried

The role of Technology Curriculum representation in the MOE to replace Cliff Harwood
as a seconded representative saw several possible people suggested.

Steve Ronowicz

Steve Jefferies

John Watkins

Cheryl Pym (Technology)

We need someone who has a wider picture of the Technology Curriculum.

Ron:

Is it possible that it could be “job shared” with two people so that there can be a broad
spectrum representation of Technology.

Action:

Kevin to approach Cheryl Pym and Steve Ronowicz to seek their interest in the position.

Kevin wishes that the Association goes back and asks others who could be interested in
applying for this position.

Piki:

On behalf of the Association I would like to give thanks to Simon for all his many years
of work as Curriculum Advisor for Graphics.

Unanimous agreement and thanks from all Association members present.

Penny:

On behalf of the Association we thank Cliff Harwood for his many years of service as Technology Curriculum Advisor in NZGTTA.

Unanimous agreement and thanks from all Association members present.

Regional VPS:

Central North (Tauranga)	Kevin Meyer
Upper North (Auckland and Northland)	Motu Samali
Lower North (Wellington)	Ron van Musscher
Upper South (Canterbury)	Chris Hubble
Lower South (Otago/Southland)	Bronwyn Gillies

President's Report: Tabled

Discussion was had around the standards writing. There was better dialogue with the writers of standards and the MOE. The recognition from draft to publication in the past was recognized that it was poor. As part of a review Geoff Gibbs and Vicky Compton have confirmed that this will be done for all standards.

The Youth Guarantee Scheme:

Changes to the Star Funding is not going to happen until 2014.

Motion: that the President's report be accepted (Simon)

Seconded: Ron

Carried

VP Reports:

Otago/Southland: (Bronwyn Gillies)

Served well by Cheryl Pym this year

Level 2 Focus Technology day for the region

We need to get some balance in the Technology area as there have been enough workshops for Graphics.

Best Practice Day is now going to happen in Dunedin (Technology, Digital Technologies).

Technology / Graphics Cluster groups happening each term

Level 3 Matrix not very well catered for with CMT and Processing

Invercargill:

Just had another drive out for membership

Have a huge email tree but not many paying members attached to it

Canterbury: (Chris Hubble)

The report back is very brief; we have not met as a group. From what has happened in Chch, there is difficulty across the region. Looking forward to normality next year.

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 (Kevin)
Seconded: Simon
Carried

Mid Northern (Kevin)

This region has been quiet this year. I am organizing Lesley Pearce and Andrew Graham for a workshop after school. The teachers want another food Technology workshop. I have a large email tree of Technology teachers in the region and would like to see that grow.

All Technology teacher grandaunts have obtained work and these are full time permanent positions.

Manawatu Wanganui Report: (Ron)

I have been to Hawkes Bay and run a best practice workshop.

Manawatu and Wellington:

- We ran a joint meeting with them. I haven't been out to the Wairapa region despite asking some teachers to organize something.
- In Wellington at the beginning of every year we invite markers to look over the work.
- Had a meeting at Gordon Harris Art Supplies
- The Advisor was promoting that Graphics was a drawing arm of Technology and we set up a meeting to ensue clarification of this fact
- We have run a Scholarship workshop
- Activities going – relatively few attending approximately 12 attending
- Have a large email tree, trying to encourage the general act of contributing
- Queen Margaret College (has gained 7 Technology Scholarships) Barbara McKnight is sharing her practice.
- Needs to be more visually communicative than writing communicative
- It is tremendously difficult to get collaborativeness in practice going.

Auckland/Northland: (Motu)

There is some fresh new blood in the system who will reenergize the area. I will keep Alistair Wells in the system as well. We can coordinate people from the ground. Lesley Pearce is doing an awful lot of work in our area with PD – Advisor base come cluster meetings. Turnout to these has been low. I did a PD session with Level 1 DVC this year and there was a massive turnout. Level 2 will happen with Lesley Pearce in November.

In June there was the Top Art forum and also Unitech localised a Level 3 Technology forum and Martin Bolt was there (University). Talked about design – interest to set up a forum at the start of next year and try and coordinate something. We will be calling it Design and see who turns up. There are a lot of young teachers coming on board which is really great.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion:

Annual Report (Auditor)

We have our books audited because we are an Association. We are not obliged legally to do so.

Present position: We owe no monies to anyone.

We have received GST back from the Ministry of Education.

An electronic version gets uploaded to the Incorporated Societies (Ministry) and this will be public knowledge.

It is important that we pay \$200 fees to keep the books in order.

Membership is down; therefore it has affected our income.

2011

Membership is judged based on the income
Manawatu and Wanganui are very good with membership
Local branch enthusiasm is what gets good membership

It is an option if you want to pay for membership using the website, it is not compulsory to do so.
You can do this through the regional local associations.
Since the website has made changes to the payment of subscriptions \$1,320.00 has been paid to the Association.

Financial members are financial members for the year on the time that they make payment.

Simon:

We can increase significantly the membership if we invoice back into schools.

If we are going to raise the fees, the teachers will be asking “what do I get for my money?” You need a body to represent your teachers to talk to the Ministry.

In 2007 84 paid up members came from Canterbury. Membership has slowly been dropping off in the years 2008/9; membership increased in 2010, however in 2011 there was little or no increase of membership.

Kevin:

Can we send out a letter explaining why we support NZGTTA and seek an increase in membership? Email this out to all schools to encourage membership.

Ron:

Should we be contacting the Teacher Training Agencies to encourage student teachers to join young teachers are really keen to join the Association, they are happy with virtual assistance.

Exec members are in agreement with Kevin’s suggestion.

Ron:

There is strength in the local GTTA Association in passing on this letter for subscriptions.

Motion:

That the Treasurer’s report be accepted (Piki)

Seconded: Ron

Carried

Website Functionality:

Ron:

Why don’t we eliminate the subscription part altogether? Just join through your local branch and that should be it.

Piki:

People join; still provide the online joining option. People join online and there is a natural rollover.

Ron:

Link to the regional and the activities being held (calendar of events).

Since the website has been created, the needs of members have changed and we need to update the website accordingly.

Tricia has requested that an up to date table of both the email and addresses of local branches and Exec be sent so that she can update her database.

Curriculum Reports: *Graphics (Simon)*

Working on the Community of Practice (OtagoNet). Met again with the Principal of the e-school again, the discussion group part of it is proving problematic. It can only run in the Otago area. Looking at GooglePlus. You have to have a Gmail address to participate.

Simon will be sending out instructions on how to access the site.

Considering the year's happenings I would like to acknowledge that I am concerned about the future of our subject.

Motion: That the Graphics report be accepted (Simon)

Seconded: Ron

Carried

Technology (Cliff)

Kevin to request a report on Technology for 2011 and a formal resignation letter.

Vocational Pathways in Schools ITO: (Murray Hobbs)

Keen to see students going into apprenticeships

ITO's and ITF's now looking at Level 2 NCEA as the bottom line to continue into further study as an independent learner.

COMPTENZ Canterbury is lobbying the EQC for a slice of the recovery training program. If this model is successful Auckland and Tools4Work could look at a possible pathway to expand Mechanical Engineering pathways in our school.

Facing issues with the Polytechs.

Tertiary have really taken command of this and we really have got to fight for our involvement.

Kevin:

Manawatu Polytechnic has been pushing for other Polytechs to become involved and therefore take away from the schools. Schools were actually asking the Polytechs what their intentions are.

Murray:

Losing students means losing funding, therefore couldn't attend the ITO Conference.

Penny:

The threat to secondary schools is the quarterly funding. If you take away the kids who are attending Academies, this is making a difference to schools. Gateway is still running in schools, remember that.

Bronwyn:

The Careers Dept in our school are bringing back the vocational courses.

Murray:

Some schools are now offering standalone courses.

Motion: That the Vocational Report be accepted (Murray)

Seconded: Kevin

Carried

PPTA Representative Report: (Penny Duncley)

PPTA

There has been a request for the Digital Standards to be revised before the 3 year cycle because they are so different.

Level 2 process is a lot better than Level 1

Lobbying for attendance in the Best Practice days, these are very good

Karen Sewell's successor is Lesley Longston (Change Manager and Systems Person)

Part of the Canterbury Earthquake Committee – Result: Technology, Visual Art, and Graphics have been pushed back an extra two weeks for Christchurch

Shirley Boys back to site

Marian College not going back to original site, sharing with St Bedes

Avonside Girls are allowed back but only for two years

Schools have no services – water etc

As of yesterday, PPTA Exec is attaching a Surplus Staff Member to each of the Secondary Schools in Christchurch.

I attended the ITO Conference last week. Western Governor's University - competency based degrees, PRL Cheapest University in the States (Nursing, business and teaching). Individual learning, all online, give mentors pay for the practicums.

Looking at the tertiary review of qualifications – intend to bring that down to a lot less.

At the last Leader Form it was mentioned about the case of Technology and UE. Work is continuing on this, with decisions made early next year. They are aware of the specialty.

Day 2:

Josh Williams on

Primary Industries

Service

Hospitalities

Construction

Going through all the standards to look for career pathways. This is not just for vocational will extend to Level 3 and Tertiary.

Careers Advisor:

There are 200 standards for the Careers for schools to tick off.

Movements in the qualification to the pay scales of Secondary teachers.

G2 trained teachers in your schools and have a teaching qualification you should be moved to G3. This has just been signed.

Level 7 qualifications and a Teaching qualification can now move up G3+. This is backdated to April.

Catholic Education Website go to that and read the report.

General Business: TESAC Conference:

We as an Association do not want to be vulnerable for reimbursing of funds if the Conference goes into the red.

General discussion was had around funding a Conference and the monies thereof. There is genuine concern about how much money is involved. NZGTTA Exec are very concerned

about 'buying into this'. There are questions about why we as an Association need to do this when we already fund our own Conference through TRCC.

Questions were also raised about what the \$1000 that NZGTTA was invoiced for from TESAC. What did we get for this money?

There is a mandate from the Executive for Kevin and Tricia to attend up to 2 meetings per year of TESAC.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

Next Meeting:
To be advised to occur March/April 2012