



Gifted WA

## Gifted WA AGM Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Christ Church Grammar School

**Present:** Brooke Siegmann, Chris Hill, Craig Baldaccino, Dean Tollis, Deborah Tiley, Elly Vance, Gemma Brogden, James Lewis, James Mamahon, Karen Browne, Karen Brown, Kate Burton, Katherine Lammers, Kathleen Edmond, Kim Denholm, Kylie Bice, Lisa Balbi, Lisa Palmer, Lucy Birts, Melissa Morrison, Nina Thomas, Rachel Morgan, Trixie Oldfield

**Apologies:** Jolie Mendez

*Meeting opened at 6:45pm*

### 1. *Welcome*

Chairperson, Dean Tollis, welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting.

### 2. *Minutes of Gifted WA AGM for 2020*

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Dean Tollis motioned, Kylie Bice accepts and Nina Thomas seconds.

### 3. *Chairperson's Report* - Dean Tollis

- COVID 19 – hasn't been an easy year but Gifted WA have adapted and having virtual events such as Kylie Bice's "I'm New, What Do I Do"
- Giftedness and the representation in the media and Gifted WA's strong presence on social media
- Gifted WA's relationship with Mensa - have started executing our plan
- Gifted WA is still advocating for change in the education sector and connecting with members where they can
- Gifted WA has had multiple events including the kids picnic with Mensa, philosophical questions, neurodiversity and coping with and embracing mistakes. Overall, it has been a great year
- Next year our focus will be to drive memberships
- Dean would like to recognize and thank those Gifted WA committee members that are stepping down. Emma Hagan is stepping down. She managed to plan an event with Deloitte Australia, that included strategic planning sessions for Gifted WA
- Dean thanked Kylie Bice for her contribution to Gifted WA. Kylie was a founding member of Gifted WA, working with the AAEGT for five years. Gifted WA is very appreciative of all the work she has done.

### 4. *Treasurer's Report* - 3<sup>rd</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### **Starting balance (24<sup>th</sup> November 2019)**

Balance           \$11,916.09

#### **Income (24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020)**

Memberships   \$10 935.90

#### **Expenditure (24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020)**

Insurance	\$ 793.27
AAEGT costs	\$ 790.00
AAEGT Journal costs	\$ 2310.00
Facebook Advertising	\$ 255.68
Catering & Events	\$ 955.97
Thank you gifts	\$ 118.89
IT - Vimeo	\$ 104.03
IT - Domain Name Fee	\$ 30.41
IT - Wild Apricot CRM	\$ 1193.66
Merchandise	\$ 798.53
Total	\$ 7350.44

**Closing balance 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021   \$ 15,501.55**

- Emma Hagen presented her Treasurer Report. Emma Hagen motions to have the Treasurer Report for 2021 approved as an accurate reflection of the 2021 year.
- Kate Burton approves this motion, Dean Tollis seconds

### **5. Election of Office Bearers and General Committee Members**

Chairperson declared all positions on the committee vacant. As per our constitution, Gifted WA requires nine (9) committee members and twelve (12) nominations have been received.

Introduction to existing and extra nominated members. Discussion about board spilling and skill matrix.

With one spot left in the Committee, three people were tied on the same number of votes. Kylie motions for a preferential vote to choose the last nominee – all in favour. Karen Browne appointed as last general committee member.

Each nomination has been seconded and a motion was moved that the nine (9) members be appointed to the committee of Gifted WA for 2022.

<b>Committee Members</b>
Dean Tollis
Kate Burton
Melissa Morrison
Lucy Birts
Trixie Oldfield
Brooke Siegmann (née Gonnella)
Nina Thomas
Romney Taylor
Karen Browne

### **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.**

Only one (1) nomination was received for each of these roles, after Lucy Birts withdrew nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. A motion was moved that the following committee members be accepted for these positions

Dean Tollis	Chair
Kate Burton	Vice Chair
Melissa Morrison	Secretary
Lucy Birts	Treasurer

### **6. General Business**

Floor is open to comments, discussion and advice:

- Discussion about an expert advisory role on the Gifted WA committee
- A voting system procedure needs to be written up and placed in the Constitution
- We need to be mindful to have a committee of like-minded people but also diversity in the members we are selecting onto the committee
- There needs to be a good balance between high school, primary and private, public members on the committee
- A handover will be organized from the outgoing Treasurer, Emma Hagen to the new Treasurer, Lucy Birts. One of the first tasks is for Lucy to be given access to the Gifted WA bank account.

### **7. Gifted WA AGM for 2022**

To be convened within the next twelve months.

Dean Tollis - Meeting closed 8:15pm

### Next General Meeting

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 11:30am via Zoom/in person**

**Deloitte Day 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**