

BAY OF PLENTY MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

4:50 p.m. Thursday 8th June 2017 at Rotorua Lakes High School

PRESENT

Helen Adams (Aquinas College; President of Bay of Plenty Mathematical Association), Adrian Kitson (Western Heights High School; Vice President of BOPMA), Anne Marie Denny (Whakatane High School; Treasurer), Dave Jenkins (Katikati College), Jason Ellwood and Seong Chang (Otumoetai College), Luke Shaw (Tauranga Boys' College), Sonia Deering (Te Puke High School), Helen Baldwin (Rotorua Boys' High School), Jocelyn Richardson (Rotorua Lakes High School), Tracey Webster (Trident High School), Jim Hogan (Auckland University) and Craig McFarlane (Secretary)

APOLOGY

Apologies were received from Lewis Hockings (Tauranga Girls' College), Evelyn Knights (Aquinas College), Stacey Andrews (Edgecumbe College) and Shaun English (Rotorua Lakes High School)

MINUTES

“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2017 ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.”

DENNY/MCFARLANE

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MathsMind 2017:

- (a) Jim offered his services as a checker
- (b) Registration is at 11:00 a.m.
- (c) The Year 10 event begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Year 9 event.
- (d) Sponsorship: Rebecca Astwood and Dave Jenkins have made considerable progress. Dave presented a box full of prizes from sponsors.
- (e) Guest speaker: Jason is arranging for a guest speaker to address the students while the scores are being resolved.
- (f) Commentator: Jason to confirm who will be the commentator.
- (g) Craig to send out an email: all trophies need to be delivered to Otumoetai College as soon as possible.

Mini-Conference 2017

- (a) The venue for this year's Mini Conference has yet to be confirmed.
- (b) The Eastern Bay of Plenty team have spent considerable time searching for a suitable venue. These have included the REAP Centre, Awanui o Arangi, the Tuhoe Centre at Taneatua and Tarawera High School. Each has its advantages and disadvantages. Investigations are continuing. (Shortly after this meeting Tracey confirmed Trident High School as the venue for the 2017 Mini Conference)

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Jan Wallace, NZAMT Executive, inviting her to Tauranga to meet with teachers in the region and clarify a number of issues regarding this year's MCAT.

Response: from Jan indicating her willingness to attend the gathering on Thursday 29 June, this year.

FINANCE

Cheque account: \$5916.61

Savings account: \$5798.06

Affiliation fees: a number of schools have yet to pay their fees. Craig to include a mention of this in the next mail-out

GENERAL BUSINESS

MathsMind

(a) Jason said there may be some seating challenges in the new gymnasium which is still under construction.

(b) Sponsorship is on track. Our \$600 from MoE is received later in the year when MathsMind has happened and our report is sent to NZAMT.

(c) Craig to oversee the formatting.

(d) Tracey's documentation about MathsMind administration needs to go on to the bopma website so as to be easily accessible by future organisers.

2017 MCAT

(a) Adrian reported back on the meeting he attended in Wellington.

(b) He said the Standard had been slightly modified.

(c) Jason asked for Jan Wallace to be invited to attend a meeting in Tauranga so that teachers could have the chance to ask questions. Craig to email Jan about this. The meeting could begin at 12:00 p.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. Jason offered Otumoetai College as a venue for the meeting.

(d) Luke said Tauranga Boys' College is withdrawing from the MCAT.

(e) Craig to survey member schools regarding their intentions about the MCAT this year. ('Continuing', 'Thinking about withdrawing', and 'Withdrawing') Survey results to be anonymous.

TABLES, GRAPHS, EQUATIONS

Adrian said this standard was also discussed at the meeting in Wellington.

Axes will not be pre-drawn on the grids.

Heidi asked if one or all three questions would be investigative questions.

Craig to email Jan Wallace about Tables Graphs Equations

IN-SERVICE

Jim is aware of the labour involved with filling in application forms for professional development. Jim and Craig are currently discussing this to see if there is any way HODs can receive assistance.

Heidi asked for a list of available in-service courses. (This matter to be tabled for discussion at the next committee meeting)

BOOK

Jim promoted Jo Boaler's book 'Mathematical Mindsets' (Jossey-Bass)

USB DEVICES

Luke said students saved their work on their USBs during internal assessments which spanned over two or more lessons. The USBs were handed to the teacher before students left the classroom. It was possible for students to also save their work on Google Docs without the teacher knowing and be able, therefore, to continue working of their assessments at home.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

In-depth discussion about how schools administer their internal assessments. There appeared to be some variation.

ALiM

Tracey said there was a fund available to support students who needed extra assistance in mathematics. ALiM = Accelerated learning in Mathematics.

NEXT MEETING

4:30 p.m., Thursday 14th September 2017 at Papamoa College

CLOSURE

Helen closed the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and thanks everybody for their attendance and willingness to share their views.