

**MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
LANGUAGES PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 15th March 2010**

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Apologies – John Pryor

Attendance – Christine Tang, Sharon Jaw, Saul David, Nic Beames, Anita Chong, Krista Jordan, Lety Ognenis, Elaine Van Halen, Nola Steiner, Lynda Carter, Sondra Tate, Andrea Ko, Joseph Millimaci, Bianca Petale, Suzie Barnes, Mr Cheah.

Minutes of last meeting seen by Sondra Tate. Seconded by Andrea Ko.

Selection of New Committee Positions

Sondra Tate nominated as Secretary by Andrea Ko.

Suzie Barnes seconded.

Carried.

Andrea Ko nominated as Treasurer by Joe Millimaci.

Sondra Tate seconded.

Carried.

Krista Jordan puts forward herself as Teachers Representative.

All accept.

Carried.

John Pryor puts forward himself as Communications Coordinator.

All accept.

Carried.

Joe Millimaci nominated as Convenor by Sondra Tate.

Andrea Ko seconded.

Carried.

Discussion

Sondra will print up a list of events relating to Languages that are in the school calendar for all members of committee to be aware of. This should assist with planning for additional Language events.

Language Week is already planned for **Week 3 Term 3 running between Monday 2nd August – Friday 6th August**. All advised to put this in their diaries.

Anita and Suzie to organize a flag as requested by Mr Cheah to take on the next China Tour in July. It is hoped the Art Department will be able to help with this.

Suzie Barnes puts forward a motion that each individual Language within the Language Department has permission to use funds up to \$100 for upcoming Language related events.

Nic Beames seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Andrea Ko discusses the possibility of a Tour to Austria for the German Students some time in 2011. She is happy to organize and coordinate this event. Also the possibility of

having some German Exchange Students come to Mount Lawley Senior High School. More discussions to take place on this between Andrea and Joe in the future.

Tours currently taking place this year are the Italian Tour very soon in April and a China Tour in July.

New Committee members paid \$1 to the P & C (represented by Suzie Barnes) and committee members are as follows – Elaine Van Halen, Nola Steiner, Lynda Carter, Lety Ognenis, Nic Beames, Sondra Tate, Suzie Barnes, John Pryor, Joe Millimaci, Bianca Petale, Anita Chong, Krista Jordan.

Joe discusses the fact that we want to raise the profile of Languages within the school and school community. Multiple Language Direction Signs will be erected around the school in the near future further emphasizing that this is a language school. This is being organized by the Administration Department.

Sponsorship for Scholarships was discussed. It seems to be a bit unclear as to which languages already have sponsorships of any sort. Further discussion on this is needed for clarification.

Nic Beames offered to type up a draft letter to be sent to the local councils (not all students at this school live in the City of Stirling) to see if they are interested in supporting our languages committee in any way either by way of sponsorship or some other way. It was thought that some councils might have a sponsorship program already in place that we are currently unaware of. Nic to send a copy of the letter to Sondra.

Sondra suggests a social event where parents of all language students can come and meet each other and the language teachers in a relaxed atmosphere. All agree this sounds like a good idea. The evening of Friday 30th April was chosen to have such an event in the D Café from 6.30 – 8pm. Sondra to check the date with the D Café manager first then organize with the committee the food/beverage situation. It is hoped that at this event we can gain more enthusiasm for the committee and hence an interest in our next event which we hope will be a quiz nite predominantly for the students. Date to be chosen at next meeting.

Joe Millimaci discusses the NACEL Australia Company who organize foreign exchange students to stay with host families. They are currently wanting host families for French Students arriving in a couple of months. He also advises us to go onto the Lawley Languages blogspot (which I think is just fantastic – I hadn't seen it before and don't know if I should even be commenting in these minutes) which is full of great information about what is or has happened within the Languages Department at this school.

Next meeting scheduled for April 27th at 7.30pm (place to be advised - either library or main admin).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm approx.