



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

65 Woodsome Street, Mount Lawley, WA, 6050 Ph: (08) 9471 0300, Fax (08) 9271 1126

President: Suzie Barnes

Secretary: Debora Colvin

Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

AGM

Minutes 28th May 2007

Open 19:30, Library, MLSHS

1. Attendance

Suzie Barnes, John Pryor, Clemency Nicholson, Christine Richardson, Jeff and Catherine Smith, John Cloake, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Debora Colvin, G. David Rose, Nic Beames, Craig Heath, Michael Camilleri, Terry Boland, Georgia Coulter, Ron Pearce, Lety Ognenis

2. Apologies

Jo Furness, David Hawkes, Julie Kernutt

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes: Debora Colvin

Seconded: Dennis Bates

Passed ... unanimous.

4. Matters arising:

4.1. **Book-keeper for uniform committee**

Georgia has spoken with bookkeeper (\$40/hr), and will be meeting to discuss what is required and determine workload. General feeling of meeting is that it is worth spending some money to get the books set-up and started with assistance. Funding previously committed to support this.

Michael Camilleri offered ... that we may be able to take advantage of a site license for MYOB.

4.2. **Auditor**

Have spoken to, but yet to start.

4.3. **Idea to spend \$15,000 grant**

Directing the funds to strengthening links to ECU. It will take many forms with MLSHS students (eg SVAPA, Music, Business, Health) doing work at ECU particularly in the years 10-12, and for ECU students to work at MLSHS.

Going to apply pressure to DET, ECU and others to match our commitment to get further benefit from the initiative.

4.4. **Bricks**

Catherine waiting on the design, then all "good to go".

4.5. **Seating near Library**

Yet to determine the "what" and "where", with consideration for looks, cost and ability to leverage chairs/tables from café.

Question of how to progress, then the light bulb went on...



ACTION: Terry to speak with Warren Daniel and engage the Student Council to progress the matter



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

65 Woodsome Street, Mount Lawley, WA, 6050 Ph: (08) 9471 0300, Fax (08) 9271 1126

President: Suzie Barnes

Secretary: Debora Colvin

4.6. **SVAPA and Music Funds Available – Allocate or Lose**

Raised that significant funds raised each year are not being used for those students. Put to each committee that they need to allocate (ie spend) some of the funds now, or have the funds swept to the general account for use elsewhere.

SVAPA have responded quickly with a list of items.



ACTION: Terry and Suzie to follow up with the Music Committee

4.7. **Teacher / Student Communications**

Continuous process to work on improvements...

4.8. **Heavy Bags**

Terry is currently finalising a list of books (heavy texts) to get maximum benefit (for the \$8k - \$10k spend).



ACTION: Christine to raise issue of school bags as part of uniform code with the School Council

5. Reports

5.1. **Principals**

Terry presented a report, the following are the highlights ...

- Courses of Study (WACE) Changes
 - Re-iteration of the 1A/1, 2A/2B and 3A/3B levels
 - External exams apply to stage 2 and 3 level courses impacting about 70% of students.
 - English is required, “bonus points” for those doing the stage 3 levels
 - Becomes very real for Year 10 with course selection process starting with evening presentation (29th May) at the school.
- School review, with District Director and focus on outcomes for:
 - School Leadership is committed, responsive and collaborative
 - School staff are motivated, engaged and competent
 - School’s financial and physical resources are managed to optimise learning outcomes for students
 - School operates in partnership with the community.
- Links to Hedland High School. Have set up a “sister school” arrangement to benefit teachers and students – both groups able to “visit” and also includes funding for a scholarship.



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

65 Woodsome Street, Mount Lawley, WA, 6050 Ph: (08) 9471 0300, Fax (08) 9271 1126

President: Suzie Barnes

Secretary: Debora Colvin

5.2. Treasurers

Balances (approx):

- General \$4,600, Term Deposit \$15,790 maturing August
- Library \$3,210
- SVAPA \$15,190
- Music \$1,680, funds at Westpac yet to be transferred
- Uniform \$19,450... about to pay \$13k leaving \$15k on account



ACTION: Terry and Suzie chase up Music Committee and get funds transferred from Westpac

More discussion on Uniform Shop and its obligations for BAS and (more importantly) SG Contributions for Cheryl.



ACTION: Suzie to chase up employment contract

Arrange for bookkeeper to come in 11:00 31st May to check books

P&C Fundraising letter:

- Mark Lynch can prepare and mail out, just provide letter layout
- Thoughts to add incentive to respond (eg prize for lucky donator), provide list of initiatives the money goes toward etc
- Want it out asap to beat the end of tax year



ACTION: Georgia and John Pryor to draft up letter

5.3. Middle School Parent Group

Not available ... noted that Parent Group evening on 30th May on raising teenagers

5.4. MLSHS Committees

5.5.1. Finance

Postponed, not available

5.5.2. eLearning

- Order placed for laptops
- Teachers identified to "mentor" others to improve usage of equipment. Focus is moving away from the technology layer into ways it can be used in learning outcomes
- Scholaris "package" to be trialled to improve the presentation of class information to the teachers, and (ultimately) information to parents on their child's progress

5.5.3. Health

Recent information session with Geoff went well. Year 1 Chill-Out scheduled for 19th June.



Move an additional allocation of \$300 be made available (if required, don't tell Terry) toward costs of Chill Out session: Catherine Smith

Seconded: Nic Beames

Passed ... unanimous.



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

65 Woodsome Street, Mount Lawley, WA, 6050 Ph: (08) 9471 0300, Fax (08) 9271 1126

President: Suzie Barnes

Secretary: Debora Colvin

5.6. School Council

- Student Council reported that food quality in d café has improved; TEE support class started and {heavy bags again}
- Discussion held on how to best apply “voluntary fees/charges”
- Application has been submitted for the School Chaplaincy
- Looking to re-form the Uniform Committee for bags and hats
 - General support for the Council to manage the dress code
 - Ad hoc use of working party to drill into issues, not thought a regular ongoing commitment is required
 - Feeling at the meeting is there is not general support for hats / bags as part of mandated uniform

5.7. P&C Standing Committees

5.7.1. SVAPA

- Presentation by students on recent trip
- Mention of a china tour next year
- Preparations for Art Auction in full swing

5.7.2. Music Support Committee

No recent meeting

5.7.3. Uniform

Still have a solid daily/weekly turn-over

Recent stock-take indicates an abundance of 18-26 polo shirts (thinking of a discount offer) and dresses (will go as we move to next year)

Votes of appreciation continue for the efforts of those involved. Michael Camilleri commented on the “... absolutely positive influence the uniform and uniform shop is having ...”

6. General Business

- Mention of memorial to be held 13th June for Karen Maslin in Music Room.
- Test of the general interest in session by “Pathways”. Proposal to hold a talk at the school end of June / early July (probably 4th July)



ACTION: Terry and Nic to arrange and send flyer with information

- Art Auction flyer displayed for information.

7. Correspondence:

None mentioned

8. Date of Next Meeting

7:30 pm on Mon 25th June 2007.

Closed 21:45