

Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

School Council

MINUTES

Monday 19 October 2009

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:35pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance Catherine Smith, Milton Butcher, Neil Hudson, Ron Pearce, Olivia Burmester, Gemma Esvelt, Terese Wallooppillai, Maddie Lovelle, John Cloake, Holly Richards, Glen Innis and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary).		
4	Apologies Kevin Pilkington, Anne Griffiths, Jo Furness, Don Rowe.		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2009 were tabled and accepted as a true record. Moved by John Cloake. Seconded by Glen Innis.		
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sponsorship No change. ▪ Healthy Active Australia Grant Milton Butcher advised that Suzie is to have a meeting this Thursday to finalise the circuit. ▪ Centre for Asian Languages The Australian Government is saying it has given the money to the state and the state, that other schools have a higher capital works priority. The project is at an impasse. Don Rowe continues to engage with Steven Smith. Funding has to come from the Australian Government. ▪ Scholarships and school promotion – Numbers for Year 8, 2010 Milton Butcher advised that these have been advertised and distributed to the relevant classes. There will be an update at the next meeting. ▪ Independent Public School Milton Butcher reported that the application was not successful. He and Catherine Smith have had correspondence from the Director General which is generic to all schools. As Chair of the School Council, Catherine was highly insulted by the email. She has emailed, but yet to receive a reply. Milton has tried to get feedback from the School Innovation Unit, but it is not available at this stage. Further discussion ensued on the content of the email. Members felt that their efforts in undertaking significant consultation and encouraging support was diminished by the response. 	Write a draft and send to members of School Council for feedback prior to finalisation.	Milton Butcher

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<p>The consultation undertaken at this school was compared to anecdotal information from members of staff/parents of that undertaken in several successful schools.</p> <p>Milton stressed to Council the selection process considered a broad spread of schools and Mount Lawley SHS was competing for one or two places for Band 4 metropolitan schools.</p> <p>The Director General could be invited to attend a meeting.</p> <p>Recommended by Catherine Smith to send a letter to the Director General and the Minister to let them know Council's feelings about the feedback. Council unanimously agreed to this recommendation.</p>	<p>DG letter.</p> <p>Minister's letter.</p>	<p>Milton Butcher Catherine Smith</p>
<p>7 Discussion Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICT Reserves Milton advised that this is healthy. There is more opportunity to buy ICT equipment under the Australian government arrangements. ▪ Year 10 Working Party Glen reported that the next meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks. During this week, a lot of information will be sent to teachers to work on a time to meet and go through the next phase. Catherine commented that Glen has been doing an excellent job and asked to look at visits to other schools. ▪ Review Staffing Profile for 2010 As more time is required to work on this, this will be considered next meeting. ▪ Year 8 Numbers for 2010 Milton advised that the Year 8 number for 2010 is currently 165. 	<p>Look at school visit program.</p> <p>Check to see if Neil Hudson and Ian Johnston are on the email list .</p>	<p>Glen Innis</p> <p>Glen Innis</p>
<p>8 Financial Report for 2008 Milton presented the financial report and answered questions</p>		
<p>9 Principal's Report Milton reported on the tax deductibility, advising that Debora Colvin looked at the Terms of Reference for the building fund and found weaknesses. This is the standard Department documents on establishing the committee to manage the fund. No change to be made.</p> <p>Milton said the building fund, with P&C, would have a priority for air-conditioning. John added that the fund could expand the music space, etc. Further discussion ensued on ideas for the funding. Catherine asked if MLSHS has a sticker to send to the alumni as she believes this network is not being used as much as it should be. She suggested that Council look at this as a marketing strategy for next year.</p> <p>Moved by Catherine Smith to approve the tax</p>		<p>Milton Butcher</p>

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<p>deductable building fund and TOR. Seconded by John Cloake. Carried.</p> <p>Milton tabled a document <i>Relative Assessment Performance for Year 9</i> and gave a verbal report on NAPLAN. He reported that MLSHS results were good (above the national average). There was a slight increase in reading, but over the last few years, writing has declined. Milton advised an improvement plan is being considered. Numeracy was pleasing.</p> <p>Glen suggested obtaining feedback from the markers of NAPLAN to show where MLSHS could improve in writing and Ron Pearce asked if the trends showing Year 7s are heading in the same direction. Milton replied that the value add statistics were not yet available.</p> <p>Recommended by Milton Butcher for Council to endorse \$1,150 to be paid from the Numeracy & Literacy fund for Mathletics from Senior School Maths budget. Catherine agreed that Council should approve this recommendation, as contributions should be spent on a child's education in the year it is collected. She suggested providing a clear indication, ie an accurate balance, of how much money from parent donations is left to be spent in the year, together with suggestions on how to spend it to assist the students for next year.</p> <p>Moved by John Cloake to endorse payment of \$1,150 from the Numeracy & Literacy fund. Seconded by Glen Innis. Carried.</p> <p>Milton reported that he took the issue of heavy books to a leadership meeting and was advised that faculties have all the books they need. Students should not need to bring anything from home. Following comments from students Milton said he would continue to discuss this.</p> <p>With regard to the Year 12 students' final day, Milton advised that they should be wearing their uniforms at the final assembly. The reason is to say goodbye as students of MLSHS and have a year photograph taken. Catherine suggested including in the P&C email that any student who does not wear a uniform will not be included in the photograph. Milton advised that there will be a free dress day for Year 12 students on Friday.</p> <p>Milton mentioned moving Year 10s into Year 11 towards the end of November, ie starting Year 11 3 1/2 weeks early. This must be done in a way so that teachers explore skills, but not have assessments due to new students in 2010 and no text books available. A student can make course changes before 2010 starts if courses do not suit. Milton added that bringing Year 11 into Year 12 will also be discussed. A letter will be sent to parents</p>	<p>For the next meeting, provide information on parents' donations and ideas on how this money could be spent for students.</p> <p>Target areas with heavy books.</p>	<p>Milton Butcher</p> <p>Milton Butcher</p>

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	<p>outlining the initiative Recommended by Catherine Smith to endorse the concept. Council agreed to this recommendation.</p>		
10	<p>Milton advised that Zhejiang Normal University representatives will be here on Wednesday. Looking at teacher training – not just Chinese classes. Chinese students will have the opportunity to practise their Chinese. On 19 November this year, a group from Beijing will be visiting. Milton has arranged for the Executive Director to attend this event.</p>		
11	<p>P&C Report John Cloake reported that the uniform shop is no longer to be conducted by P&C. Catherine believes it is a much better option and will take pressure off P&C.</p>		
12	<p>Staff Report Neil Hudson reported that there is a group coming tomorrow regarding middle school to find out if MLSHS is the best middle school in the State (it is between MLSHS and Wesley). Also, General Sanderson came to MLSHS and was very impressed with what he saw, including the Health Expo.</p>		
13	<p>Other Business Catherine said she was in attendance for the Health Expo on Thursday and had a fantastic time. She thanked the Year 10 councillors who put in their time to assist, including making mocktails.</p>		
14	<p>Next Meeting Monday, 16 November 2009 at 7:30pm</p>		
15	<p>Meeting Closed 8:55pm</p>		