

**Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)
School Council Meeting
Warren Daniels Conference Room, MLSHS
MINUTES
Monday 16 May 2011
at 6:30pm**

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 6:30pm.		
2	Introduction and Welcome Geoff Clayton welcomed Council members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance Geoff Clayton, Milton Butcher, Yvonne Scott, Jordan Caffery, Glenn Scott, Ian Johnston, John Cloake, Carl Pekin, Michael Sutherland (arrived 6:55pm) and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary).		
4	Apologies Trevor Cullen, Don Rowe.		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and accepted as a true record. Moved by Ian Johnston. Seconded by Glenn Scott. Carried.		
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship No change. • Healthy Active Australia Grant No change. • Centre for Asian Languages No change. 		
7	Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPS The IPS application was tabled. Milton Butcher advised that in the emailed motion, there was no negative votes. It would be of value to proceed with a formal vote at Council. RECOMMENDATION That Council formally endorse the IPS application. Moved by Milton Butcher. Seconded by Carl Pekin. Carried. • Reporting to Parents Milton advised that there was a response for the Regional Director to close the School for a half day for reporting to parents and half a day for the career day. However, Catherine Smith has locked in the career day and it cannot be changed. The School is looking at perhaps bringing parent interviews forward from 1pm and starting Middle School a little early. 		

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<p>• Early Start Feedback This document was tabled. Milton explained the reason for the number of 'no opinion' responses. Ian Johnston commented that he found the responses to 'extend early start to all years' fascinating and this was discussed in relation to the curriculum.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Counsel endorse the early start concept.</p> <p>Moved by Glenn Scott. Seconded by John Cloake. Carried.</p> <p>• Annual School Report Milton reported that the Annual School Report had to be published before Council could consider it, and that it is now on the web.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council endorse the Annual School Report.</p> <p>Moved by Carl Pekin. Seconded by Ian Johnston. Carried.</p>		
<p>8 Reports</p> <p>• Financial The financial documents were tabled and Yvonne gave a verbal overview. She drew members' attention to the Building Fund Expenditure on page 7 of the <i>Comparative Budget Report</i> and advised that a letter will be mailed reminding everybody that this is a tax deduction. Yvonne apologised for a typo on the document <i>Voluntary Contributions & Charges Position</i> where 'UPDATE #10' should read 'UPDATE #1'. She reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The second lot of statements went out last week; - A lot of families have taken up the time payment option. - There is a new debt collection agency which, at a cost of \$500, has collected \$2,700 (a good response). <p>Three Finance Committee Funding Application Forms were tabled and Milton reported that the Finance Committee has endorsed the funding of one of the requested two cameras (for Business and Information Technology), two of the requested five portable hard drives (for Languages) and two table tennis tables (for the Year 8 Team).</p>	<p>Provide a list of cameras in the School's possession</p>	<p>Yvonne Scott</p>

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<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council approve the cameras and hard drive against the ITC fund and the table tennis tables against the Literacy fund.</p> <p>Moved by Ian Johnston. Seconded by Michael Sutherland. Carried.</p> <p>Moved by John Cloake to accept the financial reports. Seconded by Carl Pekin. Carried.</p> <p><i>[At 7:05pm Yvonne Scott left the meeting]</i></p>		
<p>9 Student Representatives</p> <p>Jordan Caffery reported that the Year 11 students have sat their exams. She reported that the parent information night on handling stress, which was held last week and attended by about 20-30 parents and about 15 students, was beneficial, however, Jordan feels it would be more beneficial if it was held two weeks before the holidays, to implement strategies suggested by the psychologist.</p> <p>Moved by Glenn Scott to accept the Student Report. Seconded by John Cloake. Carried.</p>		
<p>10 Principal</p> <p>Milton reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anzac Day went very well, with the guests very impressed with the students' behaviour, manners and decorum. • A group of Indonesian Principals visited the first Friday back for a tour of the School. • Exams started today; • Follow the Dream is enjoying success, with many schools wanting a placement. • He and Don Rowe met with people working in Timor to see of opportunities were in place for co-operation and to support the sister school in Dili. • A new research project with ECU to deal with bullying over the next 3-4 years has started. • Independence Group NL has accepted the Aboriginal program arrangement, but with caveats. • Rather than a sponsorship, the Lodge of Sincerity has opted for a donation. <p>Moved by Michael Sutherland to accept the Principal's Report. Seconded by John Cloake. Carried.</p>		

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11	<p>Staff Ian tabled his School Council Report and gave a verbal overview. He reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation problems in Year 8; • Alternative pathways for low achievers in Year 12, eg TAFE in second semester; • Sister school relationship with Hedland eg consensus marking and a BHP visit for Year 12 students, with possible future employment opportunities; • Subject selection for 2012 for Year 11 students, ie looking at results and choosing wisely for success in Year 12; • The Canberra Tour for history students; and • The Cambodian Tour for Year 11 students to work in an orphanage in the Term 2 holidays. <p>Geoff explained the NAPLAN procedure for MLSHS. Geoff also reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bullying plan is rolling out in Year 8. • He is getting ready for the Year 9 camp. <p>Moved by Glenn Scott to accept the Staff Report. Seconded by Carl Pekin. Carried.</p>		
12	<p>P&C John Cloake advised that he missed the last P&C meeting. Milton advised that he attended the meeting at which P&C endorsed IPS and wanted more information on the proposal for extra security for the gym change rooms (there will be a big door down the corridor to prevent entry and there will be bag racks in the corridor).</p>		
13	<p>Other Business All students across the country will have a laptop very soon and MLSHS students are able to take their laptops home. John mentioned his concern regarding security issues with laptops and was advised that RiskCover will cover the laptops. Milton said the program will be rolled out towards the end of the semester. He advised that parents must buy a laptop cover and a hard drive. He added that repairs will be managed by the program. Further discussion ensued on the risk and students needing to take responsibility for their laptops. When Jordan queried putting textbooks onto the laptops, John explained that this has been looked at but there is not that much electronic text available that suits the purpose.</p>		
14	<p>Feedback on the meeting/future agenda items There was no feedback noted.</p>		
15	<p>Next Meeting Monday, 20 June 2011 at 6:30pm.</p>		
16	<p>Close At 7:40pm, Geoff declared the meeting closed.</p>		