

SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MINUTES

MEETING

Wednesday 15 February 2012.

OPENED

Meeting opened at 7.00pm.

ATTENDEES

Dr Dale Irving, Milton Butcher, Jane Packham, Charles Warren, Bill Armstrong, Melanie Wood, Kerrie Brown, Sharon Cockcroft, David Rose, Shellie Carter, Sonja Davidson, Jo Allery, Jason Allery, Julie Parker, Teresa McClelland, Michelle Wray, Mary Greensheilds, Mark Greensheilds, Vicky Bambaci, Vicki Andrews-Taylor, Amy Rakkusol, Kerri Bland, Chano Crow, Catherine Barty, Marge Wade, Joanna Fugl, Janet Rosson, Vanessa Lombardo, Ariane Thirion, Milton Cocks, Michael Birch, Tasoula Goodrich, Kay Raymond, Dallas Maggan, Louise Patterson, Wendy Jones

APOLOGIES

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve Minutes of Wednesday 15 November 2011 moved by Kerrie Brown, seconded Teresa McClelland.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 1 Motion to approve funds for Arts Festival Day: Band (\$300) and Junkadelic (\$1000) \$1300 in total moved by Kerrie Cockcroft and seconded Shellie Carter.
- 2 Petty cash \$300 will be set up for next meeting by David Rose.

SVAPA 2012 ARTS. DR DALE IRVING

- 1 The SVAPA UK/Paris Arts Tour 2012: finalising the application forms, most bookings made. 23 students and 3 teachers travelling. Tour jackets ordered. Art project underway.
- 2 Arts' Festival Day support: WAM Band: Sugar Puss: \$300
Junkadelic for Year 8 SVAPA: \$1000
- 3 SVAPA 8 & 9 Camp: run by teachers-a getting-to-know-you camp.
- 4 Early Morning Classes: Year 8 start THIS week with special program Beat Salad> They will start in the Tricycle with Josh Hogan at 7,25 for a 7.30 start on FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY (m Warren's b'day) Monies already dedicated.
Year 9 will start after the camp with Movement and Art/Media. Both classes will develop work to dovetail into the Spark_lab Project that culminates in 3 night's of performance 5,6,7 July at PICA.
- 5 This year the Year 10 SVAPA Project class will work as the main group involved in the Spark_lab contemporary arts' project lead by James Berlyn, Tristen Parr and a Visual/film artist: the artist-mentor program will also dovetail into the Spark-lab project: The Museum of Now. PICA/Sparklab will provide the bulk of the funding for the project that will involve all 8, 9 and 10 SVAPAlings. We hope that Year 11 Visual Arts will also be involved.
- 6 SVAPA T-Shirts have been ordered for all year 8's. Expect all SVAPA students to have a shirt with logo.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Art Auction Committee 2012 meeting 21 February 7.30 in the Music Room. Art Auction will be held on the 16 June 2012. Assistance required leading up to Auction, during set up, day of Auction and pack up. Money raised is shared between the Music Department and funds SVAPA.
- 2 Milton Butcher (Principal) addressed parents questions and concerns regarding the recent school IPS restructuring removing Arts as a Head of Learning Area (HOLA) and now reporting to and represented by Phys Ed (HOLA) and the impact on SVAPA Arts Program and school leadership representation of the Arts at Mt Lawley Senior High School. Milton Butcher said he was not specifically targeting Arts but an industrial agreement vacancy occurred through natural attrition as a staff member no longer working at the school took up a position elsewhere. Milton Butcher said he did not think this decision would affect student participation in SVAPA and he could give a 99.9% guarantee that the HOLA Level 3 of Arts or Technology and Enterprise would be restored within 1 or 2 years at Mt Lawley Senior High School. Parents do not agree with this decision and have concerns that it may affect SVAPA and included that the situation was extremely unfair to a staff member who is extremely passionate in coordinating the SVAPA Program and the Arts. Parents expect Arts and SVAPA to have equal status with other subjects that are provided a head of learning within the school community. Parents offered to fundraise to restore Arts representation in school leadership team and loss in salary but Milton Butcher said he would not like to see money spent this way. (Letter dated 2 February 2012 attached)

EXTRA BUSINESS ARISING

- 1 Next meeting is SVAPA Parent Support Group 2012 AGM before the general meeting and all positions for SVAPA Parent Support Group including Convenyor, Treasurer and Secretary are available. (These positions are not overly time consuming for those who are interested.)

CLOSED

Meeting closed at 9.30. The next SVAPA Parent Support Group and AGM meeting will be held Wednesday 14 March 2012 (Week 7) at 7.00pm at Tricycle Theatre.



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Dear

I am writing to outline some developments for 2012 in school leadership and the impact on SVAPA. The origin of this letter arises from discussions late last year with several members of the SVAPA Parent Support Committee.

Mount Lawley Senior High School was over staffed by Level 3 school leaders and required to lose one position. This was achieved last year with the movement of the substantive Level 3 for Arts. This is the usual way that positions are reduced. It could have been Mathematics, Physical Education or Science had that Level 3 resigned, retired or left.

As part of the transition to IPS I have re-profiled leadership positions to provide access to all curriculum areas to a Level 3. The Arts, less Music has been allocated to Mr Howard and Music to the Mathematics leader. For Term 1 of this year, Mr Johnston will exercise line management responsibilities for Music until the new Mathematics Level 3 is appointed.

I have also disestablished the Level 3 position for Technology and Enterprise and this twelfth leadership position will be devoted to school improvement. The leader appointed will have a role in improving student results in all leadership positions, including the Arts.

SVAPA is recognised in the school as being a prestigious program that enjoys great parent and wide community support. With the leadership re-profile there has been no wish to cripple or end SVAPA. It is recognised that SVAPA is a vibrant program that brings outstanding students to Mount Lawley SHS. In 2012 Dr Dale Irving has been asked to co-ordinate SVAPA and has been provided with time to do this.

This decision was about bringing the school into a situation where it "lives within its means" and for no other reasons. It is not in any way an attack on the Arts or SVAPA. In fact, following an assessment of the work of the school improvement officer, the position will be reverted to a curriculum leadership role and the Arts will contend for this. I am happy to address any concern raised by parents at any time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Milton Butcher
PRINCIPAL

2 February 2012