

**Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association Inc****Minutes**

Meeting Held on Monday 30 th May 2005 , 7.30pm , Staff Room, Admin Building , MLSHS

1. Attendance

Georgia Coulter, Geoff White, Ros Marsland, Terry Boland, Dennis Bates, David Hawkes, Michael Camilleri , Joyleen Winter, Sue Charlick, Jeff & Catherine Smith, Tony Di Benedetto, Suzie Barnes, Sophie Vanzetti, Bev Burnside, Sue Lunn, Lety Ognenis, Christine Richardson,

2. Apologies

Rob Walker, Louise Herriman, Charmian St John, Julie Kernutt,

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Amendments: Add Ros Marsland to the attendance. Charmian is the correct spelling of Charmians name.

Otherwise moved as a true and accurate record by Mike and seconded by Ros.

4. School Plan and Priorities

Terry Boland tabled a comprehensive document outlining the focus areas for consideration for the 2006-2008 school plan. The school is currently in the final year of its previous 3 year plan. The next plan is informed by government directives as well as the schools needs.

Terry spoke to the document he tabled, culminating in discussion about the key focus areas for 2006-2008. Terry requested parent feedback and support for the process of the next plan and asked parents to read and consider the document. You can request a copy of the last plan and accompanying reports if you wish. A reflection on what you feel is important for your childrens education over the next three years would be a valuable input.

Terry has asked for a small group of parents to work with the process. These will be called on at the next meeting.

Geoff White has requested an online forum be set up for parents to discuss issues - to allow greater time and energy to be put into the discussion than most P&C meetings allow. Also, it was suggested to advertise in the next newsletter for volunteers for this committee.

5. Investing In Schools Initiative

Terry tabled document and spoke to this. It is a federal government initiative up to \$50,000 or \$150,000. Every school has a chance to get some of the money, though the schools themselves can't apply, only the parent/community bodies.

Terry asking school body (teachers, students) to identify needs and gaps and wishes. P&C are also asked to consider this. It was noted that whilst the building programme has provided excellent wider structure for the school, there are some gaps in terms of the nuts and bolts (eg great IT system, not many laptops to take advantage of it) It was suggested by Christine that the P&C was the most appropriate body to take this on.

Ros suggested a wider canvassing of the school community through letters home to parents. After teacher and student feedback, some guidelines could be suggested to parents on projects they could then prioritise, and also have available space for independent suggestions.

Terry will bring these school suggestions to the next meeting with the view of the P&C applying for August round of submissions.

6. Treasurers Report

Georgia provided a treasurers report with the following balances outlined:

General \$11,431.83

Canteen \$320.12

Library \$5,106.50

SVAPA \$6,718.02

Music \$TBA

Georgia moved a motion to transfer money from canteen account to general account. Seconded by Sophie

Term deposit is maturing 23/07/05 . (\$10,559.60) Georgia asked committee to consider the options of rolling it over, finding a higher rate of interest or move to general account.

Change of signatories needs to happen for the bank accounts. Sophie and Georgia need to be added.

Preparation of letter for school donations : Georgia will liase with Phil for letters to be created. To be sent out within two weeks. Mike moved a motion that "lasermail" fold it and insert letters for \$175. Terry seconded. Everyone was in favour.

Georgia moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Geoff seconded. All were in favour.

7. Middle School Parent Group

Bev advised that the next meeting of the group was at 7pm , 1 st June in the middle school. On June 9 th there was also the meeting for the incoming 2006 students. David to represent the P&C at this meeting.

Implementation Committee

Dennis tabled document and spoke to that. Features:

- Hamer Park undergoing changes for improvement with positive implications for the school.
- Building programme currently on schedule
- Canteen planning occurring to meet needs and wants of school community for 2006
- Meetings have begun for the official opening of the school plus the combined 50+1 celebrations.

Learning Technologies Working Party

Website has been worked on a lot by Mike and Mike. Also Jeff has set up a website www.lawleyevents.com for the activities of the P&C which is linked to the school. Look out for the art auction on this site.

Health

Health week starts June 13 th . Chill Out Sessions for year 12's on June 14 th which will include a range of activities and healthy afternoon tea. June 16 th is the all day Health Expo which is set up to provide a wide range of information to students, teachers and parents in various areas pertinent to our students. Parents are invited to have a look and help if they wish. It opens at 8.40am to visit in the Rec Centre.

Safer Schools Meeting

Related meeting to occur - Lawley Youthlinks 31/05/05 .

School Council

Issues discussed focused on new 3 year plan, as per previous discussion this evening. Report was also given by students which was comprehensive and highlighted the processes within the school they could use. Issues included the current attendance system and requests for additional programmes of extension for other subjects and students after school. Seen as very positive.

SVAPA Parent Support Group

Committee been involved with the organization of the art auction being held with the music committee. See Music Notes.

The next meeting has been changed to TUESDAY 7 TH JUNE, 7PM , TRICYCLE THEATRE. This is to accommodate the parent information evening put on for year 10 parents.

Music Parent Support Group

Pink Lady Apples raised about \$215.

Junior concert and camp has occurred. Blues Band played at the Hyde Park - very positive feedback. Senior Camp is this weekend coming.

Ros queried why the string students have not been included in the camps and concerts this year. To be followed up.

Art Auction: JUNE 10 TH , 5PM VIEWING, 7PM START.

Sub committee very busy organizing evening - have over 90 pieces of work with 50 artists contributing.

8. Correspondence

In: - Steven Smith - posted form grant application

- Offers for various fundraising activities and offers

- WACSO and ACSO - leaflets on values education distributed.
- Any volunteers for the WACSO conference in Canberra available?

9. General Business

- Sue Lunn enquired about assemblies and parent involvement. Are they open to parents, when are they etc. Terry advised there was one whole school assembly per term plus a middle school one and a senior school one. Previously assemblies have not been open to parents, but Terry would take the idea to the executive. After school is completely built there will be a better system of regular dates etc to be able to advertise them.
- Year 10 parent info night- changed dates caused some confusion. Discussion again about the school calander and parent accessibility.
- Sue also suggested spending some of the P&C money on a fun thing for students, such as a disco or similar. It was suggested a budget could be discussed outlining how much the P&C has to spend and on what. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on June 27 th at 7.30pm .