

# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday, 23 September 2013

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the Main Administration building

## 1. ATTENDANCE

Darryl Ferguson, Maria Nicoli, Jo Furness, Lety Ognenis, Ian Johnston, Michael Camilleri, Caroline Nelson, Sharon Cockroft, Sonja Davidson, Ron Pearce, Jennifer Fay, Catherine Lee

## 2. APOLOGIES

Suzie Barnes.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted. Moved by Jo Furness Seconded by Sharon Cockroft

Carried

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING

### 4.1. Status of P&C approved funding

- The P&C has approved funding up to \$15,000.00. for Diaries
- Moved by Jo Furness Seconded by Lety Ognenis

Carried

### 4.2. P&C Expenditure

- DVC Data storage & distribution system – New quote pending
- P&C has approved to sponsor up to \$15,000.00 for the new diary for 2014. The new diary to be the same size as the existing one with extra information useful for students & teachers. It will also incorporate a page promoting the P&C i.e : link to the web site, date of the Lawley art action.

### 4.3. P&C Committee

- P&C Sport Co-ordinator and Secretary position need to be filled

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1. President's Report

- No report

### Principal's Report:

- Year 12 Drama performances have been completed. These were of a very high calibre.
- Year 10 Mock Trial team have continued their success and are now in the grand final. At the end of the last performance the Magistrate highlighted that this mock trial team was the best he had ever seen. Thanks are extended to Siobhan Galavan and the lawyer coaches.
- The Semester Two music concerts were of a very high standard. Performances continue to stagger those in attendance. Ensemble competition results ranged from 'Excellent' through to 'Outstanding'.
- Year 11/12 river cruise was well organised by Andrew Ruck.
- Year 12s commence exams next week. The focus is getting performances as high as possible. Students at risk of not graduating are being counselled.
- There are an increased number of Year 12 students with illnesses that impact on results eg chronic fatigue syndrome. Special consideration requests have been submitted.
- There has been an increase, across all year groups, in the number students with mental health issues. The Student Services team are working hard to assist these students. This is not unique to MLSHS.
- There was a request to continue activities such as the Year 12 Chillout Day to help alleviate stress levels.
- It is projected that 30 students will achieve an ATAR of 90+ in 2013.
- Languages Week concluded with an extravaganza of cultural activities. This was well attended by students, parents and community members.

- Twenty six students and supervising teachers from Fuchun Secondary School, Singapore visited the school.
  - Rewards Day for Year 10 students will be held on the last day of term.
  - Forensic Science group ran an incursion for Year 9 students. Year 9 Transition Camp was held. MS staff put in a big effort.
  - The staff meeting explaining funding issues was well received.
  - There will be a new school diary for 2014.
  - Year 9 students attended a presentation on mental health by Youth Focus. Youth Focus will be talking to staff on Staff Development Day.
  - Students raised over \$800 for the Student Council on Free Dress day.
  - A large number of students were presented with awards and acknowledged for their achievement at the recent SS Assembly.
  - The inter-house athletics carnival will take place tomorrow.
  - Non-ATAR students are due to return laptops on Friday, 20 September 2013. ATAR students on Friday, 25 October 2013.
  - Parking on the Leroyd Street is becoming resolved with Legislation being passed in the Legislative Assembly giving ECU Leasing rights of the street and the capacity to fine illegal parkers
- **Cut Back presentation**
  - There has been substantial media coverage of imminent funding cuts.
  - There was a stop work rally on Thursday, 19 September 2013. A letter was sent home to parents informing them of the situation.
  - Parent and Community Board Member Representatives stated they are fully aware of the anxiety and concern the funding changes may cause staff. It was requested staff be made aware of their support.

**Action: P&C to place WASCO petition on it's website**

**5.2. P&C Treasury's Report**

- No report

**6. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES**

**6.1. Music Support Committee**

- No report

**6.2. Language Committee**

- No report
- Ian Johnston has mentioned that this year's "Languages Week" has been one of the best he has attended.

**6.3. SVAPA Committee**

- No report

**6.4. Lawley Art Auction**

- After a very successful art auction this year, the committee is trying to find more sponsors as the cost to run the auction will increase. The committee would like to invite more corporate sponsors to encourage the acquisition of the top end art.
- Date for the Lawley Art Auction 2014 , 16<sup>th</sup> of June

#### **6.5. Finance Committee**

- Finance Committee was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September
- Finance reports were tabled and passed by the committee
- Three funding requests were considered by the committee and two were approved :
  - 3 off interactive whiteboards
  - 1 off 3D printer
- The committee has requested more detail for the funding for 2 years subscription to Glogster prior approval. Glogster is an online multimedia poster design and sharing website
- Next meeting scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> October

#### **6.6. Health Committee**

- Up coming: Health Expo for Y8 to Y11 focusing on Teenager & Leavers drinking. Date for the expo to be re-confirmed

**Action: Ian Johnston to follow up**

#### **6.7. School Board Report**

- The school Board has expressed their disappointment regarding the state government cuts.
- The board has discussed cost savings due to the budget cuts, disciplinary suspension and attendances.
- Ian Johnston has indicated that Jenny has spoken very well about the budget cuts with the media. If the media requests interviews he will recommend Jenny to represent the school.

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **7.1. WASCO Conference**

- No report

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 28 October 2013 at 7:00pm**

**Meeting closed: 8:40pm**