



Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday, 27th of June 2016 at 7.00pm

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the Main Administration building

1. ATTENDANCE

Jo Furness, Mark Westera, Caroline Nelson, Catherine Lee, Milton Butcher, Alex Apostolou, Andrew Henryon

2. APOLOGIES

Tony Rose, Sue Faranda, Suzie Barnes, Felicity Moldritch, Sharon Cockroft, Michael Camilleri, Patricia Kritas, Rosanna Thompson, Wayne Houlton, Sonja Davidson, Caroline Sandell, Belinda Derby, Randall Wells

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mark Westera

Seconded: Caroline Nelson

Carried unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1. Update on shade structure

West Coast Shade has confirmed the additional shade structure should be installed with new steel posts. Feedback from the Student Council is that it would be beneficial to have more shade in this area. They also asked if the extra shade could be water proof as it is a long way to walk to the Specialist building from the Senior School without getting wet. They suggested a shade structure over the metal staircase used to access the staff room externally. The students also believe the rose/peace garden would be enhanced by a shade structure. As a quorum was not present, this item will be tabled at the next meeting.

4.2. Update on heavy school bags

The number of bags on wheels has increased but this is not a solution as there are the issues of posture & balance with this type of bag.

The Principal confirmed that the school will adjust the booklist for next year to reduce the number of files. Staff to review better scheduling of the requirement for textbooks during the week.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Principal's Report

A verbal report was given on school events. These included:

- The School was represented at the Indigenous Veterans and Memorial Day services;
- The bus broke down on the Cadet Camp on the return from Walpole and the trip took two hours longer than it should have and students were safely guided back (the bus was only serviced the week before);
- Exams have concluded and Semester 2 is underway with no significant issues;
- The school is currently engaged in Year 10 & Year 11 subject selections, and families are asked to very carefully consider selecting against staff subject recommendations;
- The school is looking at a new Certificate II course in bicycle repair;
- The school sent 10 students of Mandarin to Chegdu for the sister city celebrations with the City of Perth;
- The art auction was a great success with likely over \$20,000 raised;
- Parent/teacher meetings will be held in the afternoon and evening on Thursday, 30th June 2016
- There will be some disruption to learning programs due to long service leave (LSL) issues in Semester 2;



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- The Korean “Ride the Wave” festival was held last Thursday – great success;
- The Languages Expo was held the following day and thanks go to the Parent Support Group for the great support;
- Work continues with the heavy school bag issue;
- P&C executive members are invited to the VIP breakfast meeting at 8:00am on Monday, 1st August 2016;
- Both the SVAPA production and the Opus Music Concert are being held tonight, hence a number of P&C members are not present.

5.2. Treasurer’s Report

- The accounts of the P&C general committee and sub-committees are all in good shape.
- Mark Westera queried a deposit of \$5800 made by the school into the general account. It appears the funds have been made to the P&C Committee, rather than the Art Auction account. Mark to investigate and organise to transfer the funds to the correct account.

6. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1. Music Sub-Committee Report

- Nil

6.2. Language Sub-Committee Report

- Nil

6.3. SVAPA Sub-Committee Report

- Unfortunately, the Secretary, Sarah Parsons, has had to resign. The SVAPA Committee will endeavour to fill the position as soon as possible and inform the P&C when this happens.
- The SVAPA Parent Support Group Committee and many SVAPA parents and kids helped out at the 18th June Art Auction. The SVAPA Committee thank everyone for the generous donation of time and energy from so many parents before, during and after the event as the work continues.
- Moya Thomas SVAPA Coordinator has lined up a number of new artists for the SVAPA students; Anna Dunnill – perspective drawing, Chris Issacs – Year 9 improvisation work and Souix Tempestt – weekend workshop.
- The SVAPA Committee has two new events this year that they are hoping to make part of the yearly plan; Term 3 – Movie Night at Cinema Paradiso and Term 4 – Danceathon

6.4. Lawley Art Auction Report

- Nil

6.5. Finance Committee Report

- School financial reports and subject charges for 2017 were tabled, discussed and passed by the committee.
- Nine funding submissions were tabled and all were approved, one conditionally:
 - School signage upgrades \$18,670. This will help enhance the image of the school.
 - Asset tracking system \$22,975. This is an audit requirement and will improve management of the school’s assets.
 - Special literacy support \$20,000 to assist students to pass OLNAs in senior school.
 - School PA System \$9,700, current system is ineffective and is important for emergency situations.
 - Languages week \$1,200. Annual event that is enjoyed by students and staff.
 - Magnetic bender \$3,300 to replace the old equipment that was beyond repair.
 - Aboriginal mural \$6,500 approved in principle to be further discussed with the Principal.
 - Audio Visual Equipment \$10,400, upgrade equipment in Middle School
 - Room dividers for the Green Room \$2,900. It will help to make this room more effective for visible learning and privacy during performances



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6.6. Health Committee Report

- Breakfast club will commence term 3. A big thankyou to the P&C for the fridge. Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact contact Suzie Barnes.
- Year 12 Chillout was excellent. Evaluation of the event is presently being completed.
- The issue of hygiene and colds and flu has been raised and this will be discussed at the Student Services meeting.

6.7. School Board Report

- The Board approved the adjustment of the charges for the GAT & Music Programs.
- The Board endorsed OLNA Literacy project upgrade to help students from senior school to pass the OLNA test.
- The new AV system for the Middle School has been approved by the School Board.
- The Board discussed the new School Leadership structure such as one Level 3 teacher for every group in Middle School and a fourth Deputy Principal.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. School diaries

Caroline Nelson presented different options for the school diaries from various suppliers i.e. A5 format versus current format, diaries without wellbeing section. The current supplier has confirmed that they can supply the diary section as a hard copy and an electronic copy for the wellbeing section. The P&C has suggested the Student Council be consulted to check if students are using the diary and the wellbeing section. Caroline Nelson to meet early Term 3 to discuss with Anne Tumak and Michael Camilleri.

A decision regarding the diaries needs to be made prior to the 30th August 2016, to meet the deadline for ordering.

7.2. Request for funding for additional shade structure

To be tabled at the next P&C Meeting - refer item 4.1

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Mail – In:** P&C membership forms & payment for all delegates & office bearers, fundraising information, WACSSO certificate of membership, WACSSO invoice, Public liability insurance renewal, Music Term Deposit statement, letter of apology from Colin Barnett for Art Auction.
- **Mail – Out:** Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 22nd of August at 7:00pm

Meeting closed: 8:10pm