

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

Meeting Held On Monday 27 th June 2005 , 7.30pm , Staff Room, Admin Building MLSHS

1. Attendance

Christine Richardson, Dennis Bates, Charmian St John, Robin Sanders, Ros Marsland, Terry Boland, Karen Maslin, Michael Camilleri , David Hawkes, Geoff White, Georga Coulter, Lety Ogenis, Rob Walker, Jeff Smith, Catherine Smith, Sue Charlick, Suzie Barnes, Sophie Vanzetti,

2. Apologies

Julie Kernutt, Louise Herriman,

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved Sue Charlick, Seconded Georga Coulter.

4. Investing In Schools Initiative

Terry tabled "Suggestions for Consideration by P&C" and spoke to this. One of the key points was about prioritising the application to bigger picture items. His recommendation was that the P&C submits an application for up to \$150,000 in the area of Information and Communication Technologies for the senior school and library area. Specifically, supporting the purchase of three banks of twenty laptop computers to operate on the school wireless network. The idea for this as a priority was based on need for them and the reality that school resources will be freed up to support Learning Areas across the school if the application is successful.

There was extensive discussion about this. Some concerns were around obsolescence of laptops and the arguments around leasing vs buying. Could there be a combination of laptops and desktop computers?

Also tabled, by Christine, was an application by the music department, which outlined a big picture for the expansion of the department in terms of equipment. It was acknowledged this was an extensive and important long term view of the needs in this area and should be pursued in the future.

After more discussion, it was decided that the application for ICT would be supported, with all students in the senior school to benefit and the strategic plan already in place for ICT, which this application would support.

Terry moved that the P&C authorise the Principal, Chair of the School Council, Laurie Faraone and P&C President to prepare a submission for funding. This was seconded by Geoff White and carried unanimously.

Terry moved that the P&C authorise the President of the P&C to sign the submission on their behalf as the duly authorized parent body. This was seconded by Geoff White and carried unanimously.

5. Security Of Bicycles

It was raised that there has been some bicycle thefts at school. Terry said that he is unaware of this but asked the email in question to be forwarded to him so that he can address this.

6. Funding for Students From P&C Funds

Sue Lunn raised this at the last meeting. Charmian brought up Year 11's not having had an activity eg boat cruise etc. Terry said three rivercruises had been organised but not enough interest from this group to go ahead. Suggested that it be taken back to the group as to what they would like and P&C could consider funding this through the Student Council.

7. Topics for Future Meetings

New Courses of Study Coming Through

Fundraising for P&C (uniform shop?)

8. General Business

Charmian brought up keyboard skills as a subject. Terry said ICT courses are held but keyboard not formally taught to students - he advised he will follow this up.

9. Treasurers Report

General Account: \$11,417.41

Canteen: \$320.12

Library: \$5326.50

SVAPA \$17,745.02 (expenses for Art Auction to be taken out still)

Music not reported

Georga outlined term deposit options. Rob moved that \$5,000 be put in term deposit for 5 months at 5.4% and \$5,000 be put in the general account. This was seconded by Dennis.

The P&C also has a credit with the Cookie Co of \$97 - it was agreed to use it later in the year.

After some discussion about funding school based initiatives, Terry moved that the P&C commit \$10,000 to second term school initiatives. Rob seconded and this was carried unanimously.

The envelope stuffing cost to send out donation letters cost \$305.

10. School Council

Geoff reported that the discussion centred on the investing in schools initiative. There was also discussion around Improving Student Performance, with the aim of getting MLSHS in the top 10 listing in the state.

11. SVAPA Parent Support Group

Concentration on Art Auction as far as parents involvement. Looking forward to Arts with Attitude Festival at beginning of next term.

Discussion about staff changes. Terry informed group that Dale Irving was going on secondment to ECU as part of strengthening links between 2 institutions. At this stage don't know who will be acting Head of Learning.

12. Music Parent Support Group

The art auction raised a total of \$10,500 - a very successful evening for Music and SVAPA parents.

On behalf of the school, Terry acknowledged the hard work and commitment of all the parents who were involved and thanked them heartily and sincerely.

Next term Music will have a quiz night and a sausage sizzle.

13. Principals Report

Terry tabled a written report. Terry discussed the School Plan 2006-2008 working group and asked if parents could attend meetings. The first meeting is on Tuesday 3.15-4.15. It was acknowledged that it was a difficult time for people to attend but Catherine would try.

He advised the building plan was going really well and looking like on time.

Terry also advised the meeting that Ros Marsland has been promoted to a new position. Ros was congratulated and acknowledged that this was a wonderful recognition of her skills and what a very sad loss it will be to the MLSHS community. Best of luck was extended to Ros.

Terry also outlined the School Plan across six focus areas (as listed on tabled document)

14. Health Report

A huge thankyou was extended to Terry for the Purchase of the Display Boards which helped immensely in the Art Auction and the Health Expo and will continue to be useful through out the school.

Also, thanks extended to the P&C for funding recent events organised by the Health Committee - Chill Out went really well again this year with good feedback. The Health Expo was fantastic as well with the huge effort put in by teachers, parents, students and exhibitors paying off. Special thanks need to be extended to Jo Searson for all her extra work, the year 10 helpers (especially Bob White) and a huge and special thanks to Pam Rosenbaum for her amazing organization and the group of staff who supported her in the health committee.

The 13 th Annual School Canteen Conference and Healthy Choice Food Expo is on Wednesday 13 th July. Ros said she possibly could go. Catherine moved that the P&C pay for anyone who could attend this. Seconded by Sue.

\$1,500 was also available to apply for the Healthy Eating Project in School community. Georga suggested that the money be used to fund initiatives like chillout, expo, breakfast club etc.

STATUS OF SCHOOL NURSES:

Ros tabled a letter from Pam Rosenbaum regarding above. There is a new MOU between Department of Education and Department of Health which may change the position of the school nurse within the school. Secondary school principals have gotten together and asked for a proper consultation process with stakeholders before any changes are made. It was suggested that the P&C should send a letter of response to Pam and that it be cc'd to Health Dept and David Price. David to follow up.

15. Correspondence

Tabled by Geoff. Geoff will email Jeff to have all correspondence put on website for viewing by all before meetings.

Received various fundraising offers, cheques (which have been passed onto Georga), ACCSO conference information and WACCSO conference information. Geoff said he would fill out the Novice Driver Review Public Discussion Paper for P&C.

16. General Business

WACCSO conference - Geoff may be able to attend. If anyone else is interested and or able to attend please let him know.

Lollypop Lady on North St has changed her times due to timetable change now school finishes at 2.55pm .

JAZZ WA on in school holidays here at the school for those interested.

17. Meeting Close and Next Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.30pm . Next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 25 th July in staffroom, MLSHS.