



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

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Minutes 27th March 2006

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Meeting Held- Monday 27th March 2006, Staff Room, MLSHS

1 Attendance

David Hawkes, Julie Kernutt, Georgia Coulter, Anthony Barrington, Clemency Nicolson, Miyuki Saito, Suzie Barnes, Jeff Smith, Catherine Smith, Christine Richardson, Claudine Bates, Dennis Bates, Nic Beames, Michael Camilleri, Lety Ognenis, Geoff White

2 Apologies

Sue Lunn, Terry Boland, Bev Burnside

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (28 Nov 2005)

David highlighted the areas of interest of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by Dennis Bates, seconded by Catherine Smith.

4 Election of Office Bearers

4.1 P & C Minutes distributor- Due to lack of viable alternatives it is necessary to continue using the yahoo groups facility which Charmian St John has agreed to continue operating.

4.2 WA State Schools Organisation rep. Georgia Coulter offered to attend this weekend – August 19 and 20. A second rep is invited if anyone else is interested.

4.3 P & C rep on the MLSHS Finance Committee Miyuki Saito will represent the P & C on this committee.

4.4 Many thanks to those people who have volunteered for these and the other office bearing positions.

5 50 +1 Celebration

This will be held on September 16th and the P & C will support the MLSHS Alumni Association with their plans and the schools plans which we shall hear about next meeting when Terry Boland is able to attend.

Some fundraising ideas were mentioned including a wine raffle/mugs with logo/bricks with past and present students names for use in the school.



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6 P & C Treasurers Report

Georga Coulter reported the account balances of \$20,860.48 in the general account, \$ 7855.43 in the library account and \$5916.2 in the SVAPA account, total of \$34,632.11. Interest for the General Account on Jan 3rd was \$203, the library \$64 and the SVAPA account \$6.

She has looked into short term investment of some of the general account money and due to operational difficulties with the slightly higher earning funds recommends the Commonwealth Bank three month deposit. Georga proposed that we deposit 15,000 for 3 months, this was seconded by Catherine Smith and carried unanimously.

The 2005 books also need auditing. Various P & C members will ask accountants they now who may do this for an honorarium, failing that an auditor will be advertised for in the newsletter or contacted commercially.

Teaching Initiatives Allocation- this was discussed and Catherine Smith proposed \$10,000.00 be allocated for this which was seconded by Christine Richards and carried unanimously.

7 Committee Reports

7.1 Middle School Parent Group

A meeting was held for middle school parents after their community information sessions during which information about the uniform plans and the canteen was provided Anthony Barrington informed us.

7.2 Learning Technologies

Technical staff continue to look at new technologies and support teachers at a range of levels to use technology to ultimately improve student outcomes Michael Camilleri reported.

7.3 Health

This committee is focussing on education in the canteen and the canteen launch and were delighted with the good media exposure received when the premier the D-Café visited recently. Ways to educate students about nutrition, using the advocacy period, are still being looked at. An information booklet about the canteen will be available for students and parents soon. A focus for second term will be the Year 12 Chill Out program Catherine Smith reported.

7.4 Uniform

Geoff White and the committee have met with student reps. and discussed uniform requirements and would like to get feedback and liaise more closely with students. A talk was given at the Middle School Parents night. The committee may consider a logo design competition to promote student input.

8 School Council

Christine Richardson told us that the student reps have brought issues to the meetings including the issue of heavy school bags/locker provision. She noted the concerns of the P & C about security, particularly in the library area and middle school.

In second semester the learning areas will be presented at the council meetings and issues with programming/ plans for the future etc can be discussed.

The Dress Code recommendations will be received in second term from the Uniform Committee and it is planned that an open meeting be held on June 19th where this will be discussed as will the issue of fee paying International Students.



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9 **Principal's report**

Michael Camilleri, on behalf of the principal, reported that the Building Program is just weeks away from completion with the ovals and landscaping the last areas to be finished.

10 **SVAPA Parent Support Group**

Suzie Barnes told us that the Wine Tasting evening is scheduled Friday, March 31st and that it is hoped that the Year 10 SVAPA students will have a performance opportunity later in the year.

11 **Music Parent Support Group**

Meeting scheduled Tuesday April 4th to discuss the Community Art Auction which is to be held on June 16th. The Fibber McGees dinner is to be postponed to next term.

12 **General Business**

12.1 **Heavy Bags**

There is considerable parental concern over the issue of heavy school bags risking developing spines. The school is being asked to address this via ? lockers/ class sets of texts in upper school allowing students copies to be left at home/ digital versions/

12.2 **Theft**

Theft of some items has been heard of by P & C members, could the school look into security issues, particularly regarding the library and gym.

12.3 **Vocational Guidance**

Specialist counsellors will train teachers this year to assist yr 10 students with their choices for years 11 and 12. There will be a meeting in term 2 ,date TBA

12.4 **Meeting Reminders**

Michael Camilleri will look into the costs associated/feasibility of texting reminders of important meetings to parents as the school has text contact with a parent of 86% of the student body.

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

Next Meeting Monday, May 22nd, 7.30 pm in the MLSHS Staff Room

NOTE: Minutes reconstructed from Yahoo mailing message by John Pryor - 26 November 2007