



# Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

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## Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

### Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006

Open 19:30, Staff Room Admin Building, MLSHS

## 1. Attendance

Georgia Coulter, Nic Beames, Martin Sims, Bob Herriman, Christine Richardson, Charmian St John, Clemency Nicholson, Frances Strahan, Sue Webb, Jeff Smith, Catherine Smith, Lety Ognesis, Suzie Barnes, Geoff White, Ros Marsland, John Cloake, Michael Camilleri, Terry Boland, David Hawkes, G. David Rose

## 2. Apologies

Rob Walker, Julie Kernutt

## 3. OBE Presentation

Standing orders set aside so Terry Boland could run a 40 (nay 65) minute briefing on OBE ... { *excuse the verbosity... but this was interesting and worthy of minuting* }

Lot of bad press around OBE for “dumbing down”, “loss of faith in education” where the reality is most of the issues relate to the challenging nature of the change, the change management and the implementation of OBE. Outcome is all about:

- Effective learning and good teaching
- Students know, understand, value and able to do

Courses are based, and build, on existing content.

OBE in use through all states, and a lot of the world. It is aimed at flexibility in learning so courses can contribute to entry into TAFE, University or the workplace.

New aspects include:

- Consistency of assessment
- Allows pursuit of University, TAFE, workplace etc
- Rationalisation of multitude of courses
- Ability to offer Year 11/12 units in Year 10
- Ability to incorporate other learning, eg music, bronze medal, cadets, vocational (providing there is a proven measurable trail of accepted “outcomes”)
- Ability to continue to “Year 13” in order to complete requirements for (for example) University

Everyone agreed that this was a useful presentation, and that more sessions should be run to inform parents.



**ACTION:** Terry Boland to pursue option to run further parent information sessions.



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## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Move acceptance of minutes: Catherine

Seconded: Georgia

Passed ... unanimous.

Business arising...

### 50 + 1 Celebration

Discussion around what is being prepared for the "50+1" celebration... activities, a Ball, memorabilia, advertising on the website and in the media.

Idea presented on "sponsored paving" where people can donate a brick paver... pre-sales or on-the-day sales possible.



**ACTION:** Nic Beames to run with this. Volunteers required.

### Heavy Bags

School council has discussed and are looking at the whole issue of to/from and at school.

Options include lockers, school owned texts, use of CD's, "back health" awareness program ... continuing to scope the issues, options and resources required

### Theft

Small outbreak of theft from outside the library and the PE collection point. Two focus of educating students:

- Encouraging students to not bring valuables, if they must then to carry them on their person.
- No tolerance stance on offenders

### Meeting Reminders

Texting and e'mail system in place... speak to Charmian if not on list.

## 5. Yr10 Subject Counselling

There will be opportunities to attend information evenings, discuss options with counsellors, editorials on options and handbooks. The counsellors will be "telling it as it is" for each parent to ensure appropriate matching of students to courses

## 6. Reports

### 6.1. *P&C Treasurers*

Waiting on 2005 books. Current balances:

General	\$6,011.22
Library	\$7,919.35
SVAPA	\$7,673.03
Music	\$9,330.00

Term deposit of \$15,000 to be reviewed when matures

Library funds are managed by P&C to endorse requests forwarded by the Library

Letters are to be sent out seeking donations, Mark Lynch to assist

Moved acceptance of report: Georgia

Seconded: Roz

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## **6.2. Middle School Parents Group**

N/A

## **6.3. MLSHS Committees**

### **1.1.1. Finance**

N/A

### **1.1.2. Planning and Priorities**

N/A

### **1.1.3. Learning Technologies**

Looking at podcasts etc. Wanting to put out survey to test level of “connectivity” to contact students/parents electronically

### **1.1.4. Health**

D’Café – P&C to support with funding for Chill Out program

Moved provision of \$800 funding for Chill Out program: Geoff

Seconded: Georgia

Passed ... unanimous.

D’Café is going well, newsletter out soon. Good news came out of recent government visit.

Chill Out session for Year 12 on June 26, also looking to hold a staff session.

### **1.1.5. Mount Lawley Youth Care**

N/A

### **1.1.6. Safe Schools Committee**

N/A

### **1.1.7. Uniform Working Party**

Taking suggestions, meeting to be held tomorrow night.

### **1.1.8. School Council**

Topics covered included Year 10 counselling, lockers, and Terry’s china trip. Limiting school to 25 fee paying students acknowledging the special needs incumbent with the program... the financial benefit assists the music/arts facility.

### **1.1.9. Principals**

*Already used up his time on OBE, thanks once again for your indulgence.*



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## 6.4. P&C Standing Committees

### 1.1.10. SVAPA

Latest evening held raised \$1,700, which combined with the \$5,000+ (left over from art auction) will fund items from list to be provided by teachers/students.

### 1.1.11. Music Support Committee

Short meeting to be held tomorrow.

McGee's dinner is sold out, next event to be art auction (has 70 pieces for sale).

\$3,500 already allocated to fund Lindsay Vichary piece for the student tour.

Seeking a Melissa replacement... whilst she replicates.

## 7. Correspondence

In:

Copies of P&C Voice

Chocolates...

Training Session – school counselling

Government... changing schools process

Fundraising stuff

Out:

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## 8. General Business

{ Catherine } Request for school's art curator to attend auction with his chequebook

{ Sue } Noticed in last newsletter that the chaplain is running a Quiz Night... did we know.

Discussion then highlighted that he is "self funded" and this was one to ensure continuity of service.

{ Sue } Wondered what was being of parents as the Diagnostic Inventory survey was difficult to respond to. Fill out what made sense as the survey is part of a 360° survey (teacher, parent, student) aimed at helping school determine what it is good at.

{ Catherine } Noticed that MLSHS is to receive \$1m funding this year. This is part of the funding to complete the school, as a funding tranche was carried to this year.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Closed 22:00