



# Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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## Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc. General Meeting Minutes 23 November 2009

Open 19:32, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

### 1. Attendance

Milton Butcher, Suzie Barnes, Sondra Tate, G. David Rose, John Pryor, Lety Ognenis, John Cloake, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Clemency Nicolson, Kerry White, Sue Faranda, Jo Furness, Michael Camilleri, Catherine Smith, Glen Innis, Sharon Cockroft, David Hawkes, Christina Albillos

### 2. Apologies

Debora Colvin, Dawn Pekin, Penny Scott

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Move acceptance of minutes: S. Tate

Seconded: C. Bates

Passed: unanimous.

### 4. Matters arising:

#### 4.1. *Uniform Shop*

Uniform Concepts have nearly completed the setting up of the Uniform shop and will take over the management shortly. The new email address for the uniform shop is [mlshs@nellgray.com.au](mailto:mlshs@nellgray.com.au)

Motion: That the cash register be sold and proceeds returned to the MLSHS P and C

Moved: Jo. Furness

Seconded: C. Smith

Passed: Unanimous

#### 4.2. *Building Fund*

All governance for this has now been completed, tax-deductable donations are now possible.

#### 4.3. *Independent public schools application rejection*

Feedback has been provided and suggested that the benefit to students could have been expanded on and the broad staff support indicated. Thankyou to Catherine Smith and Michael Sutherland MLA for writing to the minister re. the application rejection.

#### 4.4 *Mt Hawthorn Bus petition*

Catchment parents have been notified, 38 families indicated interest. Primary schools in that region will now be approached

#### 4.5 *Next years committee positions*

The P and C has at least two valuable members retiring this year, Deb Colvin(secretary) and Catherine Smith. Please keep a look out for enthusiastic parents who may like to join the P and C.



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## 5.0 Reports

### 5.1 *Principal's Report- Mr. Milton Butcher*

- 5.1.1. Mr. Butcher will be on leave for the first six months of 2010, a replacement is being sourced.
- 5.1.2 Yr 11 students start year 12 this week .
- 5.1.3. The school has been approached by members of the Jewish community asking for opportunities to observe the faith for Jewish students, this may be possible if it outside of school hours.
- 5.1.4. The school has been identified as a language hub for Asian and European languages.
- 5.1.6 It has also been identified as a Defence Industry hub aimed at increasing the number of students that go into careers that support defence eg metal work, mining etc.
- 5.1.7 The local Ex-POW Association, headed by Arthur Leggit, is sponsoring two students to go to Thailand in 2010 for Anzac day and will meet ½ the cost of an accompanying teacher.
- 5.1.8 Volunteer thankyou day is set for December 8<sup>th</sup>, invitations will soon be sent.
- 5.1.9 The Yr 10 working group, Chaired by Mr Glen Innes, is coming up with ideas to -assist year 10 students maintain standards(academic and otherwise), develop better learning program and improve pastoral care.
- 5.1.10 Australian Drug Foundation sent a letter to the school asking for support re increasing the legal drinking age, the P and C will post this on the website.
- 5.1.11 The school was surveyed re. the importance of the chaplaincy program to the school and responded that the program was very important.
- 5.1.12 Zhejiang university masters students and Beijing Institution of Education Professors and a Chinese govt. delegate visited recently and were very impressed with the students who showed them around.
- 5.1.13 Three students have been selected to go to the Shanghai festival next year
- 5.1.14 Air Conditioning - the first instalments will begin early next year

### 5.2 *P and C Treasurer's Report*

Account	Balance	After funds committed
General	\$24,375.83	(Reading room, Chill out ,benches and activity track) \$5175.00
Library	\$ 1,114.17	\$ 1,114.17
SVAPA	\$15,636.64	\$15,636.64
Uniform Shop	\$34,768.40	\$14,070.00
Music	\$15,731.01	\$15,731.01
Language	\$20.00	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$91,628.05	\$51,726.00



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### **Also tabled were income statement and balance sheet details for accounts**

#### **5.2.1 Notes**

Term Deposits for SVAPA \$5823.00 and Music \$8000.00.

### **5.3 Uniform Shop Report – see Business arising this report**

5.3.1 Tudor is unhappy to lose MLSHS business though still has some items in production. Uniform Concepts will employ adults/students to assist with Uniform collection days in January.

### **5.4 MLSHS Committee Reports**

#### **5.4.1 Finance**

The Budget was examined at the last meeting and the Building Fund organised.

#### **5.4.1 eLearning**

Sue Kennedy is retiring from the committee and many thanks to her for her large contribution over the years. The Education Dept has audited the school for computers per student ratios and will provide 108 extra computers for the school and some rewiring for access. The school will need to meet the cost of power point relocation etc. The new website will be up and running in early 2010.

#### **5.4.3 Health**

The health committee has not met since last meeting. A meeting is scheduled soon with an LDAG (Local Drug Action group) representative.

### **5.5 School Council Report**

The balance of funds from parent contributions, \$18,000, will be used for Literacy Programs.

The Voluntary Contribution list for 2010 has some additions including the addition of the Pro active program.

White Sleeves will remain on the leaver jackets for 2010

School Council needs some new community members as some are retiring

### **5.6 P&C Standing Committees**

#### **5.6.1 SVAPA**

Meet this week

#### **5.6.2 Music Support Committee**

Carols on the lawn is on Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to Kerri White for her contribution this year, despite no longer having a child at the school, her work has been very much appreciated.

#### **5.6.3 Languages Support Committee**

Meet this week.



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## **6 General Business**

### **6.1 Year 10 Working Party**

Glen Innis from Community Two in Middle School Chairs this committee and reported tonight on initiatives planned to improve academic outcomes, pastoral care and involvement of year 10 students in the school. Some initiatives/ideas for this include:-

Diary Changes etc to be tracked in diaries and parent signatures required to show awareness of school policies

Homework suggestions for when nothing actually set/pressing

Posters re. acceptable standards

Form teacher pastoral care

Vertical forms-including some yr 11 or 12 students

Increasing staff involvement with the yr 10's

### **6.2 Staff Morning Tea**

Motion: That the P and C fund this to a value of \$600.00

Moved: C. Nicolson

Seconded: Kerri White

Carried: Unanimously

### **6.3 Pro active circuit**

The installation of this starts Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and will take 2-3 weeks

The program is a finalist in the Healthy Active Lifestyle awards- winner announced Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.4 Parent email collection**

To keep adding to this next year so a greater % of families covered, Sondra to email Suzie the forms used for language parents

**6.5 Orientation Day Agenda?**- not sure if one has been sent , Mr Butcher to follow this up

### **6.6 A huge 'Thankyou' to departing parent Catherine Smith**

Catherine has been a vital member of the MLSHS P and C, School Council, Health Committee; Uniform Committee and many, many Working Parties over her years with the school. This enormous contribution has led to the development of many programs and initiatives that the students now enjoy. Every best wish for the future Catherine and a huge thankyou.

## **6 Correspondence**

Nil recorded

## **7 Next Meeting**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

Meeting Closed 20.45