



Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.
General Meeting Minutes 22 November 2010

Open 19:33 Conference Room, 1st Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

1. Attendance

Claudine Bates, Dennis Bates, Michael Camilleri, Sue Faranda, Julie Kernutt, Penny Scott, Jo Furness, John Cloake, Milton Butcher, Deidre Davidson, John Pryor, Sondra Tate, Sharon Cockroft, Diane Brennan, Suzie Barnes (late).

2. Apologies

Ron Pearce, David Rose, Lety Ognenis, Cristina Albillos, Clemency Nicolson.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Move acceptance of minutes: Sue Faranda
Seconded: John Pryor Carried.

4. Business arising

4.1. Proposal to amend 1999 funding principles

The P&C funding guidelines document was tabled.

The proposed guidelines are a revision of the April 1999 Guidelines. The only change is that # 5 has been added (and 6-8 renumbered).

Dennis and Julie moved to accept the Guidelines with the proviso parent check is replaced by a Working with Children Check. Carried.

GUIDELINES

1. Expenditure is expected to directly or indirectly benefit a significant group of students enrolled at this school
2. Preference for expenditure that provides an enduring benefit rather than a short term impact.
3. Preference that funds raised will be expended on the current school population.
4. Preference for expenditure on items deemed a high priority by the P&C and where the school has limited capacity to fund.
5. Funding for parental involvement in tours is acceptable provided that a clear selection process is advertised and adhered to. The parents must have a Working With Children Check. Parental involvement on a tour may or may not be partially subsidised.
6. P&C Executive Committee will determine the level of funds available to the MLSHS Finance Committee for allocation, and those funds to be retained for other expenditure by the P&C.
7. P&C delegates on the Finance Committee are charged with the responsibility of representing the wishes of the P&C and its broad priorities.
8. Funds raised through voluntary contribution to the MLSHS Library Fund will be expended on eligible items, as defined by the Tax Act.

4.2. Former Uniform Shop Cash Register

The Business Studies teachers do not wish to purchase the cash register. Members decided to sell the register through the mailing list, parent flyer, Gumtree etc. John Pryor said he would take on this project. He expected to make the purchase price \$200-\$300.

John Pryor and Penny moved to sell the register for \$200-\$300. Carried.



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4.3. FAQs on the P&C Website

John Pryor is making progress.

4.4. Funding proposals

- Milton advised looking at quotations for the cage. These have yet to be provided.
- A further proposal was tabled – improving the conference room including a history room component. The program funds for 2010 have been expended so the proposal will be considered early in 2011.
- John Cloake reported he and Ron had looked at electronic books, however, very few are available.

4.5. School Website

Michael provided an update on the website. The front page is current and thus far this has been done. The issue is meeting the costs, which are considerable. Intent is to maintain this next year. Behind the front page still needs lots of work. He also outlined the progress toward meeting government student:computer ratio and the issues with technical support. The support has one technician – as do most. Updating the website and technical support are problematic.

Michael estimated the cost of maintaining the website at around \$7000 per annum. John Pryor said that many parents used it and it was a valuable communication channel.

4.6. Mobile Telephone Policy

John Cloake reported that School Council has approved this.

4.7. Year 12 Awards Night

Due to the restructure of the school year in 2011 it is very difficult to program the awards night. Additionally CHOGM has bookings on hotels so need to hold it after the WACE exams.

5. Reports

5.1. Principal's Report

- Year 12 students left the school with dignity. Behaviour at Awards night was excellent. Looking to improve the subject award part. Penny noted that it was a well managed evening.
- The Early Start program is progressing and the intent is to assess it next year. Parent, student and teacher opinions need to be canvassed.
- Canteen Eol has been assessed by Catherine Smith, Jo Furness and Clemency Nicolson with DTF staff. Milton thanked the parents for their contribution.
- Music Committee propose to construct an addition to the music facilities is still being worked through the Department staff.
- WAMSE results are impressive.

5.2. P and C Treasurer's Report

Jo tabled the report and there was a discussion. Dawn reported that the \$17k Uniform Shop stock-on-hand discrepancy with Nell Gray had been resolved.

John Cloake and Dawn moved to accept the report. Carried.



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5.3. Uniform Shop Report

- Dawn reported that the Uniform Shop is very busy and additional hours have been provided by Nell Gray.
- Dawn asked about the discount on the Tudor uniform items. John Pryor felt most attractive items had been purchased and a 50% discount was the best way forward.

John Pryor and Dawn moved to implement a 50% discount on Tudor uniform items. Carried.

5.4. P&C Standing Committees

5.4.1. SVAPA

Sharon reported that Dale has formed a committee for the proposed 2012 European tour. The SVAPA soirée night for new parents had a very good turn out.

5.4.2. Music

Not met since the last meeting. Penny is working on the music building additions.

5.4.3. Art Auction

In recess.

5.4.4. Languages

Sondra reported that the next meeting is on 30 November 2010.

5.5. MLSHS Committees

5.5.1. Finance Committee

Meeting took place on 28 October 2010. The collection rate was at 84%. Funding submissions were discussed. The Middle School Homework club had been approved by the P&C. The 2012 Awards evening was to be funded differently - \$50 per family.

5.5.2. Health Committee

Diedre reported that the Middle School Health Forum was a great success. She said that Pam had put together a very good event.

5.5.3. School Council

- John Cloake reported that the telephone policy was approved and the building fund has been established.
- The leavers jacket for 2011 was also endorsed.
- The computer roll out is happening.
- Neil Hudson reported on a camp and tour planner.
- Council is also looking at a submission regarding Commonwealth funding of education. John Cloake asked if members would like to develop a submission. Members felt that School Council had this in hand and a P&C submission was not necessary.



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6. General Business

6.1 Volunteers

Volunteers are sought for the new parents' morning tea on Year 7 to 8 Orientation Day. If members can assist please see Suzie.

6.2 School hat

John Cloake raised this on behalf of a parent. Diedre said that the Health Committee would look at this matter – hopefully by the end of the year. Jo suggested that the Uniform Committee should look at hats as well.

6.3 Emails

Penny asked about @lawley.wa.edu.au emails as do not “bounce” back if not received. Michael said he would look into the matter.

6.4 2011 Calendar

Michael asked about the P&C dates for 2011. It was confirmed that the P&C would meet on the fourth Monday of the month.

6.5 ACHPER Award

Suzie advised members that the school won an Excellence Award in the ACHPER Secondary Physical Activity Initiative.

7. Correspondence

7.1 In:

- 7.1.1 Insurance Refund - \$ 1,131.82
- 7.1.2 Invoice from MLSHS for Drama Assistance - \$ 400.00
- 7.1.3 Consumer Protection - Questionnaire for P&C
- 7.1.4 Dept of Education - Education Networks and Regions
- 7.1.5 WACSSO - Public Schools for Our Future
- 7.1.6 WACSSO - P&C Voice
- 7.1.7 Main Roads - 2nd Crosswalk survey for North St
- 7.1.8 Unicef Appeal
- 7.1.9 Fundraiser - Big Bamboo Jewellery
- 7.1.10 Fundraiser - Lemon Zebra
- 7.1.11 Fundraiser - Little Images
- 7.1.12 Fundraiser - Go with the Glow
- 7.1.13 Promotion - Psych Press

7.2 Out: Nil

Next Meeting
7.30 pm Mon 28 February 2011

Meeting Closed 21:00.