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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday, 24 June 2013

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the main administration building

1. ATTENDANCE

Milton Butcher, Michael Camilleri, Nicole Sjardin, Caroline Nelson, Monica Selvey, Jo Furness, Chris Nicoli, Maria Nicoli, Lety Ognenis, Sonja Davidson.

2. APOLOGIES

John Pryor, Ron Pearce, Cathy Schick, Suzie Barnes.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Caroline Nelson and Monica Selvey. - Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Status of P&C Approved Funding:

- Emergency Lockers and Notice Board – Ordered.
- Interactive On-Line Languages Resource – Ordered.
- Tree for Middle School – Planting in July 2013 – Ongoing.
 - a) New spot will be needed, as the current place will be built upon in – 10 years time.

4.2 P&C Expenditure – More Information

- DVC Data storage and distribution system – No update as still waiting on more information.

4.3 P&C still looking for a minute secretary and a Sports Co-ordinator.

5. REPORTS

5.1 President's Report

Ron is an apology.

5.2 Principal's Report

Milton Butcher presented the following report.

- Exams commenced and concluded. Reports have been posted.
- On Thursday, 4 July 2013 the timetable will be suspended to hold a combined Reporting and Careers Day. Parents/Guardians will receive information relating to the online booking system. Appointments will be 10 minutes in duration.
- Year 10 Parent Night was problematic due to IT issues. This was regrettable and will be rectified for future presentations.
- Counselling for subject selections has concluded.
- Late last month students took part in the US Veterans Memorial Day and the Indigenous War Veterans' Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are important in showcasing Mount Lawley SHS in the community; they connect with our Aboriginal Education program and give music students a platform to demonstrate their talent in front of dignitaries.

- The school hosted the new Executive Director of Aboriginal Education, Duncan Ord. Discussions were held regarding the school's programs. Last Wednesday saw the induction of new students into the Aboriginal Excellence Program and the re-enrolment of those currently involved. Independence Group NL continues to support this initiative.
- Last week the school commemorated Reconciliation Week. Mr Ken Taylor, AM and Mr Alf Taylor attend and spoke.
- Two Year 11 students will be attending the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in January 2014. This is being sponsored by the Mount Lawley Rotary Club and possibility North Perth Rotary Club.
- The Art Auction was held last Saturday and was deemed a great success. The event was well attended. Early figures indicate that in excess of \$22,000 was raised. Congratulations are extended to the committee of volunteers that orchestrate this event.
- GAT Day and the Music Camp were held for students undertaking these courses. The Semester One Music Concert will be held on Thursday, 27 June 2013 at WAAPA. There will be two sessions with an interval. Chris Manning has re-scored 'The Lion King'. Students will perform this piece in both sessions.
- A number of students have been selected as representatives for various sports at State and National level. Congratulations are extended to these students.
- MLSHS ranked 48 in the Nation in the NAPLAN "League Tables" in the comprehensive public schools category.
- Board Member, Don Rowe provided an analysis of the Gonski Report. The notional allocation of total funding to MLSHS in 2014 will be \$17.2 million. Under Gonski the school will receive a 28.5% increase to \$33.4 million over 5 years. Some of the average school funding includes costs of central and regional offices.
- Five students represented WA in the National Chinese Speaking competition. Two won trips to China.
- Tomorrow the school hosts her Excellency Mrs Frances Adamson, Australia's Ambassador to China.

5.3 **Treasurers Report**

- Monica outlined the current state of the P&C's financial position.

6. **P&C STANDING COMMITTEES**

6.1 **Music Committee**

No report.

6.2 **Language Committee**

No report. Joslyn provided a financial statement, which was circulated. \$500 is to be lodged in a separate account. This may be contrary to the P&C rules and will be followed up.

6.3 **SVAPA Committee**

Sonja Davidson on behalf of the Convenor reported. The group met last week and the students are working on a production on bullying. This is being done to engage students in anti-bullying strategies and is being worked on with a visiting artist. This will be produced for parents in the evenings and during the day for students.

6.4 **Art Auction – Sonja Davidson**

Sonja reported that the auction was a great success. There was a very good crowd and 75% of art works were sold. The artists were pleased and many will enter again. Preliminary figures show \$52,000 in sales with a \$22,000 return to SVAPA and Music. The proceeds of raffles and student artwork has yet to be finalised.

There were over 40 volunteers engaged in the auction and this made the many tasks achievable. Sonja thanked the staff for their help and noted the work of SVAPA and music students. The next meeting (tomorrow night) will review the auction. Sonja is looking at creating position descriptors and a time line to assist future committees. Milton asked Sonja to pass on the thanks of the school community on a fantastic result to the committee.

6.5 **Finance Committee**

No report.

6.6 **Health Committee**

Caroline Nelson reported.

- Health Expo planning meeting held on 24 June 2013.
Health Expo confirmed for Friday 08 November 2013 from 9:30am – 14:30am.
Theme: prevent teen drinking.
Funding from Local Drug Action Group (LDAG).
Seeking ideas for a name for the expo.
Health Expo to include Graffiti Art, Perth heat, Reflexology, Dance Machines, Smoothies/Mocktails, Photo Booth.
Year 7s from feeder schools to be invited.
- Mount Lawley SHS has launched a successful application to form a LDAG. More parents and student committee members are required.
- PASH program (Year 9 sexual health) continues.
- Redfrogs visit for Year 12 leavers tentatively scheduled for 13 September, 2013 or 18 September, 2013. Awaiting confirmation of date.
- Year 12 Care Packages to promote care and relaxation before exams are proposed for Term 3, still in planning stage. Will possibly seek funding from LDAG.
- The possibility of restarting Year 12 Chill Out program to be discussed further at next Health Committee meeting.

6.7 **School Board – Jo Furness**

At the Mount Lawley SHS Board meeting held on the 17 June 2013 the following items were discussed/actioned.

- Various financial reports were noted and accepted. The school is tracking as planned financially, the only area tracking outside that predicted is the allocation for laptop computers/repairs.
- Some discussion was held regarding the Notebook Rollout 2014 and beyond with the inability of the school to fund this. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.
- Student representatives reported that the exams had gone well and the Year 10 Leadership camp, the Music camp and the River Cruise had all been successful.
- Staff representatives gave good feedback on the recent Year 10 counselling and particularly mentioned the good staff cohesion during the counselling sessions.
- Some time was spent discussing, amending and approving the Terms of Reference for the School Board.

- The Board is required to conduct a survey of the school community – Board members, staff, parents and students. The survey will be sent out shortly.
- Current Student Behaviour in School policy was provided and the Board will consider the policy at the next meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Monica and Nicole moved that Jocelyn Edmonds is removed as a signatory on the Languages Account as there are currently too many signatures for the account. - Carried.
- 7.2 Monica and Nicole moved that Leslie Da Silva represent the school at the WACSO Conference as Cathy Schick is no longer able to attend.
- 7.3 Nicole reported on the current status of the Uniform Shop. There was an email from Nell Grey that contained big price rises, however, the manager said it was in error. A meeting is being scheduled to meet with Nell Grey. The date is being negotiated. Whilst alternative suppliers are being assessed, to change from one to another needs to be considered carefully.

Nicole reported on prices at different schools and Mount Lawley SHS, however, she was not able to comment on fabrics and other attributes. Nell Grey should furnish a more accurate price list shortly. The P&C has requested a base price (without P&C commission) in order to assess comparisons.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was tabled.

Mail-In

- 8.1 Various unsolicited mail – Sales/Fundraising Literature.
- 8.2 Apology for the Art Auction by Hon. Albert Jacob, MLA, Member for Ocean Reef.
- 8.3 WACSSO – Reminder for P&C to check if they are a Registered for an Australian Business Number. Also guidelines for the P&C to become a charity.
- 8.4 Bendigo Bank Statement – to be given to Monica at the meeting.
- 8.5 Centre West Insurance – Canteen and Uniform Insurance, if we have insurance with them, it will expire 1 July, 2013.

Mail-Out

- 8.6 Nil

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 26 August 2013 at 7:00pm.