



Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday, 24 August 2014 at 7.00pm

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the Main Administration building

1. ATTENDANCE

Jo Furness, Belinda Derby, Mark Westera, Randal Wells, Sonja Davidson, Sue Faranda, Darryl Ferguson, Sharon Cockroft, Catherine Lee, Elizabeth Walters, Lisa Crofts, Milton Butcher.

2. APOLOGIES

Jason Dallman, Michael Camilleri, Suzie Barnes

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Sonja Davidson Seconded: Sharon Cockroft Carried: unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Shade structure update

Last year the P&C allocated funds to supply and install a shade structure within the school area. A decision was subsequently made to use this money to beautify/supply shade to the school oval following removal of the Mount Lawley Primary School temporary buildings. The Education Department has informed the school that some of the demountables will be left in place and limited work will be done to repair the oval. It has now been decided that beautifying this area is not the best use of the P&C money, and therefore Jo Furness to liaise with the school to identify the best location for a shade structure within the school grounds as originally planned.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Principal's Report

- A verbal report was given on operational matters and school events.
- Ian Johnston has returned to the school after his secondment to Yanchep District High School and Julie Simon (Deputy, Ballajura CC) is acting as Deputy in the Middle School.
- TISC applications have opened and close in late September. There is usually one chance to change preferences once Year 12 results are released and there is a fee to change. There are concerns with some Year 12 students and they need to ensure all work is completed, including Certificates.
- NAPLAN results are generally positive – all "Yellow" which is as expected. Year 9 showed a good value add, especially in the English area. Analysis has commenced and opportunities to improve will be explored.
- Students assisted in a Foodbank appeal and some 270 meals of non-perishable foodstuffs were donated by families. A good result for the charity.
- A delegation for the sister school in Yiwu, China visited and thanks go to the home stay families. The staff and students enjoyed their Perth experience. A group of Japanese students also visited and again thanks to the home stay families.
- The Director and Assistant Director of the Confucius Institute visited, as did the Consul-General of Japan for WA.
- MLSHS has sought to re-engage with local primary schools to promote MLSHS (including performances by the Senior and Junior String Quartet).
- 25 students were inducted into the Honours Society – the most for many years with past student, Dr Peter Boan, Microbiologist, as guest speaker. There were some 500 students recognised during the assembly and the Lawley Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Michelle deRozario played and was superb.
- Four bands participated in the ABODA festival and were rated as Excellent.
- The 2016 GAT group and parent induction took place. Students could participate in Language activities so that they could select their language.



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6.3. SVAPA Committee

- The Year 7,8 &9 workshop was a success. Lunch was prepared by 7 volunteers/parents.
- SVAPA is still looking for new treasurer. Sonja Davidson has volunteered to take on the role until the end of the year.
- Year 11 drama this term - 20 students from Year 7,8 & 9 will be joining the Year 11 students.
- SVAPA teachers are willing to organise a new drama production for 2016, SVAPA Committee to help with financing this production.

6.4. Lawley Art Auction

- On hold – to reconvene in February 2016.

6.5. Finance Committee

- The voluntary contributions and costs & charges collection rate is good. The voluntary contributions help to finance the Chaplain, the Literacy & Numeracy Fund, the Technology & Innovation Fund and Proactive Keep Active initiative.

6.6. Health Committee

- The Health Committee has been planning Chill Out, which is scheduled for 2nd September with funding from LDAG.

6.7. School Board Report

- The Board noted the various financial reports. Approved \$6000 for two 3D printers and \$330 for Talisman series of phonics books.
- A survey to be undertaken by the Yr 7's has been finalised and printed and will be distributed soon. The survey consists of approximately 10 questions to look at how the Yr 7's are finding high school.
- The Principal outlined the various activities around the school and reported that the school is targeting the feeder primary schools to encourage students to attend MLSHS.
- The students reported that the Yr 7 & 8 councillor nominations have gone out. The successful students have yet to be announced.
- The Board reviewed the School Business Plan and noted the progress toward the targets.
- Feedback was given on the National School Improvement Tool and how the school intends to use this to drive improvement in results.
- Discussion was held regarding the Reporting to Parents day held in Term 1 & Term 2.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. Funding request for Yr 7 Welcome BBQ & Yr 10 Parents BBQ

- Student Services has requested funding from the P&C for these two events. It could be a great promotional opportunity for the P&C and the various sub-committees.

Motion: P&C to fund up to \$1000 for the Yr 7 Welcome BBQ & Yr 10 Parent BBQ

Moved: Lisa Crofts

Seconded: Darryl Ferguson

Carried: unanimously

7.2. WACSSO conference

- Good attendance. Very interesting & informative. A lot of subjects were discussed such as Indigenous funding, Chaplain funding, online training, online survey, how to find volunteers.
- A representative from WACSSO has offered to attend one of our P&C meetings

7.3. Paper diaries vs electronic diaries

- Michael Camilleri was not in attendance, but is currently looking into paper diaries vs electronic diaries and the different options available. To be tabled at the next meeting to discuss funding for this item.



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8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Mail - In

- Bank statements
- Various fundraising letters
- Various invoices from the school

8.2. Mail - Out

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 26th of October at 7:00pm

Meeting closed: 8:10pm