



## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Principal's Report

- Tina Deegan has accepted the FTD coordinators role until the end of the year.
- Iva Filipovska the School Psychologist and Mary Keeley the School Nurse, presented the Teen TripleP seminar which highlights effective strategies for parents of adolescent children.
- I was privileged enough to attend a presentation for the Anzac Tour to our student Cale Willcox as he was presented a certificate by the previous Education Minister Peter Collier.
- Catherine Smith organized the Women Resources Breakfast for some of our students at the Perth Convention Centre.
- The Languages and Music Soiree was held and the overwhelming response was amazing!
- The Swimming Carnival was well attended by staff and parents.
- A big thanks to the many staff who helped organise 350 screaming year 8/9 students on the river cruise.
- Moya had the SVAPA parent information evening attended by a large number of parents wishing to get their children into the program.
- Iva delivered an outstanding Study Skills presentation to parents and students.
- Suzi Barnes has been busy with anti-bullying programs, Ride to School day and spending lunchtimes promoting raising awareness with students having a positive body image campaign as well as the everyday breakfast club she provides.
- Suzi has also been busy with Primary school visits with Andrew Paul the school chaplain.
- Kempton and Richard have been running the Achievement (Homework) Club again this year.
- The school ball was hugely successful and well attended and it was obvious the students had a great time.
- Our forever intrepid explorers the Cadets, were on camp at Wellington Dam last week – ably led by Andrew Paul.
- The Year 6 Parent Information Evening was again a hugely successful night.
- Larry Manno has also had his first meeting with the Interact students – which is the student version of Rotary.
- Progress Reporting Parents Night seemed a successful evening with many parents turning up for interviews.

### 5.2 Treasurer's Report

- Available funds (including committed funds):

General account funds	\$24,500
Art Auction account funds	\$3,000
Languages account funds	\$1,800
Music account funds	\$43,000
SVAPA account funds	\$15,000
- \$18 in membership funds collected.
- Committed funds include the Achievement Centre \$10,000, Diaries \$14,000, Athletics \$4,000.
- P&C Voluntary Contributions can be paid at Finance Desk in main Admin. Building or on-line via EFT.
- Look at easy payment system for next meeting.
- *Motion to accept Treasurer's report.*  
Moved: Karen Johnston      Seconded: Sharon Cockcroft      Carried

## **6. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **6.1 Music Sub-Committee Report**

- Good attendance at second meeting for the year – 19.
- Create a parent information handbook for new parents. Michelle DeRozario working on this with a couple of parents.
- Approved funds for digital piano, keyboard, canvas prints of photos for class walls, funding for music camp, hire of Geoff Gibb theatre for 2017 concerts, bass guitar, Junkadelic for Arts Day and support of associated costs.
- Michelle De Rozario is looking into suitable tours/events for ensembles.
- Structure in place for future meetings with agendas to capitalise on parent interest.

### **6.2 Languages Sub-Committee Report**

- Meeting well attended by staff.
- Cake Stall for reporting day was organised and well supported by parents.
- Parents provided food for GAT Day.
- Soiree was held for Music and Language parents. It was very well attended by parents and staff. Parents manned the BBQ.
- Japanese students are currently attending MLSHS.
- Preparing for Languages Week at the next meeting.

### **6.3 SVAPA Sub-Committee Report**

- Midsummer Night's Dream will have an indigenous theme.
- Workshop held last Saturday. Parents support group provided lunch.
- Preparing for upcoming Arts Day. Parents will run a fairy floss stall.
- Fundraiser movie day for Power Rangers. Former SVAPA student Dacre Montgomery is the Red Power Ranger.

### **6.4 Lawley Art Auction Report**

- Committee met on 14 March.
- Invitation letters have been sent to artists.
- Submissions have already come in.
- Next meeting Tuesday 4 April.

### **6.5 Finance Committee Report**

- The Finance Committee met on Wednesday 15 March.
- The School Financial Reports were tabled, discussed and passed by the committee. New members Anna Jeffrey, Tanyushka Fitter and Neil Hudson were welcomed.
- The committee then discussed and considered 7 funding requests for the school.
  1. Request for \$9,000 for specialised bicycle equipment was approved to enable the school to provide a certificate in bicycle mechanics. This will be the only school in Perth offering this course and has already gained 2 students from another school.
  2. Request for \$640 for tables for drama students to do their exams was not approved as students are doing their exams in properly resourced classrooms.
  3. A replacement drill press for \$1,045 was approved for D & T as the current equipment was beyond repair.
  4. Request for \$10,000 for a 6-hole disc golf course for the Active Play Project was deferred pending clarification of some of the costs and installation issues.
  5. Painting of the 1st Floor admin building for \$5,100 was approved as a pre-requisite for Alumni photographs being displayed and to improve the presentation of this area.
  6. Purchase and installation of AV equipment for Science rooms for \$16,248 was approved. These rooms have never had AV capability and it is considered essential to assist in teaching the students.
  7. Tabled for general information only was a submission to replace damaged and aged classroom chairs and desks. This is a OH&S issue and the proposal is to buy new furniture similar to current furniture which is considered to be of a good quality.
- Meeting closed at 4:40pm with next meeting 10 May.

## 6.6 Health Committee Report

- Meeting date 28 February 2017
- The idea was discussed about having a guest speaker coming to talk to students about drugs and alcohol from a personal perspective-Student Services will discuss this.
- An idea of serving mock tails and teaching people how to make them was also discussed.
- Active play for Year 7s/Middle school. This is to encourage tech free lunch times to get students active and free of devices. Plans are in place through the school executive i.e. Mike White, Adam Zen and Suzi Barnes.
- Suzi will put out requests on Facebook and in the newsletter to try and get older/used balls and sport equipment for lunchtimes.
- Regarding the review of the school Café as to Traffic Light Compliance, the Health Committee has not received a copy of the report. Does this mean the review was completed or still waiting to be reviewed? The last review that was cited was 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- It was discussed about the possibility of messaging, etc. being disabled on laptops. This was mentioned as an option to avoid distraction when students are meant to be working. This needs to be followed up with the IT department.
- Chillout-breakfast to be scheduled with prefects to discuss Chillout and activities. Chillout also needs to be discussed at a future Student Services meeting.
- Mary is completing paperwork for LDAG funding for Chillout. Mary is also distributing forms for LDAG volunteers.

## 6.7 School Board Report – Report by M Camilleri as no P&C Rep at time of meeting

- Meeting was held last week.
- Chair was elected, Dr Jenny Fay.
- 2 new members, Keith Bales – retired, background in marketing, Bernard Rumens – retired, background in education.
- Business Plan outcomes were reported on at meeting.
- Attendance in 2016 was excellent. Better than the State and Like Schools.
- Annual Report Draft was tabled and in process of being finalised.
- Endorsement of the School Management Behaviour Policy. Emphasis from the Department to enforce in a positive way.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Concern regarding students crossing Alexander Dr/Walcott St Intersection

- Letter received from concerned parent.
- Difficult to cross as major intersection with three lanes in all directions. Also on gradient with lighting issues from the sun.
- Parent has already approached the Council and Main Roads with no joy.
- Looking for P&C support.
- John Pryor will draft a letter and mail to MPs John Carey and Simon Millman.
- Randal Wells volunteered to assist John.
- Report back at next meeting.

### 7.2 Motion by John Pryor – *That MLSHS move to a non-product specific computer in 2018. That is no explicit or implicit requirement for an Apple computer. The target price range should be in \$500 to \$700.*

- John distributed a sheet which showed Churchlands SHS computer policy for student laptops, costings of computers at MLSHS and Churchlands, and the case for and against Apple computers.
- John is seeking P&C support of the motion to give credibility to proceed further.

The motion was discussed by parents and staff with arguments for and against students using Apple computers. These were as follows:

- Point raised that it is an operational matter which is up to the school and the Board to decide.
- Financial burden for families especially with multiple children requiring laptops.

- Windows has progressed.
- 5 IT staff at Churchlands, 1 at MLSHS (sometimes 1 extra part-time).
- School purchased Apple Mac's initially with Government funding. Some of these computers are still operating.
- School chose Apple laptops for their longevity and battery life.
- Battery keeps charge and will last the day at school.
- Some classes use Apple specific software, Garage Band in Music for example.
- Easy to use, easy to deliver.
- MLSHS does not receive any kickbacks for using Apple products.
- Apple laptops can be purchased from stores not just recommended supplier.
- Department of Education covers software costs for any platform.

• *Motion to move to a non-product specific computer up to \$900 in 2018.*  
 Moved: John Pryor                      Seconded: None                      Not Carried

- Suggestion for John to reconsider wording of motion.

**7.3 Motion by John Prior – That MLSHS accept financial responsibility for the theft of student computers which are a school-imposed requirement for students and there is inadequate security**

- John said the school should be insuring the laptops not parents.

Acting Principal, Michael Camilleri discussed the following:

- Laptops have been stolen, all but 1 were recovered.
- Some have been damaged.
- Students look after their laptops.
- State Government Schools do not accept liability for loss or damage of personal items for staff or students.

- Motion was withdrawn by John.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Mail In**

- WACSSO - Affiliate Guide
- Felton Industries - furniture guide
- P&C Voice
- Music Sub-committee membership forms

**8.2 Mail Out**

- Nil.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**9.1 Next meeting** – Monday 22 May 2017 at 7:00pm.

**Meeting closed at 9:45pm.**

I authorise that this is a true copy of the Minutes.

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Niall Kilcullen  
 Vice-President & Chairperson

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Date