



MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

Mon 26 Oct 2020

1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 7.02pm

John Pryor (JP), Lesley Street (LS), Iain Bradley (IB), Michael Camilleri (MC), Jack Carter (JC – student representative), Kate Field (KF), Jacque Freeman (JF), Helen Goldsmith (HG), Tina Ho (TH), Andrew Lippiatt (AL), Randal Wells (RW), Ben Harvey (BH)

2 APOLOGIES

Patricia Kritas, Andrew Lowe

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING -

Confirmation of minutes of meeting of 21 September 2020

Moved: Helen Goldsmith; Seconded: Randal Wells; minutes confirmed

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Road crossing issues (John Pryor)

RW forwarded email from Isabel Othier (local resident) expressing concerns about intersection of Walcott and Fitzgerald/Alexander and wants to start lobbying to change traffic signals so that vehicles have to stop when turning left; general endorsement of the proposal

5.2 Fund raising ideas (John Pryor)

Noted that this was circulated today to Committee members

5.3 School Mini Lockers (Principal)

Deferred to 2021

5.4 Self-Defence Classes (Tina Ho)

Report on Self-Defence classes.

Motion: The P&C is to spend up to \$ 550 for up to 24 students to attend a course to be held this year.

The class that was run last term at the dojo in Malaga was attended by 16-17 students across the three sessions with positive feedback particularly from female students in relation to mental and physical benefits. One area of improvement is earlier communication, particularly to students, to create greater awareness amongst the students who would like to see more sessions. Positive feedback also from parents who attended. Interest from Year 9s as well.

LS: Went well and better than expected. Concern about insufficient time to promote next classes for proposed dates starting on 3 November. Suggested determining dates for 2021 so can go into diary and can target individual years.

JP to email promotional flyer to MC to be put out on Connect tomorrow; will be targeting Year 9 & 10 girls.

Noted that minimum number is 17 although would allow some flexibility if slightly fewer number.

Agreed that merit in running classes each term in 2021.

JP noted that he will move a motion at next meeting to this effect.

Moved: John Pryor; Seconded: Randal Wells; Motion passed

5.5 ECU Update

Terms of Reference for ECU master planning not yet set by Cabinet.

Once done, Simon Millman MLA will notify community including MLSHS of opportunities to be presented.

6 REPORTS

6.1 School Principal (Lesley Street)

Only 8 school days passed since last meeting; thank parents who able to attend the all day public school review – report provided last Friday; very positive report that endorses the directions the school taking, strategic nature of planning and the commitment of staff; will be put on the school's website.

Reward activity

Year 12 mock exams held couple of weeks

ATAR exams to be held 2-20 November

6.2 President (John Pryor)

Attended public school review.

6.3 Vice-President – WACSSO

No report

6.4 Treasurer (Tina Ho)

Report tabled

All accounts are reconciled (including now Music which are not showing that way in the accounts tabled due to timing issue).

P&C general account – paid for self defence class

Report endorsed

6.5 Secretary - Correspondence In/Out (Ben Harvey)

3 bank statements – provided to Treasurer

6.6 Music Support Committee (Andrew Lippiatt)

Sundowner on 4 December – will be providing refreshments and sausage sizzle

Available funds approx. \$13,000

Thanked school for online music concerts – will send email with links to website.

6.7 Languages Support Committee

No report

6.8 SVAPA Support Committee (Iain Bradley)

No meeting since previous report.

Next meeting on Wednesday 28 October plus welcome for Yr 6 parents who will be attending next year.

6.9 GAT Support Committee

No report

- 6.10 Lawley Art Auction Committee (in recess)
JP: Will be a couple of meetings this year and then continue next year.
- 6.11 Performing & Visual Art Centre Committee (in recess)
N.A.
- 6.12 School Board (Randal Wells)
No board meeting in October so no update.
School development day on 12 October – four board members attended; very productive day with active engagement with the staff.
Public school review meeting on 15 October: four board members attended; MLSHS commended in all six domains; next review scheduled for Term 4 2023.
Query whether Year 12 graduation can be live streamed:
LS: won't live stream it but will record it, particularly for international students; opportunity for students to request additional tickets over and above standard two ticket allocation given 2500 capacity of the theatre.
Next Board meeting 16 November (final one for 2020).
- 6.13 Student representative (Jack Carter)
Week 1 – 29 Yr 10 & 11 students doing ATAR Italian attended the Palace Cinema as part of Italian film festival (watched Most beautiful day in the world)
Year 12 final assembly last Tuesday.
Leadership positions announced
Interschool athletic carnival held last Tue – MLSHS came 6th; Year 7 girls relay team broke record held since 2010.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Report on self-defence classes (Tina Ho)
See 5.4 above
- 7.2 Music Support Committee funding of a bench, with a memorial plaque to Jennifer Barrie, to be located near the music department (Andrew Lippiatt).
LS advised support for the proposal for a plaque on a bench, only issue is where to place the bench given building works that will be happening in the school; proposed that plaque initially be placed on a bench in the rose garden until greater certainty about school layout;
AL advised that the next step is to contact family.
- 7.3 School diary in 2021 (Michael Camilleri)
Query from Anne Tumak whether P&C going to contribute to school diary as per previous years.
LS advised that the diary is better used in Years 7 & 8, where it's used to give permission to students to leave classes and also act as conduit between home and school, and query whether should be going on to electronic diary for remainder of years; suggested that the P&C consider funding a fewer number of diaries for the Year 7s & 8s only; will come back to next meeting with additional details including quotes;
JC advised that students beyond Y9 don't tend to use the diaries as unnecessary.

7.4 Proposed meeting dates (John Pryor)

P&C meetings be one week after the Board meetings other than in Term 4 when P&C will meet twice when Board will only meet once; JP to update proposed meeting schedule.

LS noted that Board will be meeting twice a term in Terms 1-3 and once in Term 4 and dates depend on how many weeks in the Term. She will send proposed Board meeting dates to JP.

7.5 Mobile phone use by students - Parent's comments (John Pryor)

Tabled document showing email responses from parents generally supporting policy about use during school hours but support relaxation before and after school hours.

LS advised that DoE policy is off and away all day and that up to the school to determine its own policy and MLSHS's policy is entirely consistent with this; MLSHS decided for operational reasons to extend beyond DoE policy to ban use on school grounds irrespective of the time; students are allowed to have them in bags but school doesn't accept any liability; students can use school phone or walk to the bottom of the driveway to use their phones and priority is ensuring that students can contact their parents; don't believe a need to change the policy at the moment and think that students abiding by it; don't agree with the need to use phone for hot spotting although don't disagree that there are issues with the wifi; also noted that students may use wifi to access inappropriate websites and content and cyber bullying has dropped since policy implemented.

7.6 School Wi-Fi (John Pryor)

Noted that it's slow and students cannot get onto the internet at times to complete work in class.

Limited response from parents to date in relation to concerns about this being an issue.

7.7 Staff morning tea (John Pryor)

Noted that P&C prevented by its Constitution from funding this.

Suggestion that it be a bring-a-plate function.

Lesley advised will need to be Week 8 (w/b 4 December) and that there are two morning teas – one for Yrs 7 & 8 and one for Yrs 9-12.

Helen Goldsmith offered to coordinate.

8 DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Mon 30 November 2020 at 7:00 pm (Last meeting for 2020)

9 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed 8.29pm

Appended:

- Treasurer's Report (5 pages)
- Parent Feedback on mobile phones (3 pages)
- Parent's Feedback on school's wi-fi (1 page)

Profit and Loss

Mount Lawley Senior High School P&C For the year ended 31 December 2020

2020

Trading Income

Interest Income	2.32
Memberships/Other	8.00
Parent Contributions	40,576.87
Sales/Fundraising	1,978.23
Total Trading Income	42,565.42

Gross Profit

42,565.42

Operating Expenses

Equipment	11,684.15
Fee - Xero	387.00
Fees	1,020.64
Other	1,952.90
Refunds>Returns	1,315.00
Reimbursement	7,870.00
Scholarship	800.00
Special Projects	2,757.27
Supplies	1,192.34
Wages and Salaries	4,264.89
Workshops	272.25
Total Operating Expenses	33,516.44

Net Profit

9,048.98

Profit and Loss

Mount Lawley Senior High School P&C For the year ended 31 December 2020

Committee is General.

2020

Trading Income

Memberships/Other	8.00
Parent Contributions	31,014.60
Total Trading Income	31,022.60

Gross Profit

31,022.60

Operating Expenses

Fee - Xero	387.00
Fees	1,015.64
Reimbursement	100.00
Special Projects	500.00
Wages and Salaries	4,264.89
Workshops	272.25
Total Operating Expenses	6,539.78

Net Profit

24,482.82

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SUBJECT: STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Prepared on 2020-10-26 by John Pryor

FROM MLSHS EMAIL OF 2020-10-13:

Students who repeatedly fail to follow **the policy to switch off their mobile phones and put them away when on school property** will have them confiscated and their parents/carers will be required to come to the school to collect them. Even holding the phone in your hand or having it in your pocket when it rings breaches this policy – ‘no excuses’. The same applies for earphones.

FROM EDUCATION WEB SITE:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/mobile-phones>

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on airplane mode during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

Under the policy:

- Primary students cannot have a mobile phone in their possession. If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 6 and they bring a mobile phone to school, it will be stored until the end of school.
- Students in Years 7 to 12 are allowed to have their phone in their possession, but must turn it off and keep it out of sight until the end of school.

Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from the principal to use a phone to monitor health conditions, or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose.

If students need to contact their parents/carers, they can do so through the school's administration. Likewise, if parents/carers need to get a message to their children, they should call the school.

Principals and school staff determine how they implement this policy. For more information, contact your school.

PARENT FEEDBACK (my highlights in bold)

John Pryor's Initial Comment

In my opinion...**While I strongly support the ban on unauthorised phone use during classes, this policy requiring no use of the student's mobile phone on the school property is too strict. I believe students should definitely be able to use their phones before school starts and after school ends.** This is primarily so that my children can contact me about picking them up or things they have forgotten. I believe there should also be some flexibility with lunch breaks. I have never told my employees what they can or cannot do during their breaks; why should the school? I also note that there are no public phones available at the school. It is also awkward and inconvenient for them to use the school's office phone.

Parent No. 1

I agree the school's mobile phone policy is excessively restrictive and prevent students from using their phone when they may well have a legitimate need to do so.

I think students should be able to use their phones to communicate with their parents/guardians in-between classes if they need to. The prohibition of this since the banning of phone use has caused some somewhat minor but needless difficulties for me and my child.

Parent No. 2

The school is implementing legislation which I support 110%. My daughter doesn't take her phone to school at all and if she has forgotten something she goes to the office and she calls me from there. There has never been an issue with calling from the office either. When I went to school we had to use the office there was no other way to contact our parents. If they forget things at home & cannot call the parent before or after school then they get it the next day (they won't forget again) When they are at school the school is in charge. Even after school, my daughter has called me from the school phone to say she is going to Homework club so I know she isn't coming home straight away.

Parent No. 3

I am with you on the matter of phones on School Grounds

While I understand the school is wanting to avoid dealing with online bullying we got our kids mobiles so we can communicate with them before and after school, just as you mentioned we need to let them know who is picking them up, where are we waiting for them (specially on rainy days). And if we need them to do something at the office and not to forget something they need to do or give to the teacher.

So yes **I agree the school should allow before the school start and after finishes to use phones so we as parents can communicate**

Mainly when the school is finding it difficult to forward your child a message when you call and ask to send one through...

Parent No. 4

I would support the use of students' phones until 8.30am and after 3pm on or near the school grounds.

Parent No. 5

I am writing to send through my opinion on mobile phone use at MLSHS. **Our family is supportive of the current school policy, although I do agree that it should not be enforced after the end of the school day, when a phone may be necessary to organise a lift home. We support the ban on mobile phones before school and during lunchtime, primarily because it encourages face-to-face conversations.** When my children forget an item and are required to go to the office to call home, this inconvenience means that they are more likely to remember next time. While I agree that we wouldn't ban our employees from using phones during a lunch break, I don't believe this logic can be extended to teenagers (particularly the younger cohort) as they will not necessarily choose the best option for their development.

Parent No. 6

I appreciate your opinion on this and **agree that there needs to be some school administrated changes.**

My opinion, being inline with the policy while achieving a practical and efficient outcome, is as shown below:

1) When students forget something or forget to mention their need to stay for after school activity they can ask the teacher for permission for phone usage. This is consistent with the policy.

2) **Students should be able to access their phones when school ends NOT after leaving school ground** (this is my understanding of the current school policy). This change would not contravene the policy.

Parent No. 7

I fully agree with the statement contained in the most recent P&C email regarding the need for flexibility with mobile phones.

The DoE policy, in any case, stipulates that mobile phone use should be managed with teacher discretion. This is to allow for the lower SEI schools to be able to make use of technology where many students do not have access to other devices.

If the policy broadly supports flexibility, this should be reflected at MLSHS' school level.

Thank you for taking the time to address this issue through the channel of the P&C.

Parent No 8

I saw the note on Student mobile phone use policy in the P&C general emial and **would like to express my support on the ban on unauthorised mobile phone use during class.**

I agree with your opinion that the policy is too strict. I would like to see the policy relaxed a little to allow students to use their phones before and after school to contact parents or guardians regarding pick up as if there was an emergency or parents had to send someone else to pick up the student, it would be almost impossible for the student to be contacted once they're dispersed across the school at home time. However, **I would prefer they are not allowed to use their phones during lunch breaks as some students (particularly mine) may end up spending all their time playing games or watching youtube during their lunch break instead of interacting with others or engaging in some physical activity.** I have found since the ban, one of my sons plays volleyball every lunch break and the other interacts with his group of friends or goes into the library to work on the jigsaw puzzle which I am happy to see.

SUBJECT: STUDENT WI-FI USE

Prepared on 2020-10-26 by John Pryor

PARENT FEEDBACK

Parent No. 1

My son also has issues getting onto the wifi sometimes so he's not able to complete work in class.

Regarding mobile phone usage, I agree that the students should be able to use their phones before and after school. I do not think they should be able to use it at lunch times.

Parent No. 2

Just some feedback regarding the school WiFi - my daughter has always complained about it and now complains that because they aren't allowed to use their mobile phones she can't hotspot to her phone to get better coverage.

Parent No. 3

Both my children have complained that the WIFI is way too slow and very frustratingly so.

Parent No. 4

My son says it is pretty trash and heavily restricted. There are times where the computer cannot connect to the internet and other times there are errors. Sometime you are connected but there is no internet. The logon is not smooth.

Parent No. 5

Hard to connect with a Microsoft Windows computer.