

1. MINUTES

Mt Lawley Senior High School P&C Association, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting held

Monday 24th June 2002

2. ATTENDANCE

Christine Richardson (President), Bill Woods, Christine Allbeury, Sandra Couch, Dobrina Feriardi, Sue Skowron, Peter Wilkins, Bev Burnside (D/Principal), Margaret Wright, Ian Murray (Principal), Ros Marsland, Carol Strauss, Ann White, Bruce Watt, Mark Horn, Betty Mullins, Karen Sykes, June Ure, Brett Martin-Smith.

3. APOLOGIES

Glenn Winter, Judy Allen, Hon Bob Kucera MLA and Hon John Hyde MLA.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Not tabled

5. PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS

5.1. Middle School Pilot/Mt Lawley Model

The P&C Committee extended an invitation to MLSHS staff involved in the Middle Schooling Pilot Project and from the Mount Lawley Model / Teaching & Learning Working Parties to attend the meeting to brief parents about progress of the Middle Schooling Pilot project and the options they are currently exploring for teaching and learning in the Middle School [ie for years 8 and 9 and for implementation in 2003]. The President welcomed staff to the meeting and thanked them for extending their time to attend.

Carol Strauss spoke on the Middle School Pilot and informed the meeting of the progress of the working parties. The development of a Middle School concept within the school requires a cultural change for the school and teaching staff. Mark Horn made particular mention of work being done to look at case studies linking learning and student behaviour. The pastoral care program is a particular focus in the pilot within year 8 and has seen a different approach to managing student behaviour. It has involved team building/confidence building exercises; rewards; and a bullying program. Within the pilot group there has been the opportunity to suspend the curriculum to accommodate special programs such as the bullying program. Teachers have worked toward obtaining a common understanding of the curriculum framework. Teachers stated that progress has been slow to date.

Ann White provided an update on the SVAPA group. Teachers have been meeting to evaluate and share experiences. There is a team of seven teachers who are sharing experiences across disciplines.

Maths within the Middle School is an issue currently being explored as it is difficult to

integrate it into the model.

Mark Horn spoke of the cross curricular task planned for next term. – a zoo excursion focusing on endangered species.

A parent raised the notion of group work. There was concern that extension students find themselves doing all the work within group projects.

The president thanked the teachers for their presentations and reminded the teachers that the P&C has \$10,000 held over for supporting educational change. Teachers indicated that some of the funds could be used to support the pilot group and possibly to purchase some resources from the zoo. The pilot group were invited to put forward a submission for funds to the P&C by the July meeting.

P&C members indicated support for the evaluation of the pilot. It was suggested that ECU be approached to engage a postgraduate student to undertake the evaluation.

5.2. School Drug Education Program

Steve Tipping, coordinator of the MLSHS School Drug Education program attended the meeting and provided a brief overview the School's activities in this area. MLSHS has been successful in getting teachers trained in the delivery of drug education. Steve stressed the importance of parents, teachers and the community in delivering drug education.

Pam Rosenbaum, Nurse at MLSHS has resources for the Drug Information Service. Pam has requested the P&C provide financial support for gift vouchers at the school canteen as part of a focus on health. It was agreed that the request for funds should be directed to the Finance Committee.

The President thanked Steve for briefing the meeting on the drug education program.

5.3. First Click

Brett Martin-Smith, Co-ordinator of the First Click project reported on the project's progress and commented on the opportunities for seeking further funding in the second round. Brett informed the meeting that the classes went well and that he believed we achieved the goal set for the students. They went away from the classes with a rudimentary set of skills which they recognised [mostly] as the first step. By the end of term, we will have had 126 students participate in the course with a further 16 interested in future classes.

The website is coming along and will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Providing multilingual text on the web page is proving difficult to date. Special thanks were extended to Larry Manno and the administration staff for their assistance with the project.

The P&C were still waiting on an indication from the Principal on the school's support for a second round of First Click funding being sought.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1. MLSHS Redevelopment Project – Soil contamination

Soil tests have shown some areas of the school site are contaminated, and this is likely to impact on the building program. It has already delayed the tender process for the Recreation Centre. The Department of Education received a copy of the consultant's report on Friday June 14th and Steve Harvey, Executive Director, Facilities asked that a Project

On Friday June 14th, Steve Harvey, Executive Director, Facilities asked that a Project Control Group (PCG) meeting be convened as soon as possible to discuss it and the implications that it will have on the timing of the project. Information from that meeting can then be conveyed to the school community. The PCG meeting was held on Thursday June 20th and a summary prepared by the Departments of Education and Housing & Works was provided to the meeting. It is anticipated that this will cause at least a six month delay to the building project. Parents will be kept informed via the newsletter.

6.2. Art work Selection Panel

A P&C representative was sought for the Artwork Selection Panel. Bill Woods accepted the position.

6.3. Stage 3 - Senior Campus

There is currently a preference for a total rebuild for the senior campus. The P&C must start lobbying for \$'s for Stage 3.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer's report was tabled and accepted by the meeting. The letters were posted seeking voluntary fees and responses are currently being received.

Meeting closed. Next meeting Monday July 29th July 2002.

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