

**Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association Inc****Minutes**

Meeting Held Tuesday 5 th April 2005 , 7.30pm , Specialist Building MLSHS.

1. Attendance

David Hawkes, Charmain St John, Joyleen Winter, Lousie Herriman, Toula Antonas, Sue Charlick, Sophie Vanzetti, Karen Maslin, Lety Ognenis, Rob Walker, Jeff Smith, Catherine Smith, Terry Boland, Bev Burnside, Geoff White, Denis Bates,

2. Apologies

Julie Kernutt, Suzie Barnes,

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last general meeting held on November 24 th 2004 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Passed: Rob, Seconded: Charmian.

Business arising: Terry said that daycleaners have now been employed instead of contractors. New equipment has also arrived.

4. Analysis of Year 12 Performance

Terry referred to the document he tabled at the AGM in February. Document should be referred to for finer details, however Terry did make some concluding comments about the analysis: As a cohort, the group was not as strong in the 90+ end, was strong in the 80+ grade, but strongest in the 70+, which is the average uni entrance level. The average TER score increased last year to 74.8%, so as a cohort more students actually got into uni last year than the year before. In terms of did the school get the students where they wanted to go, 71% of students who wanted a uni place were offered one, 67% accepted those places, 82.5% got their first choice and 17.5% got offered their second choice. So more students got into university (as a cohort %) and they were offered their first and second choices.

Next semester Terry advised there would be enriching classes targeting 7 courses in the TER. After school for 1.5hrs, 8 sessions, cost \$50. This was about promoting excellence, doing better overall and countering any negative impact of building programme. Study skills sessions for year 12's will also be starting later in year as well.

Questions to The Principal .

Impact of Building Programme on results : Can't be measured, probably some effect, didn't reflect in the results as negative.

Impact on reporting and outcome structure : Year 12 last year were still in old structure.

Support for struggling TER students : Yes, not sure how it will look, definitely study skills sessions being looked at.

How many students from 2003 cohort stayed at uni : info not available at this stage.

Need for more info on other 60% of students (non TER): 20% went to Tafe, but 40% unsure of path.

Should study skills start in Year 11: Discussion about this occurring already with the philosophy going back to start in Year 8 eventually.

Maintaining future enrolment at MLSHS : Comments made about the impact of new buildings and popularity of SVAPA programme for attracting new students. But if this wears off, how will we attract numbers in future years? Discussion centred on aiming for TER scores of 75% and above to get positive polling in the West Australian results table, which, for good or bad, is what a lot of parents read and judge a school by.

More Parent involvement early in Year 11 : Comments made that the transition could be stronger, with more involvement encouraged, giving parents a realistic idea of expectations eg homework levels at min 3 hrs night etc.

Choosing year 11 subjects: Comments made about timetabling balanced with counseling on courses from Year 10-11. Year 11 student info night could possibly be better in terms of wider amount of information about different choices for students, especially non TER options. Terry commented that it was a school priority that future emphasis be on Students being put into the pathways correct for them, not just TER as an emphasis.

4A. General Business

P&C Website

Jeff Smith spoke and Mike Camilleri gave a demonstration of the parent link to the P&C on the MLSHS website. Jeff, Mike and Mike Caddy have discussed options, asked for contributions and put any received on the website already. Need to keep it updated and advertise it to the parent body so that it's use is maximised. Suggested to send out info through yahoo, and WACSO and flyers in the school.

To Contribute and Input into the Site

Testing water at the moment so the best way to get information on the site is to get it to Jeff and he will do it. Lots of photos are needed and need to be sent to Jeff as an attachment. Jeff commented that we were very lucky as a P&C group to have access and the ability to get on the website and extended thanks to Mike and the school.

Planning Group 50+1

Anniversary of school planning group has its next meeting Wed 27 th April 7.30pm in the staff room.

5. Topics for 2005 Consideration

Tender documentation for canteen, fundraising, ideas for website.

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurers Report

Georgia absent from meeting, so Rob gave an interim report.

• Account Balances

- a. General account \$3207.25
- b. Canteen account \$12,320.12
- c. Library account \$336.50

d. SVAPA account \$4553.98 (wine night takings of approx \$2100 to be added)

e. Music account \$5498.38

- **Transfers**

a. From canteen to general account \$12,000 (wind up of canteen operation)

b. From general to library account \$4,770 (2004 library donations)

Balances will therefore be:

General Account \$10,437.25

Canteen Account \$320.12

Library Account \$5,106.50

- **Memberships**

We have 35 financial members

- **2004 Books and Audit**

Audit should be completed by the end of May

Jeff moved to accept report, Seconded by Roz, all in favour.

- **MLSHS Committees**

Implementation Committee - Denis tabled his report last meeting which everyone had read, no further meetings since then.

Health Committee - Catherine spoke to the group about the proposal to the Leadership Team about changing the Expo Day to a Health Week at school from the 13 th - 17 th June. This will then include Expo, Chill Out for year 12's and staff, and anti-bullying programme for middle school.

Catherine advised that Pam Rosenbaum had attended a meeting on Health Eating, the long term benefits and the effect of performance on students. The visiting professor has expressed a willingness to come out and discuss impact on students with a view to informing decisions the P&C are making on the cafeteria. Any interested parents are welcome to attend and Catherine will circulate information via email when details are confirmed.

There is also the possibility a grant can be applied for to put tender together for canteen to implement healthy eating menu.

Any help from interested parents for the Expo Day is heartily welcomed.

- **School Council**

Geoff White reported that the focus of the last school council meeting was the analysis of the results for year 12 students.

- **P & C Standing Committees**

- **Canteen**

Ros Marsland. Ros said that a date needs to be set to get tender going. A special meeting needs to be called for the sub-committee. Ros will contact all the people on that committee with future date.

Music

Plans are underway for the Art Auction with SVAPA that is coming up on June 10 th . It will be held in the specialist building and access to a phone is needed on the night. Names of artists and buyers are needed - contact Sue Charlick with any details.

Sue handed around a form for Apple Fundraiser - Pink Ladies from Donnybrook \$5 for 5 kg.

Next music meeting is on Tues 26 th April 7pm .

SVAPA

Sophie reported for Suzie that the wine tasting evening was a huge success with approximately \$2,150 being raised from the sale of tickets, raffles and silent auctions on the night.

Concentration now will be on the Art Auction with music in terms of fundraising.

Next Meeting is on Wed 11 th May 7pm in the Green Room of the Drama Building .

7. Correspondence

In: UWA Reference Guide Book

School Discount Book

Sock it to you fundraiser

WACSO info - given to Sue

Financial info - given to Rob

8. General Business

*There is now a licencing agreement for vending machines. David to sign.

*Feedback on Jiffy Vans: generally thought to be too expensive but still well frequented. Unfortunately no one is in any position to offer anything else and it is a temporary measure. It offers a wider choice than the vending machines do.

*Uniform/ School Dress: School waiting for current minister to formally state position on this.

*2004 yearbook: Going to Printer, Will be distributed next term.

* Term 1 School Incident at Hamer Park : Some senior students were involved in an incident with outsiders, resulting in police being involved. It was a complex situation which was handled quickly and police acted swiftly and supportively to school. Staff had no prewarning of incident occurring but policies in place led to appropriate measures. Some students were suspended.

9. Next Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 30 th may at 7.30pm in the Conference Room.

10. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 9.15pm .