



Mount Lawley Senior High School

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Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

General Meeting

Minutes 27th August 2007

Open 19:30, Library, MLSHS

1 Attendance

Suzie Barnes, Terry Boland, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Debora Colvin, Georgia Coulter, John Cloake, Lety Ognesis, G. David Rose, Julie Kernutt, David Hawkes, Craig Heath, Catherine Smith, Jo Furness, Christine Richardson, Martine Logue

2 Apologies

Jack Penkin, Sue Mulholland, Sue Lunn, Jeff Smith, Ina Ivanoff, Shauna Gaebler

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes, subject to amendment (4.2 seconder to motion should be Julie, not Jo): Terry Boland
Seconded: Debora Colvin
Passed ... unanimous.

4 Matters arising:

4.1 Uniform Shop – Insurance

Discussion with Sharpforce and QBE, re Workers Compensation for Cheryl, has seen the P&C added to the existing policy... at no cost to us.

4.2 Bricks – status update

Order has been placed, we have agreed the look / content of the “school brick (cost is \$500). An invoice, to the school, is expected for the full amount payable (the school is holding the funds in readiness)... any excess will then be remitted to the P&C.



Move that the cost of the “school brick”, \$500, is covered by the P&C: Catherine Smith
Seconded: David Hawkes
Passed ... unanimous.



Agenda item for next meeting to determine where the bricks will go and whether to have a seat placed nearby.

4.3 Seating outside Library

On hold, keep on agenda for future discussion.

5 Reports



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5.1 Principals

Terry presented a report, the following are the highlights ...

- SVAPA and Music funds: discussion had with Dale Irving and Shaun Molewyk has resulted in a plan of expenditure for the all-round benefit of the students. This plan will go past the sub-committees (Music and SVAPA) for their endorsement.

Noted that the P&C are fully supportive of the list, but a little wary that a subtle shift of cost to P&C. Need to ensure the school, and EdWA remain committed to maintaining the facilities for the students.

- Year 12: Students are nearing end of studies and are moving into exams.
- Timetable and student numbers: already 50 too many applicants for Year 8, and pressure on Years 10-12. Expectation is that there will be no new enrolments from out-of-boundary.

5.2 Treasurers

Rang around to check why Music a/c was attracting fees... turns out it is the only one. This has now been rectified so no accounts incur fees. Well done Suzie.

Balances (approx):

- General \$2,689, Term Deposit \$16,028 (approx)
- Library \$3,239
- SVAPA \$20,685, Term Deposit \$5,000
- Music \$23,870
- Uniform \$6,664

Uniform Shop – sales have slowed, approx figures to date are Sales: \$278k, Cost of Sales: \$172k, Other expenses: \$12k, Bills to be paid: \$50k ... approx 14% profit.

5.3 Middle School Parent Group

No meeting.

5.4 Uniform Shop

Over stock of blue shirts – idea to use as “tour shirts” and label with names.

New sports uniform due in this week, includes generic shirt (blue with white side-panel).

Year 8 uniform try-on times (helpers wanted):

- Tuesday 18th Sept 15:00 to 17:30
- Saturday 22nd Sept 10:00 to 12:00

5.5 MLSHS Committees

5.5.1 Finance

Met and endorsed the school contribution and charges for 2008, small ~2% rise. Now with the School Council for ratification.

5.5.2 eLearning

No meeting, but laptops are now in heavy use. ClickView also being adopted, and benefits starting to flow. Promotion to teachers continuing on use of this technology.



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5.5.3 Health

Farewelled Danielle Huljich, with a huge thanks for all her efforts.
Now have 3 students on national (food) body.
Advisory night on drugs, 2 dates proposed

PS Andrew Paul is now a fully funded Chaplain.

5.6 School Council

Discussed contribution/charges, school bags and assistance for those with hardship etc.

The Uniform Working Party 2 issues:

- school hat, decided to make it non-compulsory due to difficulty of enforcement. A hat has been recommended and that students are educated on the merits of their use.
- school bag, a (pending, on suitable bag) recommendation will be to have a compulsory bag/backpack for Year 8 and to transition Year 9's. Currently setting criteria to evaluate options. At the very least there will be a bag on the school's booklist, and notes in school diary on proper use/wear.

5.7 P&C Standing Committees

5.7.1 SVAPA

As mentioned in Terry's report there has been an allocation of monies toward initiatives for this and next year.

Idea Lightning Bolt: Concept that students can bring in tickets for full/partial cost reimbursement after an event.

There has been difficulty getting entire class/year/school to some cultural / musical / educational experiences (eg museum) now and in the past. Look to encourage participation out-of-hours, eg with parents and this could help defray costs.

Outstanding report provided showing a profit of \$16,835 to be shared between SVAPA and Music.

Committee is now working on a plan to utilise funds (?? China Trip or Music Camp ??) raised, with presentation to next P&C meeting.

5.7.2 Music Support Committee

Performance at WACSSO was well received.

Unrelated comments about the formalities of a WACSSO meeting, also the nature of issues – P&C can raise items of interest – that leads to a vote and potentially policies

Heavy bag question, acknowledged as an issue, was responded that education needs to be encouraged and sensible bags used. Lockers are not endorsed due to vandalism, however schools can make their own decisions.

AGM due on 6th Sept.

Concert planned for 15th Sept, 2 sessions (same program).

Planning another concert for next term.

5.7.3 Uniform

Covered by previous discussion...



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6 General Business

6.1 SVAPA and Music Spending Plans

Mentioned previously in Principal's report. Once recommendations are endorsed by sub-committees they will be acted on.

6.2 Special Motions

Received correspondence to put 3 motions to the meeting:

- That Music Support Group funds are placed into a high interest account until they are allocated for spend.
 - Allocation planned, any monies not being spent this year will be placed into a Term Deposit (as per current P&C practise).
No vote required.
- P&C examine fees being charged on accounts. Refer Treasurers report – fees no longer applied on (any) accounts. No vote required.
- That accounts be moved to a bank that does not charge fees. As per previous note, no fees are incurred on any accounts. No vote required.

6.3 2nd Hand Clothes

Question raised as to whether any consideration was given to facilitate a 2nd hand-clothing arrangement. Not yet, still settling the take-on of the Uniform Shop. Some ideas were to include through the Uniform Shop at a later date, or have a "2nd Hand Board". To be reviewed at a later date.

6.4 Gym for Concerts etc

Question raised as to whether some staging could be placed in the Gym when used for performances... to raise the performers for better viewing. Potential to using mats and staging already available, will be investigated.

6.5 Sporting Event – Unfortunate Behaviour

Raise that a recent sporting event had unfortunate behaviours on display. Terry iterated that the MLSHS students were well behaved and that the matter, and those involved, had been reported and was being investigated.

7 Correspondence:

Letter, including a petition, seeking a request to endorse an "attraction and retention" strategy for Teachers that involves a request for increased (next years) state budget allocation.

Whilst the P&C itself would find it hard to endorse without polling all parents, there were several parents who felt strongly enough to take the petition and seek out those individual parents interested.

8 Date of Next Meeting

24th September 2007.