



Mount Lawley Senior High School

Parents and Citizens Association, Inc

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Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

General Meeting

Minutes 24th September 2007

Open 19:33, Admin Building, MLSHS

1 Attendance

Craig Heath, David Hawkes, Debora Colvin, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Destin Connor, G. David Rose, Georgia Coulter, Jeff & Catherine Smith, John Prior, Julie Kernutt, Lety Ognenis, Michael Camilleri, Richard Zabel, Suzie Barnes, Terry Boland

2 Apologies

John Cloake

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes: Catherine Smith

Seconded: Claudine Bates

Passed ... unanimous.

4 Matters arising:

4.1 Bricks

They are here.



Terry and Catherine to discuss and identify spot for the bricks.



{Agenda item – carry forward} Allow an amount (say \$1,000) to place (for example) a seat nearby

4.2 Risers for performance in Gym

The school does have staging, just need to arrange for their use.

5 Reports

5.1 Principals

Report presented, the following are the highlights ...

- Year 12 students: have completed formal learning program. Key dates:
 - 26 Sept – Mock TEE
 - 25 Oct – Awards Night
 - 26 Oct – Last Day / Assembly ... parents welcome
 - 1 Nov to 21 Nov – TEE
- 2008 Timetable and Student numbers: Year 8 in-take near maximum with only 11 “out of boundary” offers after catering for “in boundary”, “siblings”, “SVAPA” and “LOTE”. Year 12 numbers will increase from 220 to 280. This is a school in demand.
- Arts Productions: special mention of recent Music Concert and Music, and Year 12, Showcases. High quality and successful productions are a credit to the students and staff.



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5.2 Treasurers

Account balances:

- General \$2,689, Term Deposit \$16,163 (approx)
- Library \$3,239
- SVAPA \$17,639, Term Deposit \$5,000
- Music \$23,913
- Uniform \$11,650

Mailed out fundraiser has raised \$6,168 to date – no break-down available yet between General and Library.



Move that General Account Term Deposit - \$15,000 be rolled over and the remainder be deposited into the General Account: Catherine Smith

Seconded: David Hawkes

Passed ... unanimous.

5.3 Middle School Parent Group

New convener.

Cyber Safety presentation held to raise awareness... well attended.

5.4 Uniform Shop

Expecting a busy time tomorrow, after taking (approx) \$15,000 on Saturday

Order for new stock being placed at end of week with a 4 week delivery

Looking to have supplier reduce existing (large size) stock eg 18 to 16, 16 to 14

Current record keeping for audit/reconciliation purposes is becoming unwieldy, so looking to rationalise the process.

5.5 MLSHS Committees

5.5.1 Finance

Discussion about the need / desire for standard (team) uniforms for those representing MLSHS

Fine tuned the school contribution and charges for 2008, now with School Council for approval

Budget ... have been able to recoup funds for over-runs during prior year building works. Will be applied to refurbish (paint and carpet) Admin Building

Last 60 lap-tops are now in use, and in high demand

Responses to questions:

Some money is to be allocated to air conditioning for some parts of school, eg home economics

Music department levies and fees have been built into Music charges for next year

5.5.2 eLearning

Losing our Network Administrator... so currently re-vamping the Position Description and need to follow Public Service guidelines. In the meantime have engaged a technical consultant.

5.5.3 Health

Drug and Alcohol evening planned for Wednesday, with light supper.



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5.6 School Council

It was all about the Uniform Working Party and recommendations on:

- school hat: is highly recommended but not compulsory; it will be sold through the Uniform Shop; Health Ed. Is to cover the topic at start of each year; final hat selection to be a student vote
- school bag: is highly recommended but not compulsory; it will be sold through the Uniform Shop; back-pack of choice is the Spartan Chiropak – in blue with school logo; information sheet for school diary / parents to be prepared; Health Ed. Is to cover the topic at start of each year including what to (typically) carry in their bags; P&C should run a parent education session

5.7 P&C Standing Committees

5.7.1 SVAPA

Went out for coffee, and discussed (in general) how to improve and expand kids experiences

5.7.2 Music Support Committee

Held their AGM, and new committee voted in
Thanks to the previous committee for their efforts

5.7.3 Uniform

Covered by previous discussion...

6 General Business

6.1 \$15,000 Parent-School Partnership Award

Role established at ECU (Kevin Pilkington)

Given we are near end of year we will re-consider this spend in 2008



{Agenda item – carry forward 2008} How to use / get maximum benefit from \$15,000 award

6.2 Fundraising Letters sent out

Uncertain of the split of funds between General and Library

What will funds be allocated to?



{Agenda item – carry forward} How to use funds raised

6.3 Web-site

Proposal put that P&C has its own web-site, mainly for information sharing and promotional material.

Concept site has been prepared, aim is to hold information from P&C.

Link from / to MLSHS web-site



Move that we pursue the P&C site: David Hawkes

Seconded: Craig Heath

Passed ... unanimous.

Advice will be sought (initially) from President, Secretary and Treasurer on content

Register as mlshspc.org.au



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6.4 Year 9 Parent Information Night

Discussion around the poor notification to let parents know the night was on. Quite a few did not know and missed the opportunity.

Note was sent home with kids... those that did know seemed to find out with very little notice

6.5 Michael Keenan

A parent has good contact with Michael and knows that he often looks to get involved in helping the local community.

Good idea: approach Michael to see if he is willing to contribute to the purchase of the "sporting kit" for the School's sports teams

Any contact to School should come via Terry

6.6 Sports Team

Noted that the Year 10 boys and girls teams won championship

Soccer team got into the quarter finals

This year MLSHS competed in the A Grade athletics carnival

Q: Why did the Year 9 Basketball Team get cancelled? Rumour was an issue with a (as it turned out) relatively small fee. This left several disappointed students

7 Correspondence:

Carols on the Lawn: YouthCare are trying to start an annual event – 30th November this year – that will involve local community (eg Church Groups), the School's bands. This is supported by the school and question raised whether P&C want to get involved / can help.

8 Date of Next Meeting

22nd October 2007.

Closed 21:05