Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

School Council

MINUTES

Monday 12 May 2008

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:35pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome		1 ! !
	The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance Christine Richardson (Chair), Milton Butcher, Neil Hudson, Catherine Smith, Jo Furness, Bev Burnside, Sanja Zuljevic, Anne Griffiths, Gemma Esvelt, Olivia Burmester, Chloe Neilsen and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary)		
4	Apologies Don Rowe, Darcy Rowe, Kevin Pilkington		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting With the addition of Chloe Neilsen as an attendee, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4/3/2008 were accepted as a true record.		
6	Update on Action Points from previous meetings Industrial Action This is ongoing. Budget 2008 Awaiting the return of the financial system. Christine is still waiting for feedback after her initial meeting with Departmental staff.		
7	Agenda Items • MLSHS Annual Report 2007 The two documents were tabled and distributed, both almost complete. The smaller 8 page document is a summary and is almost ready to go to print - awaiting the financial report which is being worked on, and finalising tracking down some great achievements by students last year. The larger document needs a few amendments. This is almost completed as well - trying to track down TAFE information and finalising information from the learning areas. Milton suggested members take the documents away and read them. All the requirements of the Commonwealth and State Governments have been satisfied between the two documents. This will be in the library once it is finished (it may be too big for the website). Gemma asked how to get students to make the low columns on the chart higher. Milton replied that this is one of the issues being targeted this year. • Opportunities in China Christine reported that the China tour was very successful. Last week, MLSHS hosted staff from the Chinese Consulate to finalise the tour. Milton reported on the China trip and the opportunities Australia has in China. An international program would be welcome at each of the four schools visited. Options: 1) build an international wing on the oval and run programs	Read documents	Members of Council

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MLSHS; 2) look at existing international arrangements where children stay with a family or other boarding institution and come to MLSHS as a normal international fee-paying child; 3) establish a program where MLSHS signs children who want to come to an Australian university and run a program in China - in effect, a university preparation course (ECU for business and UWA for science are possibilities - Milton is talking about this with Lindsay who will take it to the relevant people). This needs to be managed carefully. Chloe asked if this would be a two-way street where MLSHS students could possibly also exchange. Milton replied that MLSHS is accepting students from MLSHS's Chinese sister school. Christine summarised by saying MLSHS should develop this further with Don Rowe's participation. Moved by Anne Griffiths that MLSHS Council establish a group to look at strategies for identifying opportunities in China, with Don Rowe and Catherine Smith as part of that group. Seconded by Jo Furness. • Dress Code Christine advised that this is a Council responsibility. A working party was developed last year. Suzie Barnes is happy to be the P&C nominee. Christine sought a member of the MLSHS Council who is happy to convene a group with a staff member and student representative to scan and resolve the issues (inc China jacket and a light jumper). Christine suggested a group comprising: • 1 MLSHS Council member; • 1 or 2 student representative to scan and resolve the issues (inc China jacket and a light jumper). Christine suggested a group comprising: • 1 the SC member; • 1 or 2 student representative to scan and resolve the issues (inc China jacket and a light jumper). Christine suggested a group comprising: • 1 the staff member, • 2 student representative will be Mike Camilleri, and if Chloe knows someone for Student Council representative. The staff representative will be Mike Camilleri, and if Chloe knows someone for Student Council representative, she should advise Mike. This group to report at the next Counc	Form a group to investigate and develop opportunities in China Establish a working party	Don Rowe/ Catherine Smith Jo Furness, Mike Camilleri, Olivia Burmester, Susie Barnes and possibly one other student representative from Student Council
components 2009 The suggested Year 11/12 Approved Charges for 2009 were tabled and distributed. Christine asked for discussion on the document which will go back to the Finance Committee for		
keeping to the current formulae of adjusting for inflation. She believes it is a balance of providing study at a reasonable cost but also for teachers to have sufficient funds to present programs to students. The CPI increase this year is 4.3%. Recommendations:		
 Would not expect to see any subject decrease; Establish sets of school books, to try to minimise the carrying of heavy books. Have class sets or money put aside for class sets. Year 10 is capped to \$235.00. Perhaps for Year 10, look at 		
the mathematics book and see what strategies can be put in place for students not having to carry heavy books. The Finance Committee should be asked about this.		

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	3) Look at including a book hire scheme in some subjects to		
	save parents money.		
	Milton suggested bringing back sample sheets to a meeting to		
	ensure they are correct and that student invoices should be		
	checked for accuracy at the November meeting.		
	School Review		
	This is on Wednesday 21 May 2008, and Milton would like to		
	give Council members unfettered access to the Director to		
	speak with him about how they see things going (without		
	members of staff present). This will include a morning tea at 10:30am. Milton suggested P&C members could also		
	at 10:30am. Milton suggested P&C members could also come, and will extend an invitation to that effect. A number		
	of members indicated that they would like to attend.		
	LOTE Review		
	Christine explained the LOTE program. Last year's Council's		
	members saw the review and Milton has been working on the		
	document. Christine asked Milton to speak on the LOTE		
	Review and options for a language centre. The review		
	specifically targeted the gifted program, however, there		
	were implications for all students. MLSHS can accept up to		
	32 students for the program. There is some good news in		
	terms of students who work hard and do well, and Chinese		
	and Italian are strong in terms of student numbers. An		
	exhibition winner is something MLSHS should aim for as this		
	would have a really uplifting effect throughout the languages		
	department and influence language learning. Gemma		
	suggested a previous winner address the students as to how		
	that success helped that person in his/her life. Chloe gave		
	an example of a student who learnt Italian and another who learnt Chinese.		
	One of the recommendations was to look at a LOTE precinct.	Provide	Milton Butcher
	Milton described the four broad options, which included	documents to	Militori Butorioi
	buying a demountable for LOTE, possibly between the gym	members	
	and the middle school; a language laboratory or IT facility,		
	or put two demountables on an oval and free up classrooms		
	in the specialist building for languages; or use the corridor		
	(there are some issues with this option). There was a		
	discussion on the tabled documents and report.		
	Christine summarised by saying MLSHS needs to consider the	Engage with	Don Rowe
	issues and develop an action plan. Council has a role to play	LOTE regarding	
	and Don Rowe is prepared to represent Council. The steps to	this issue	
	follow are:		ļ
	i. Update the review to bring back to the next meeting.		
	ii. Develop an action plan.iii. Don Rowe to represent Council.		
	Catherine Smith and Jo Furness, moved to establish a		
	working party to develop an action plan. Carried		
	Reports Carried		
8	Student Representatives	·	
	Gemma reported that:		
	 Students had expressed a wish for group form photos 		
	rather than individual photos.		
	 Kenya fundraising is still ongoing - perhaps the 		İ
	students who are helping them could go over to see		İ
	them.		
	 With exam results, if you do not get a better score, 		į
	can you still go into higher groups?		
	Olivia mentioned that she was one of the Year 10 students		

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	chosen to go to RYPEN. The motivational speaker, Chris Maxwell, could come and speak at MLSHS. (Neil suggested bringing this up with Student Council.) Regarding the Year 10 leadership camp, Neil advised that MLSHS is looking at considering expanding this. Participation in the camp is by invitation only. On the question of sports choices voiced by other students, Gemma was advised to progress her queries (including interest in lawn bowls) through the Head of PE.		
9	P&C Jo advised that there had been no P&C meeting since the last Council meeting.		
10	Principal		 : : :
	 Milton reported that: with regard to mobile telephones, Milton advised that the Director General is not able to allow teacher directed use in class. On Thursday, 3 July from lunchtime until about 7 pm there is a reporting day with parents, which has been approved by the Director, and MLSHS is encouraging students to attend with their parents (Catherine suggested putting this as a heading on the note, ie that students are also to attend.) 	Add a heading to the note for parents that students are also to attend	Milton Butcher
	 There will be a female Japanese exchange student at MLSHS from July this year until July next year. Regarding student safety, there is early closing on Wednesday outside of the traffic warden and safe driving zone of 40 kph (although MLSHS does not have any traffic wardens). School is not supposed to close where the times are outside 2:30pm - 4:30pm. MLSHS is closed at 1:30pm and therefore not within that safety zone. This is something Council needs to think about as this has to be acted upon (eg MLSHS may not shut early on a Wednesday). There was a discussion and Milton directed to write to the Director stating Council is happy with current arrangement and Milton will remind parents and students of road safety. Catherine Smith moved and Jo Furness, seconded to retain the current closing times on Wednesday for Year 10-12. 	Write a letter regarding early closing times for the school on Wednesday	Milton Butcher
11	Staff Neil advised of an ex-POW memorial service to be held on 20 June this year at King's Park at the end of Saw Avenue from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. The MLSHS band and choir will be performing and councillors will be in attendance. Christine encouraged any members of Council who are available to attend, that they would be most welcome. Neil said there has been a little bit of feedback from Nic James that if enough noise was made, the decision could be reversed. Milton advised that he has sent has a letter to his superior. It was recommended for Council to write a letter to his superior. Other Business	Write a letter to his superior.	Milton Butcher to provide letter to Christine
	 Olivia asked whether the microwave could also be used for Year 10 students and was advised that the microwave is for Year 12 student use only. 		
13	Next Meeting		
14	Monday, 16 June 2008. Meeting closed: 9:30pm		
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