## Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

## **School Council**

## **MINUTES**

## Monday 3 November 2008

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:30pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome	 	
	The Chair welcomed Council members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance		
	Christine Richardson (Chair), Milton Butcher, Neil Hudson,		
	Anne Griffiths, Kevin Pilkington, Don Rowe, Gemma Esvelt,		
	Olivia Burmester, Catherine Smith, Jo Furness, Bev Burnside,		
	Darcy Rowe, Chloe Neilsen and Lee Loughnan (Minutes		
	Secretary)	: : : 	; 
4	Apologies		
	Nil		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 September		
	2008 were accepted as a true record.		
	Moved by Christine Richardson. Seconded by Anne Griffiths.	<u> </u>	
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings		
	■ Dress Code 2009	Item closed to 2009	lo Eurnoss
	Jo advised that the jumper is of concern and a new fabric	i itelli ciosed to 2009	JO FULLIESS
	sample has not been provided; 30 jumpers have been	: : : :	
	ordered at the same price, in the same design in a non-wool fabric.		
	We are still waiting for other samples; they will be available	: : : :	
	in 2009. Samples of the band uniform have been given to		
	the music support group and they have requested long		
	sleeves.		
	<ul> <li>Healthy Active Australia Grant</li> </ul>		Milton Butcher
	Milton advised that has had no contact as yet but Federal		
	Dept of Health want the project to run over 12 months;		
	there will be redevelopment of the implementation plan		
	ready for the start of next term.		
	Education Awards		
	Milton advised that we weren't successful in getting to the		
	short list. Richard Meagher is in the final three for the	: : : :	
	Premier's Science Awards.		

7	Fees and Charges 2009	
	The Fees and Charges for 2009 have been endorsed by the	Milton Butcher
	Finance Committee and were presented for formal sign-off.	
	Milton reported that the Year 8 and 9 music charges have	
	been reduced to \$30 from \$50. The new Psychology 1 and 2	
	courses were also noted.	
	RECOMMENDATION that the voluntary contributions and charges for 2009 for Years 8-10 be endorsed. Moved by Jo Furness that Council accept the recommendation. Seconded by Kevin Pilkington. Carried RECOMMENDATION that the approved voluntary contributions and charges for 2009 for Years 8-9 in Column 4 be endorsed. Moved by Catherine Richardson that Council accept the recommendation. Seconded by Don Rowe. Carried RECOMMENDATION that the approved voluntary contributions for Year 10 in Column 5 be endorsed. Moved by Don Rowe that Council accept the recommendation. Seconded by Jo Furness. Carried RECOMMENDATION that the approved charges for Year 10 in 2009 be endorsed. Moved by Don Rowe that Council accept the recommendation. Seconded by Catherine Smith.	
	Carried	
8	Milton advised that the Standards Review made similar recommendations that the school executive proposed. He advised that our middle school academic results are better than many like schools, however, Year 12 results are not. We may need to add more value from Years 10-12 and one way would be the introduction of an academic extension stream in Year 10. We will be looking at a whole school approach to writing and will talk to Year 11 students at the end of the year about Year 12 pathways. We will offer tutoring programs and after school classes. The recommendations will be looked at and we now need to structure those recommendations into our school development plan and school operational plan next year. We will be working with ECU staff to look at targeting some programs to enhance what is already good in the school.  Christine said the recommendations provide a good	Milton Butcher
	framework for the School Council to work to and for Council to see what the actions and progress have been.	

8	Financial Reporting The financial documents were tabled. These included the SIS Comparative and Christine's monitoring tool. Christine gave a verbal explanation of each document, which included: Total Funds Summary. Total Funds Budget. Total Funds Analysis. Funds Available by Budget Code.		Milton Butcher Christine Richardson
	Expenditure by Budget Code. Reserves Budget Code Chart.		
	Milton advised that we have approximately \$500,000.00 in the reserve account and he would like to have \$1million in reserve.		
	RECOMMENDATION that the financial reports be endorsed.  Moved by Jo Furness that Council accept the recommendation. Seconded by Catherine Smith. Carried		
9	Financial Management Milton requested an extensive audit on the school finances and gave a brief on the report received. He said there are issues with payment of invoices, payment of GST and assets have not been correctly handled. Budgeting processes and contributions and charges are also poorly developed. We will get specialised assistance to work on an improvement plan, but this has not yet been provided. Sample contributions and charges sheets will be provided to the next Council meeting for feedback to ensure Council's decisions are acted on.	To provide sample contribution and charges sheets to next meeting	Milton Butcher
10	Budget Development Catherine presented Council members with the prototype for budgeting tool for 2009 and showed how easily the school budget can be updated each month. She said there is still some database information that needs to be made more universal.		Christine Richardson Milton Butcher
13	Reports Student Representatives		
	Gemma and Olivia are on the Yearbook Committee and requested an article on the School Council be put in by Thursday this week. Council congratulated Darcy on being selected as a Prefect next year.	Council Yearbook article to be written by Thursday	Christine Richardson
Li	There was no further information to report.	<u> </u>	

Camera Phones: There has been a sense of concern amongst some parents about inappropriate photos. He will put out a notice about inappropriate use of photographing with mobile phones and students will be asked to notify leachers if they see anything untoward.  Awards Night: There was too much 'yahooing' and students will be required to wear uniform next year. The year group photo was great.  Citizenship Prize: The Citizenship Prize has been named after Christine Richardson.  Year 12 Assembly: Was a procession of Awards with a few speeches; 90 minutes duration was a little long.  SVAPA: The program has been reaccredited.  China Links: 'Are being identified and the letter concerning Asian Studies written to the DG of Education and Training was circulated. Milton will be meeting with the new MP for Mt Lawley and if Council members would like to attend, to let him know. With the change of government, nothing is happening at this stage in terms of the Commonwealth Asian Studies proposal.  Mol/Mentoring: ECU Moll is with the DG and we are trying to establish some real programs – pre-service teaching is already aworthwhile project that has been proposed as well as the Illeracy research.  Languages Program: Will talk to Rossmoyne SHS and then the MISHS Year 10 GATE students on how we can enhance the languages program: Will talk to Rossmoyne SHS and then the MISHS Year 10 GATE students on how we can enhance the languages program stock held will be reviewed.  Staff Neil reported that:  Norm Hyde Pastoral Care Awards - we have been short listed as one of the five finalists.  We put in a joint application with Ballajura for a Year 8, 9 & 10 program through Swan Alliance - we are waiting on its approval.  We have been approached to involve some of our Year 10 students in some other programs.  17 Any Other Business  Learning Area Selection Panel: Catherine and Christine are part of this Panel and this is in progress.  D'Cafe Operators: Are not continuing on at the school next year. The Education Department is working on a ne	11	Dringing Po Donout		<b>!</b> :
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