

Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

General Meeting

Minutes 22 June 2009

Open 19:35, Conference Room, 1st Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

1. Attendance

Suzie Barnes, Jo Furness, Kerry White, Claudine Bates, Dennis Bates, Dawn Pekin, G. David Rose, Glen Innis, Michael Camilleri, Milton Butcher, Julie Kernutt, Lety Ognenis, John Pryor, Sharon Cockroft.

2. Apologies

Michael Sutherland, Penny Scott, Diedre Davidson, Catherine Smith, Sondra Tate.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes: Dennis
Seconded: David
Passed ... unanimous.

4. Matters arising:

4.1. *Structure of the Day*

Milton Butcher provided a brief.

Key issues were loss of physical activity gridline for upper-school and the loss of Wednesday early close. Physical activity will continue for Year 12 in reduced time as will now share a grid line with Advocacy and private study before exams. Year 11s more activity as less Advocacy. Students prefer 5 periods a day than late Tuesday. Will consider several ideas that parents have proposed, although industrial considerations may prevent take-up.

4.2. *TransPerth*

Milton Butcher provided report.

TransPerth will no longer support special school bus services. School would have to pay for the service - \$55,000 for bus plus fuel and wages

4.3. *Benches*

Student Council looking to purchase two benches.

4.4. *Crosswalk*



To be agendered so that Debora can report on any updates.

5. Reports

5.1. *Principal's Report*

Milton Butcher reported on the following matters:

- **Art Auction:** This was a great success and the efforts of the parent volunteers is very much appreciated. It is a great public relations exercise for the school.
- **Christine Richardson acknowledgement:** The preparedness of the Action Committee to acknowledge the tremendous work of Christine over the many years is appreciated.
- **Swine flu:** Students and staff no longer have to remain away from school if visiting certain places.
- **Year 7:** Some local primary schools participated in a Science Day and 2010 Year 8 GATE students, a languages day. Both were successful.
- **Half Cohort:** At this stage Year 8 enrolments for 2010 are strong and this bodes well for curriculum choice in both Year 8 next year and Year 11 when they enter upper-school.
- **Reporting Day:** This is scheduled for July 2.

5.2. *Treasurer's Report*

Approximate balances:

General	\$20,389.51
Library	\$ 1,175.65
Uniform	\$21,669.21
SVAPA	\$ 7,396.21
Music	\$20,648.05



Moved to pay WACCSO affiliation: Jo F.
Seconded: David.
Passed: unanimous.



The report was accepted unanimously.

5.3. *Uniform Shop Report*

Dawn reported that the shop is progressing. The new register should make tracking sales and ordering supplies easier.

Review Committee will meet in the holidays.

The running of the shop (operations review) will look at ideas from David to improve processes. Useful to consider carry over of stock over Christmas period.

6. Committees

6.1. **Finance**

New charges for 2010 were approved.

6.2. **eLearning - no recent meeting**

Currently considering ideas from ECU students on website and seeking views of website from parents/student/staff.

A different group of ECU students also seeing if they can assist the design of the site.

6.3. **Health**

Chill out takes place tomorrow. Any volunteers to cut up fruit are welcome!

Cost less than expected as many activities are on-site. Rob requested that surplus funds be allocated to MS drug forum. This was a good cause and members agreed to this course of action.

6.4. **Art Auction**

A highly successful event. Suzie thanked all for their efforts. Debrief meeting next week.

6.5. **School Council**

Approved charges for 2010.

Reviewed report from Lindsay Hale – recommendation of school endorsed.

6.6. **SVAPA Committee**

Focused on auction.

6.7. **Music Committee**

Committee “quiet” however students very busy playing at a number of high profile events.

6.8. **Languages**

A group now formed and working.

7. General Business

7.1. ***Middle School Reading Room***

Two couches offered to MS reading room at \$250 in total.



Moved to purchase the couches from Mark Howard for \$250.00.

Passed: Jo.

Seconded: Julie.

Passed: unanimous.

Staff may expend \$1,750 on books.

7.2. ***Subsidy for Year 9 camp***

This is to be \$250 per student and many families struggling. Bus hire is \$6,000.00. Year 9 leaders seeking P&C support to subsidise. It is an important event. There was a discussion around this topic. The members felt that a direct subsidy of families was not effective. The suggestion was that a grant could be made to camps to provide an activity that otherwise could not be done. This would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

7.3. ***D&T request for air conditioning***

No proposal submitted. This is to be provided prior to making a decision.

7.4. ***Benches***

Two benches have been requested for the Middle School. The cost is around \$1,000 each.



Moved to purchase two benches to a maximum of \$2,500: John P.

Seconded: Kerry

Passed: unanimous.

(The Student Council also buying two.)

7.5. ***Air Conditioning***

There was a discussion about air conditioning. Milton said that whilst there appeared to be a general agreement to consider air conditioning the school as a partnership between the P&C and the school, this had not yet been formalised. Julie suggested recording temperatures in buildings to establish priorities. David suggested to establish the fund for next year and determine a plan to implement air conditioning.



Moved to establish an air conditioning fund using the school's tax deductible status and determine a plan to air condition the school: David.

Seconded: Dennis.

Passed: unanimous.

John said that parents could be asked to support the air conditioning fund rather than the ordinary P&C donation on the Contributions and Charges sheet with the Uniform shop profits contributing funds that the P&C could use for other projects to improve facilities for students.

7.6. NAPLAN Instructions

Some parents raised NAPLAN instructions given. Milton said that the instructions should have been read from the manual as this ensured that all students in Australia completed the test under the same conditions.

7.7. Year 12 English exam

Some students received unlined paper to write on. Milton will follow-up. He suggested that the problem may be that the pages were not printed properly.

8. Other business

8.1. Terms of Reference for parent committees

John raised the Terms of Reference for the parent committees. SVAPA may need to be considered, especially the wind-up mechanism. Suzie suggested that the SVAPA group consider this and provide comment to the P&C as this may need to be updated to reflect the music and languages groups.

8.2. Reporting day

Mike reminded members of the reporting day. The timetable is suspended for the afternoon. Students should attend school in the morning. Supervision will be provided for students where families wish to use this option. Students make appointments for parents.

8.3. SMS attendance system

There was a brief discussion on the SMS attendance system. All parents had a sense of frustration but they were prepared to work through issues. An email notification of absences would be used if introduced. School will look to introduce this next term.

9. Correspondence

- WACSSO P&C Voice
- WACSSO petition re: speed zones around schools – will not be supported by DPI.
- Crossings – No one has approached Suzie about road crossings. Children's crossing at North Avenue will remain until the Ministerial review is completed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

27 July 2009

Closed 21:05