

Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

School Council

MINUTES

Monday 18 May 2009

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:30pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome The Chair welcomed School Council members.		
3	Attendance Milton Butcher, Catherine Smith, Neil Hudson, Ron Pearce, Jo Furness, Don Rowe, Madeleine Lovelle, Theresa Walloppillai, Gemma Esvelt, Olivia Burmester, Anne Griffiths, Kevin Pilkington and Nicky Garrett (Minutes Secretary)		
4	Apologies Holly Richards and Glen Innis		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous School Council meeting held on 16 March 2009 were tabled and accepted as a true record. Moved by Ron Pearce. Seconded by Don Rowe.	Carried.	
6	<p>Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sponsorship Still waiting for new policy release. ▪ Healthy Active Australia Grant Milton Butcher advised that Suzie Barnes is now working on this project. Funds of \$117,000 have been received and in the bank. Awaiting contract. <p>RECOMMENDATION: Milton Butcher advised the members that Suzie Barnes has had a good response from the girls and also some enquiries from boys. In order to embed The Healthy Active project the \$7,500 to be allocated to the project to enable the manager to continue work in 2010. Moved by Ron Pearce. Seconded by Jo Furness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Languages programme Milton Butcher advised the meeting that a choice of two languages (Italian and Chinese) are to be introduced in 2010. Only one language to be studied for four periods a week. Milton Butcher also advised that they were bringing 2010 GATE students into the school shortly. ▪ Centre for Asian Languages Milton Butcher reported to the meeting that an Architect and Builder had quoted \$2.1 million for the design and build of a Centre for Asian Languages. Council can seek to advance this project shortly. <p>Milton Butcher circulated a letter to the members which had been sent from a school in China approaching MLSHS to be a "Sister School".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whole day School Reporting Catherine Smith reported to the members that they had had a negative response from the District Director for whole day school reporting. Half day reporting time only from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. 	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Carried.</p> <p>Proposal for Centre for Asian Languages.</p>	<p>Principal. Jo Furness.</p> <p>Milton Butcher.</p> <p>Principal. Catherine Smith.</p>

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7	<p>Half Year Cohort 2010 Milton Butcher advised members that MLSHS had not targeted schools outside of the catchment area. It was noted that Como, Shenton College and Churchlands plus a few others are marketing primary schools in MLSHS catchment area. It was noted that Shenton Park was especially targeting music students. Milton Butcher advised members that adverts will be placed in the paper shortly.</p> <p>Catherine Smith suggested that some of the school band, could play in the foyer on the 27 May at the Year 8 Parent Information Evening to display to parents MLSHS's strengths in music.</p>	Ongoing.	Principal. Principal.
8	<p>Year 10 Concern about the transition from Year 9 to Year 10.</p> <p>Milton Butcher advised that a "Fast-track" group currently runs in some schools for Year 11. This could form a model for some students in Year 10. A successful Year 10 group runs at Ballajura Community College and students stay together as a group. Milton Butcher mentioned that a similar model was being looked at. It is important that the right teachers are sourced for the group.</p> <p>Catherine Smith also asked about PD for the teachers. Milton Butcher responded that appropriate training would be given to the selected teachers.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Milton Butcher recommended forming a Council Working Party for the fast-track group and it was noted that Dan Rowe, Jo Furness and Catherine Smith would like to be involved. Milton Butcher to seek school staff.</p>	Model for Fast-track group. Council working party to be formed.	Principal. Principal Don Rowe Jo Furness Catherine Smith.
9	<p>Year 11 to 12 Transition Milton Butcher advised the members that the current graduation status was being looked at. Stephanie Hantzis, the Year 12 Co-ordinator is working with at-risk students and families. MLSHS's aim is have 100% of students graduate. Some students are looking at TAFE or employment. Two students likely not able to change subjects due to parent refusal. If this continues then 100% Graduation unlikely. It was noted that the "top end" was good this year. Anne Griffiths asked how many students would be tried TEE students. Milton Butcher responded that over half of the cohort.</p> <p>Jo Furness asked if this information could be presented at the forthcoming Information and Counselling Meeting. Milton Butcher agreed.</p> <p>Milton Butcher also commented that the graduation percentage that had been sent to Curriculum Council was incorrect due to a software error. Some of Year 12 had been made as Year 11 but not counted as Year 12 Curriculum Council.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Curriculum Council had made the Community Service program voluntary. Year 10 accepting of the programme whereas Year 12 had been a struggle.</p>		
10	<p>Funds allocation for Literacy & Innovation Initiative and Technology and Numeracy Innovation Initiative Milton Butcher advised the meeting that significant funds</p>		Principal.

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	<p>had been received from parent contribution. Funds for Literacy & Innovation amounted to \$14,000 and \$56,000 for Technology and Numeracy Innovation Initiative.</p> <p>Catherine Smith asked Milton Butcher about Smart boards and it was noted that there is only one company that Smart boards can be purchased from and accounted for the delay in installation.</p> <p>IT Committee looking for a plan for the next meeting on how the money can be spent.</p> <p>Jo mentioned that the Finance Committee met with the Middle School last week. Submissions for a Reading Plus Programme \$14,000 and establishment of a Reading Area \$2,000 were approved by the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: School Council agreed unanimously to endorse the Finance Committee's proposals for a Reading Plus Programme and Reading Area for Middle School for a total of \$16,000 and approved the expenditure from the 'Literacy and Numeracy Fund'.</p> <p>Reading Plus Programme Moved by Don Rowe. Seconded by Ron Pearce.</p> <p>Reading Area Moved by Anne Griffiths. Seconded by Jo Furness.</p> <p>It was also noted that expenditure for the Reading Area for Middle School would have to be reviewed by the P&C meeting next week and if this wasn't approved it would be funded by the school.</p>	<p>Expenditure of funds.</p> <p>Carried.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	<p>IT Committee.</p>
11	<p>Financial Reporting 2009 Jo Furness updated the meeting with the latest financial report which was distributed to members. Jo Furness went through the Income and Expenditure, Summary, Pie Chart and learning areas expenditure.</p> <p>It was noted that ESL didn't have an original budget. Commonwealth Government had recently given \$15,000 and \$10,000 to ESL and of which had been allocated to ESL.</p> <p>Jo Furness also mentioned that the amounts received for Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2009 was down from 2008. P&C contributions and other approved requests were almost at the level for 2008.</p>	<p>ESL original budget for 2009.</p>	<p>Principal Jo Furness.</p>
12	<p>Report - Student Representatives Madeleine Lovelle reported to the members that tutoring is available in Maths and Science in Music and Drama subjects. Milton Butcher advised that this was due to numbers studying the subjects. Only a few courses can be run and large cohorts are selected.</p> <p>Madeleine Lovelle also reported that Year 12s kitchen had a problem with Year 11 and other years using this area. Mainly for the use of the microwave.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Year 12s kitchen issue was acknowledged by the School Council and for the students to come up with suggestions on how this issue could be resolved.</p> <p>It was also noted that at the forthcoming Year 10 Information and Counselling session, parents should be made</p>	<p>Student Council to suggest ways in which this issue could be resolved.</p> <p>Year 10 Information and</p>	<p>Student Council.</p> <p>Principal.</p>

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aware that after school tutoring is available at MLSHS and that it doesn't cost anything.	Counselling Meeting.	
<p>13 Principals Report Milton Butcher advised the meeting that submissions have all been sent for the Science Laboratory for the Middle School and Language Laboratory.</p> <p>Milton Butcher also mentioned that exams for Years 10 to 12 would be commencing shortly.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Arts afternoon had been a great success.</p> <p>Milton Butcher reported to the members that they were having discussions in trying to align Middle School and Senior School periods. The Middle School currently has 30 periods a week whereas the Senior School has 26. Recess and lunch breaks are at different times. In order for the two schools to be aligned, Senior School 26th period (Upper School Sport) may have to be forgone and the early close on a Wednesday may have to stop which would affect Years 10, 11 and 12 or a longer day on a Tuesday. Anne Griffiths mentioned the difficulty of buses if Tuesday was extended as she didn't think that a "special" bus would be put on. For consideration for next meeting.</p> <p>Milton Butcher also advised the meeting that his report was being presented to P&C next week and would also be considered by Student Council.</p>	For consideration for next meeting.	Principal School Council.
<p>14 Report - P&C P&C representatives had nothing to report.</p>		
<p>15 Staff Report Staff representatives had nothing to report.</p>		
<p>16 Any Other Business Kevin Pilkington mentioned that he didn't get a copy of the Lawley Update. Milton Butcher responded that he would arrange for him to be added to the distribution list.</p> <p>Catherine Smith advised the members that they would like Christine Richardson to receive some formal recognition for being chair of the School Council and P&C. Catherine Smith suggested that this could be presented on the night of the Art Exhibition on Saturday 20 June.</p> <p>Fees for the educational programme of \$235 have been held for about seven years. Milton Butcher advised the members that for the fees to be increased, the Minister has to approve. Milton Butcher to draft a letter for Catherine Smith.</p>	<p>Kevin Pilkington to be added to the distribution list for Lawley Update.</p> <p>Recognition for Christine Richardson.</p> <p>Endorsed.</p> <p>Letter to be drafted to the Minister.</p>	<p>Principal.</p> <p>Principal. Council members.</p> <p>Principal. Catherine Smith.</p>
<p>17 Feedback on the meeting / future items No feedback provided.</p>		
<p>18 Next meeting Monday, 15 June 2009 at 7:30pm</p>		
<p>19 Meeting closed With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm.</p>		