

Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

School Council

MINUTES

Monday 17 August 2009

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:30pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome The Chair welcomed School Council members.		
3	Attendance Jo Furness, Milton Butcher, Neil Hudson, Glenn Innis, Gemma Esvelt, Maddy Lovelle, Catherine Smith (Chair), Don Rowe, Kevin Pilkington and Yvonne Scott (Guest), Lee Loughnan (Minutes Secretary)		
4	Apologies Anne Griffiths, Olivia Burmester, Theresa Wallooppillai.		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 June 2009 were tabled and accepted as a true record. Moved by Jo Furness and Seconded by Neil Hudson Carried.		
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sponsorship No change. ▪ Healthy Active Australia Grant At this stage we are seeking to install a circuit, we need services clearance and are currently waiting on a report. Tender should be finalised September/October with the circuit being installed at the end of the year. ▪ Centre for Asian Languages Proposal has been sent to the Minister and local politicians are keen to support the program. Now it is up to the decision makers. Thanks to Don Rowe for all his work on the proposal. 	Update to be provided to next meeting.	Jo Furness Milton Butcher Don Rowe Milton Butcher
7	Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICT Reserves Still being considered by ICT committee. ▪ Advocacy Program for 2010 Council members suggested that parents be kept informed of the Advocacy Program. Neil advised that once the program has been finalised, then the information will be sent to parents. ▪ VET programs and VET Scholarship Milton Butcher proposed that as part of making the VET programs more attractive to students we should offer a scholarship. Anne Griffiths has agreed that the scholarship can be named after her. <p>MOTION proposed by Milton Butcher that School Council approve the 'Anne Griffiths Vocational Education Scholarship'. Seconded by Catherine Smith. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scholarships and School Promotion Milton advised that we have 156 names on the computer for Year 8 in 2010; he was a little concerned that some of them may be enrolled in other schools. He said we would be doing 	Update to be provided to the next meeting. Proposed program to be emailed to Parent Council members. Scholarship provision to be developed.	Milton Butcher Neil Hudson Milton Butcher Milton Butcher

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	<p>well with 120 students in terms of our neighbouring schools. A leaflet will be placed in the local papers reinforcing enrolments at the school. We offer some Bookland Scholarships in each year - needy and academic.</p> <p>MOTION proposed by Milton Butcher that one Year 8, 10 and 11 Science Scholarship be offered to students. This scholarship would be tenable for the duration of the student's stay at the school. Seconded by Jo Furness. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year 10 Working Party Update Document tabled. The Working Party will meet this Thursday at 3.00pm. <p>Jo Furness said that there is quite a big change from Year 9-10; we need to look at ways of increasing the value of Year 10 across the whole spectrum of students. This is currently under discussion and we should consider models at other schools.</p>	<p>Scholarship provisions to be developed.</p> <p>Report to be provided after Working Party meeting takes place.</p>	<p>Milton Butcher</p> <p>TBA</p>
8	<p>Financial Report for 2008 The document was tabled and distributed and Yvonne Scott gave a verbal overview of the report and advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is quite a large change in the projected budget. • We get further grant monies in July. • The comparative budget is up to 31st July. • Earmarked money: School Bus, National Secondary Schools Computer Funds and the Healthy Active money. • We have had the issue of people in high cost electives that owe money. A plan to collect is in place. • Statements and letters are sent out regularly. <p>RECOMMENDATION that the financial reports be endorsed. Moved by Catherine Smith and Seconded by Don Rowe. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance Committee Application Form Milton advised that the Finance Committee received a request from the Library Team for funds to purchase a Data Projector and Screen mounted in the library ceiling with funds coming from the Parent Literacy fund. After discussion the Finance Committee accepted the application because it is aimed at improving literacy. The expected cost is approximately \$6000 for the data projector, screen and installation. <p>RECOMMENDED that the Data Projector and Screen be purchased for the library at a cost of approximately \$6000, on the proviso that it is a Smartboard. Moved by Catherine Smith and Seconded by Glenn Innis.</p>	<p>School Council approved an interactive screen. If this is not part of the package, support will be withdrawn.</p>	<p>Yvonne Scott Milton Butcher</p> <p>Milton Butcher</p>
9	<p>Report - Student Representatives Maddy advised that Year 11 Counsellors are developing a Leavers Jumper and the design will be finalised soon.</p> <p>Gemma reported that the music festival went well.</p> <p>Neil Hudson reported that there will be a two day graffiti project in October; the boys' toilet walls near the café will</p>	<p>Leavers Jumper design to be presented.</p>	<p>Maddie Lovelle</p> <p>Gemma Esvelt</p> <p>Neil Hudson</p>

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	<p>be painted. The aim is to get all the walls painted, but it a very expensive exercise. Damage has been done to painted walls and so we are looking at ways to overcome this.</p> <p>Maddy advised that 110 students will be participating in the 40 hour famine this weekend and hopes to raise a lot of money.</p>		
10	<p>Principal's Report Milton Butcher gave his report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia visited the School two weeks ago. The school was presented with a clock and the visit reported in the Malaysian press. • Teachers from West Sumatra have been working with our maths and science teachers. • A pocket book developed for the Chevron Oil Company on the E-Colours Program was circulated. The leadership staff attended a very useful day on this program. 		Milton Butcher
11	<p>P&C Report No report provided, carried over to next meeting.</p>		
12	<p>Uniform Review Committee Jo Furness reported that the role of the Uniform Review Committee is to review the current uniform and consider requests from parents/students etc to add new uniform items to the Uniform Code.</p> <p>It was agreed that the girls' shorts and one style of boys' shorts be deleted and the style of the girls' trousers be reviewed. A waterproof jacket will be added to the Uniform Code. This jacket is not designed to replace the jumper, but will prevent students getting wet, will give a more professional look to. sporting teams and could be used as a tour jacket.</p>		
13	<p>Staff Report Neil Hudson tabled a document 'Colours and Awards Policy 2009'. The Parent Council thanked Neil and Andrew for the excellent work they have done on the Colours and Awards Policy.</p> <p>Neil advised that we are developing a program in Term 4 for Year 8-10 boys with behaviour problems.</p>		Neil Hudson
14	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent Public Schools <p>Ministerial Media Statements, Information for Parents and Communities, Website Questions and Answers were tabled for information.</p> <p>Milton advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a requirement to submit a three page Expression of Interest by the 7th September. • Thirty schools in 2010 would be the first to operate with greater autonomy and flexibility. • Some issues will need to be worked out as they arise. • The most significant change for School Council is it will become a Board with powers to manage the school. The powers are being worked through and there will be training for the selected School Board members. • There is some flexibility in curriculum, but must meet certain imperatives. • One line staffing budget needs to be worked out; there will be an average price for a teacher and this will be provided to the school for planning the staffing profile. 	<p>Briefings to be organised for parents, staff and student body on the Independent Public Schools Proposal.</p> <p>Extraordinary Council meeting to take place on Friday 28th August at 3:00pm.</p>	Milton Butcher

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	<p>There will be some extra work with this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will keep all the savings that we make. • We would expect Education Department support for budget blowouts. • We have the capacity to select the school staff. It is a good opportunity to get committed staff. • We can look at joining with local primary schools as a cluster. Boundaries need to be considered. • A Parent Information Evening will take place on Thursday 27th August; Michael Sutherland is a guest and an Education Department rep has been invited. • Milton is happy to brief the Student Council but the proposal should not impact most students. • There will be voluntary teacher meetings. <p>Catherine called for comments and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne would like a Level 3 person assisting her because of all the duties that would be required of them. • We still need CUA and financial management in schools policy; we are bound by the governing policies. • Good flexibility to provide more suitable staff to our needs. • Opens the opportunity for clustering. • There are some benefits but a lot of questions that are not answered. It would be better to be in the system at the beginning. • We are only putting in an expression of interest; we can find out what is exactly on offer by the Education Department; we have the option to withdraw. <p>There was a general discussion of the issues. Glen outlined the views of teachers - some in favour due to staffing flexibility and others concerned about lack of information and what may happen industrially. Don outlined the Union perspective of IPS.</p> <p>MOTION proposed by Catherine Smith that the School Council would like to move forward with the IPS model and MLSHS prepare an Expression of Interest to be submitted by the 7th September 2009. An extra-ordinary meeting is to be held on Friday, 28 August 2009 to consider feedback from parents and staff and decide whether to prepare an application or not. Seconded by Jo Furness. Carried.</p> <p>Milton to organise review meeting with staff and an information session with parents and carers and Council will then convene an extra ordinary meeting to consider the comments and feelings of the whole school community before finalising its decision to submit the EOI.</p>	<p>There will be a short meeting to review issues on Friday, 28 August 2009 at 3:00pm.</p>	
15	<p>Next Meeting Extra-ordinary meeting - Friday, 28 August 2009 at 3:00pm. Monday, 14th September 2009 at 7:30pm.</p>		
16	<p>Meeting Closed At 9:50pm, Catherine Smith declared the meeting closed.</p>		