## Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

## School Council

## **MINUTES**

## Monday 14 September 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, Glen Innis, Gemma Esvelt, Maddy Lovelle, Catherine Smith (Chair), Don Rowe, Kevin Pilkington and Guests: Ron Pearce, John Cloake, Lety Ognenis, Lee		
ļ	Loughnan (Minutes Secretary)		
4	Apologies Neil Hudson		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
	The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 August 2009 were tabled and accepted as a true record.  Moved by Glen Innis and Seconded by Jo Furness. Carried.		
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings		
	Sponsorship No change.		Milton Butcher
	■ Healthy Active Australia Grant The first milestone was accepted from the Department of Ageing without any comment or requests. Suzie prepared a very good report. Tenders close shortly on the fitness circuit. The School is in the process of evaluating tenders - perhaps granted in October with construction at the end of the year. The course will be available next year for use. The school is looking at extending Suzie's work commitment to work on the course.	Copy of Report to be given to Jo Furness.	Milton Butcher
	■ Centre for Asian Languages  The site has been looked at with the Department capital works Executive Director. He understands that it is a State facility and not just having a narrow school focus. He spent time considering the accommodation block. He indicated that the educational program Business Case is also being developed. The engagement has been positive.  ■ Scholarships and School Promotion - numbers for		Don Rowe Milton Butcher
	Year 8, 2010 Scholarships have been advertised in the local papers this week. The closing date will be early next term.  Independent Public School	Applications now available.	Milton Butcher
	The School has applied for IPS as well as cluster with 3 local primary schools. A list of the 102 schools who have applied can be found on the Department's Web Page. Decision on the application is set for 24 September 2009.		Milton Butcher
	Discussion Items  ITC Reserves  A document was tabled on the schools ITC Requirements and how it fits in with the Technology and Innovation Fund. The		Milton Butcher
	<ul> <li>how it fits in with the Technology and Innovation Fund. The following was noted:</li> <li>The P&amp;C supports the website development if it was useful and would benefit families and students.</li> <li>Milton not supportive on spending \$30,000 on GATE for a</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>small group of students.</li> <li>Power for the laptops will need to be carefully considered.</li> <li>Assembly sound system will be funded from school funds.</li> <li>IPS schools have to agree on whole of government agreements.</li> <li>There are only two 'white board' suppliers - there is a huge backlog in getting fit outs for whiteboards.</li> <li>Current parent allocation is \$59,000 (money expended in 2008 from ITC Cost Centre and not parent fund - reason for large balance).</li> </ul>		
	MOTION proposed by Catherine Smith that that funds be allocated as soon as possible for the following ITC Requirements:  1. Middle School Seminar Room fit out. \$7,500  2. Two x Smartboard suites. \$15,000  3. School licence for Adobe suite. \$14,000  4. Website redesign and implementation. \$12,500  5. Media 3 computer network fit out. \$10,000  Total: \$59,000  Seconded by Don Rowe. Carried.		Glen Innis
	<ul> <li>Year 10 Working Party Update         The Terms of Reference have been finalised and the group is considering solutions for Year 10s as to identified issues.         This includes considering the differences between middle and senior schools. Two Working Party meetings have taken place to discuss the issues and a Sub-Committee was formed to go through the bulk of the good ideas and come up with some solutions. Council discussed some of the solutions including the notion of a Year 10 BBQ to allow parents to see the Senior School and meet the teachers. Next meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. The group is making progress.     </li> <li>Review Staffing Profile for 2010 - Especially School Funded Positions</li> <li>This is still a work in progress. There are budgetary issues associated with the half cohort and government decisions such as the removal of the \$100 subsidy from contributions and charges. The grant will be reduced next year by \$10-</li> </ul>	Milton to develop an organisational flow chart for presentation and discussion at the next meeting	Milton Butcher
8	15,000 as will the IT budget. Parents will be required to pay \$235. The school needs to consider the staffing profile as it has a current obligation in excess of \$200,000 in salary costs. The school buys clerical officers and Student Services staff. As the School prepares for the budget processes next year it needs to consider where it stands with Level 3 positions (curriculum positions) because there are three too many. The Chaplain, psychologist and nurse positions are also school funded. The school has limited capacity to raise funds and the international fee payers are capped at 30. The opportunity to raise money is limited.	(incorporating Yvonnes thoughts).	
	The Comparative Budget Report and the Voluntary Contributions and Charges Update were distributed.		Jo Furness
9	Report - Student Representatives Maddy presented a plan of the 2010 Leaver's Jumper. It is navy blue and white, press studs, thick fleece and subject to the cost the Leavers Names will be printed on the inside	sleeves.	Maddie Lovelle
<u> </u>	lining of the Jacket. It was noted that the white sleeves may	<u></u>	Gemma Esvelt

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	get dirty but this was voted on by the majority of Year 11 students.  Gemma was concerned about heavy books for senior students.  The 40 hour Famine raised \$4171.00, 111 people participated and she is still following up with 67 people for their funds raised.	Milton Butcher to follow up with senior staff.	
10	<ul> <li>Principal's Report</li> <li>Milton Butcher gave his report, including:</li> <li>GST - the school owes \$41,000 to the Tax Dept.</li> <li>Reporting days are now for a half day only. Catherine advised Council that the Hon. Minister had replied to her letter and also outlined half day reporting periods.</li> <li>Terms of Reference for the tax deductable building fund. This document still needs to be worked through the Council and Finance Committee. He tabled it to be discussed at the next Council meeting and it will also be discussed at the P&amp;C meeting.</li> <li>Year 10 Diary campaign is producing some benefits and students are being given more homework.</li> <li>The music program is going really well and the school has received some fantastic results in recent festivals. The school should look at targeted music scholarships.</li> <li>With regards to the GATE Program, it was 60-40 in favour of Italian studies.</li> <li>The school is in a good position for 2010 with around 150/160 Year 8 enrolments.</li> <li>21 students were inducted into the Honours Society. A good Assembly took place and the band played well. Eligibility now considers contemporary programs and results achieved. This needs to remain prestigious or else it will lose its significance within the school.</li> <li>The school has been awarded through the Rotary District 9450 the equivalent to the 'Paul Harris Fellow'. The Rotary Club of Mount Lawley is looking to sponsor the Student of the Month Program and maybe even a Student of the Year.</li> </ul>	Terms of Reference to be read and discussed at next meeting.	Milton Butcher
11	P&C Report The P&C Supports the website. There is general support for IPS.		???
12	Uniform Review Committee They are looking at the Uniforms Concept Service for the uniform service whereby the P&C receives a commission.		Jo Furness
13	Staff Report The staff are waiting on the results of the IPS submission.		Glen Innis

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1.4	Any Other Dusiness		RESPONSIBLE
14	■ ECU - New Residency Program in Teacher Training ECU is launching a new program to training for Grad Dips where they will attend two days in schools plus one day on Campus from the start to the end of the school year. This includes a week of intensive training in holiday periods. MLSHS could take 6 students and they will work in clusters of schools. All the programs are likely to go this way so that there is a lot more communication between theory and practice. Schools will not be expected to deliver course content. ECU hopes to negotiate the placement of students and they are in the school to learn and experience broader school life.		Kevin Pilkington
	■ ECU Research Program  ECU has just been contracted to do some research in some schools. They are working with a school that has changed to offer three terms for earlier years and four terms in Year 11 and 12. They will conduct the research over the next four years by following the students through this stage of schooling.		Kevin Pilkington
	Milton Butcher advised that the P&C are happy to support his type of initiative and we will look into this next year through Year 10s moving to Year 11 four weeks prior to the end of the year. There would be industrial challenges that need working through.		
15	Feedback on the meeting/future items Nil		Catherine Smith
16	Next Meeting To be held an Manday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2000 at 7,20mm		
17	To be held on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7:30pm.  Meeting Closed		
17	At 9.20pm, Catherine Smith declared the meeting closed.		