

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th August 2002

1 Attendance

Lorraine Underwood, Naomi Burton, Gavin Bagley, Michele Theunissen, Stuart Green, Minai May, Peter Tilley, Mal Parr (DoE), Christine Allbeury, Bruce Watt, Sandra Couch, Bill Woods, Charmian St John, Ian Murray, Bev Burnside, Peter Wilkins, Christine Richardson (President).

2 Apologies

Dobrina Ferialdi, Carol Strauss, Ros Marsland

3 Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of July 29th, 2002 were tabled for endorsement. Moved as a true and correct record by Christine Aubeury and seconded by Bev Burnside.

4 Business Arising From The Minutes

4.1 MLSHS Redevelopment Project

4.1.1 Percent for Art

Stuart Green, the coordinator of the artist team awarded the tender for the Percent for Art project spoke to committee members on the art project and provided slides of previous works. Michele Theunissen and Minai May also spoke of their previous work and their vision for MLSHS. \$130,000 has been commissioned for art works at the school that will be developed over the next couple of years. The theme for art created is cultural diversity. The three stages of the project are:

1. Research, consult and do workshops with different classes to provide ideas for the art works.
2. Create art work.
3. Implement.
4. Initial concepts will be finalized before Christmas.

4.1.2 Car Parking options

All members were asked (via email) to indicate whether they supported new proposals regarding car parking for the MLSHS site. The following response indicating **agreement in principle** was sent to the department of education.

"There is general (but not unanimous) support from P&C Committee members to the proposal regarding the provision of car-parking on the MLSHS site shared by MLSHS and ECU. Committee members are prepared to support the proposal in principle, but seek reassurance that the real value (over time) of providing these facilities for ECU is

recognised and is subject to formal agreement. The provision of car parking under the Recreation Centre is well supported.

There has been some adverse reaction to the two-level car park, especially with regards its impact on traffic flows for very near neighbours. We recommend that the Department of Education very carefully manage the communication process with the local community for this parking option.

We believe that the members of the Project Control Group should be briefed on the proposals at the earliest opportunity, with the expectation that the proposals will clearly show tangible benefits for MLSHS."

Mal Parr, from the Department of Education attended the meeting and provided further information on the anticipated benefits and planned agreement with ECU. There was extensive discussion on the construction of a car park at the southern end of the school grounds which would be paid for by ECU. The \$372,000 currently intended for the provision of 100 parking bays for the school could then be spent on construction of class rooms as the budget is already over committed even before any construction has begun.

Mr Parr advised that the land would continue to belong to the Education Department and that discussions have commenced with the City of Stirling for Hamer Park North being made accessible to the school.

Parents expressed concern that to date there did not appear to be any ongoing benefits to the school from the partnership with ECU. ECU continues to encroach on the school's land with no apparent ongoing benefits to current and future students.

The President sought the P&C's support for the parking proposal. Members supported the proposal subject to further negotiation between the school and ECU on the benefits to be realised by the school through the partnership with ECU. Parents also sought an assurance from Mr Parr that the Education Department continue to consult with the City of Stirling to ensure goodwill with the community regarding the parking proposals. This should be established at the beginning of the project.

The President advised that a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being prepared and it would be timely to note that the P&C consider the parking options are beneficial to the project and that the P&C wants ECU to move expeditiously in the learning areas e.g. digital resource area, technology, and that the Memorandum of Understanding is formalised.

4.1.3 Soil contamination and site remediation

Members did not consider soil contamination to be an issue. They felt they had been kept well informed on events as they occurred and planned remediation.

4.1.4 Proposed Information Session

The proposed date for a Parent or Community Information Session to provide an update on redevelopment issues, especially car parking and soil remediation is September 16th.

4.1.5 Steering Committee

The July meeting of the Steering Committee was deferred until August 2nd. It was acknowledged that there had been little progress on the educational links between ECU, MLSHS and Department of Education (digital resource centre, technology & enterprise, MOU between ECU and MLSHS) and there was general agreement these matters be expedited. The Steering Committee has agreed to parent representation on

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4.2 Alumni

Gavin Bagley and Naomi Burton spoke on planning for the School Reunion in October. Debbie Hardie provided useful information and contacts to assist with the preparation. The P&C was asked if it would consider opening the canteen on the day to serve afternoon tea and drinks. This will be discussed with the Canteen Committee. A parent representative was sought to attend the Alumni meeting on September 17th.

5 Position of Principal

The substantive position of Principal for MLSHS was advertised in the August 9th edition of School Matters, with a closing date of August 31st. The P&C has requested that we be invited to provide a nominee for the local panel. Members nominated Christine Richardson as a local panel member.

The position of Acting Principal will be filled from September 2nd by Terry Boland.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 IN

WACSSO – State Conference – “Public education – widening our horizons” will be held on September 14th and 15th at Gloucester Park, East Perth. The P&C is entitled to send 2 delegates to the conference. Christine Richardson has indicated she will attend. No other members expressed an interest in attending.

6.2 OUT

NIL

7 Reports

7.1 7.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was tabled. It was noted that Christine Richardson attended the last meeting of the SVAPA committee and identified the report keeping required by the group. A positive response was received and demonstrated commitment shown through requests received for cheques in payment for fund raising activities.

7.2 Report from Canteen Committee

The Treasurer tabled the financial report for the canteen.

The two reports were accepted and moved by Sandra Couch and seconded by Bill Woods.

7.3 Report from Finance Committee

The P&C had made available up to \$13,000 for applications for teaching initiatives. The Finance Committee met and considered requests received.

It is recommended that the following items be funded by the P&C

- Home Economics - Purchase of napery and table setting items \$350 (excluding GST).
- Library – data projector and trolley (\$3139 + \$300 excluding GST).
- Art Department – digital camera and docking station \$727 excluding GST
- SAER – 15 Junior Pathways manuals \$600 excluding GST

Total \$5115

Members endorsed the recommendations of the Finance Committee, moved by Bill Woods, seconded by Peter Wilkins.

7.4 Report from School Principal

Ian Murray reported that the Arts Festival had been very successful. He expressed concern that the emphasis is on the Middle Schooling and stated we must not lose sight of the Years 10, 11 and 12. The Principal thanked Christine and the P&C for their support during his time at MLSHS. On behalf of the P&C Christine thanked Ian for his contribution to MLSHS and wished him well in his retirement. A gift was given to Ian from the P&C.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 23rd, 2002.

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