



# Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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## General Meeting

Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Open 19:35, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

### 1. Attendance

G. David Rose, Dennis & Claudine Bates, John Cloake, Richard Zabel, Sue Faranda, Shauna Gaebler, Georgia Coulter, Debora Colvin, Anne Austin, Michael Camilleri, Milton Butcher, Julie Kernutt, John Pryor, Penny Scott, Lety Ognenis, Clemency Nicholson, Ron Pearce

### 2. Apologies

Suzie Barnes, Jo Furness, David Hawkes, Catherine Smith

Need a convener for the meeting as Suzie is unwell, as is Jo. Deb Colvin kindly offered as the next in line.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes: Claudine

Seconded: Georgia

Passed ... unanimous.

### 4. Matters arising:

#### 4.1. *Usage of 'Tutoring Australia'*

Apparently available through City of Stirling library, can even dial in with library membership. Other than that ... John has been a little recalcitrant (minuted just for you Georgia) and will get to it for next meeting.



John Pryor to contact them to get more details, try to arrange a presentation

#### 4.2. *Fundraising Letter and Ideas*

Draft of letter circulated and discussed - great job.



Move letter, as read, be sent out: Denis

Seconded: Penny

Passed ... unanimous.

John can provide as a PDF, and can place on website if required.

Some ideas discussed including 'smart boards' and 'benches'. We are also seeking ideas from staff across LOTE, Science, Middle School, S&E etc.



Move that this item be held over to next meeting: Deb

Seconded: Penny

Passed ... unanimous.

#### 4.3. *Bricks*

On site, not yet laid ... handyman is available and has this on his list of tasks to do.



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### 4.4. **Course Material onto P&C Website**

What started as a conversation on “ ... how to get parental access to diary of assignments and course curriculum ...” and became as discussion the difficulty of maintaining a source of information that was constantly moving. An end result was to focus on:

- Parents and teachers to encourage usage of diary by students;
- Parents can sit with their kids as they log on to the school website.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. **Principal's Report**

Report presented, the following are the highlights (or lowlights for item 1)...

- School Report: summarative report circulated as a draft to show format.
- China Trip: Minister of Education launched the tour; a lot of dignitaries in attendance and opportunity to take on fee paying overseas students is huge; kids had a great time visiting various schools (one had 6,000 students, 5,000 of whom board) and the Forbidden City.
- MLSHS Promotion: Russell Goodrick's program included an item covering the school - excerpts were shown to the meeting.
- Concert Band Performance at Government House: coming up.
- Music and Cadet Camp: last weekend's camp was successful; thanks to the parents who assisted.
- Year 6/7 Parent Night: tomorrow night.
- Year 8 (for 2009) SVAPA and GATE: applicants are currently being evaluated.
- Year 8 SVAPA Performance: play was put on last week, a pleasure to watch the professional presentation.
- Year 9 NAPLAN: approaches.
- Year 10 Exams: schedule out - dates 30<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 11 Parent Night: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, it is the start of the subject selection process. NB: importance of the 20hrs of community time each kid has to do.  
Issue raised: some parents question the quality of advice for course choice when it is done so early, and (in some cases) where those counselling do not appear to have a lot of background for the student.  
The counsellors are backed by a process and other senior staff. Any concerns can be addressed by, or escalated to: the counsellor, the Form Representative, Year and / or VET coordinator then either Ian Johnson or the Principal.
- Year 12 Exams: approach and tutoring arrangements in place.

### 5.2. **Treasurer's Report**

Approximate balances:

General	\$ 4,524 (with \$15,000 Term Deposit - 19 <sup>th</sup> August)
Library	\$ 6,514
Uniform	~\$44,000 ... fully stocked, \$57k bill
SVAPA	\$13,592 (with \$5,000 Term Deposit - 28 <sup>th</sup> August)
Music	\$11,295 (with \$5,000 Term Deposit - 7 <sup>th</sup> September)

Audit is working on report now.

May need to pull out term deposit for Music to cover spend on jumpers for tour.

### 5.3. **Middle School Report**

Not met yet... impacted by industrial dispute



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### **5.4. Uniform Shop Report**

- Long queues experienced, with kids coming in
- Book-work is in hand
- Have caught up with majority of the Back-orders

### **5.5. MLSHS Committees**

#### **5.5.1. Finance - no recent meeting**

Has met  
Budget not yet sorted ... small software issue  
Endorsed some movement / re-allocation of funds

#### **5.5.2. eLearning - no recent meeting**

On hold - impacted by industrial dispute

#### **5.5.3. Health**

Drug Event - in doubt - impacted by industrial dispute  
Chill Out planned post exams in June and end of year - this event will include some discussion on drugs.

### **5.6. School Council**

Suzie happy to, and will, be P&C Rep on the School Council  
Like to start a LOTE support group, similar to SVAPA and Music, to raise profile and involvement  
Discussed the potential and how to tap the overseas (China) interest in MLSHS

### **5.7. P&C Standing Committees**

#### **5.7.1. SVAPA**

Of \$13,500 (in bank) there is commitment for Computer (\$6,000), Camp (\$2,900) and Choir Support (\$5,000 - 50% of teacher costs)  
Art Auction will soon flow through accounts so be some up/down movement of funds.  
Advertising will be in papers, posters etc.

#### **5.7.2. Music Support Committee**

Commitment for China (\$5,238 - already gone?) and Music Equipment (\$8,500) will reduce available funds.  
Middle School Camp just finished  
Concert scheduled 28<sup>th</sup> May - entry fee will be charged  
Concert Piano and Recording Kit is on the wish list. This sparked quite a bit of conversation about EdWA / School contributing toward the funding of what could be seen to be basic equipment for a music department.  
Sue is updating all the music scores  
A "venue sub-committee" has been formed to discuss meeting rooms, performance venues etc.  
Communications to 'music parents' - there is currently 130 of 180 on the mailing list.



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## 6. General Business

### 6.1. **Website**

Sorting out an issue with mail list and new additions  
Re-working the navigation of the site  
FAQ about how to contact (e'mail) the teachers placed on site  
Want to place P&C Constitution on site

### 6.2. **LOTE Sub-Committee - interest?**

We are aiming to establish as part of P&C ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. A parent already interested in convening.

### 6.3. **WACSSO Conference**



If you have any issues you want raised, then please bring them to the attention of the P&C as they need to be presented for inclusion

### 6.4. **Music Contribution**

Not all parents have paid... in fact not all have received a bill.

### 6.5. **"2m 30s video byte" of MLSHS**

We all enjoyed the Real Estate WA video coverage of MLSHS. Thanks to Russell for presenting the school in a good light.

## 7. Correspondence

{In} School Teacher Union - can they come and speak



Are we interested, discuss next meeting

{In} Sharon O'Neil - focus is now on schools in need, others left to "self assess"

{In} Fund-raising - Domino Pizza

{In} Advertisement - Youth Focus

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008.

Closed 21:27