



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

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## General Meeting

Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Open 19:33, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

## 1. Attendance

Suzie Barnes, G. David Rose, Debora Colvin, Sue Faranda, Jo Furness, Karen Brown (Labor Candidate - Mt Lawley), Lety Ognenis, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Penny Scott, Milton Butcher, Michael Camilleri, Julie Kernutt

## 2. Apologies

Georgia Coulter, David Hawkes, Petra Zothner, Pamela Woods

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correction: Jo Furness was in attendance



Move acceptance of minutes: Deb C.

Seconded: Penny

Passed ... unanimous.

## 4. Matters arising:

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

As there is no part-year pricing, we will not take the offer up this year.



John P. to follow this up for next year.

### 4.2. *Fundraising Resolution (?) and Ideas*

Brief discussion around what is available to allocate (approx \$10,000) and how it should be spent (beyond funds already committed).

Also a proposal raised to change the process for selecting and deciding how the money is allocated. Options are:

1. Stay as is - Finance Committee (has 1 P&C rep) decides;
2. Finance Committee decides, but at that particular meeting 2 other P&C nominated reps attend;
3. A P&C sub-committee (of 3) is established; or
4. A P&C sub-committee (of 3) is established but they also have the brief to review the fundraising policy.

Show of hands giving the majority vote to option 1. It was subsequently discussed and agreed that ...

- The P&C would provide an allocation of money for "spending"
- The Finance Committee would recommend what the money is spent on;
- The P&C would ratify the recommendation ... and the money then gets spent



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### 4.3. **Bricks**

Done - looks great.

The option is there to sell a few more, to fill in the "blanks".

### 4.4. **LOTE Sub-Committee**

Progress will soon be seen...

In general the group will be pitched at the GATE program, but will benefit all students doing a language.

Quite a few students on exchange at the moment, with some more to arrive soon.

### 4.5. **Union Rep**

Visit postponed, as it appears offer on table may well be accepted.

## 5. Reports

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

Report presented, the following are the highlights...

- Term 3: has started well, fully staffed with a new list of names due shortly and acknowledgement that there is good people in the key leadership roles.
- Parent Reporting Day: from a teaching perspective this went well with the 10 to 1 and 2 to 7 format. What is the feedback from this forum?
  - great for parents also, seemed to run to time a lot better
  - having 10 minute timeslots and the kids there as well meant it was more beneficial
  - very happy with the format
- Visit from China: we are hosting quite a few students - thank to those volunteer families - they arrive on 8<sup>th</sup> and a program has been mapped out for their stay. Trying to get some media attention - theme around China exchange students watching Olympic Opening Ceremony from Perth.



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## 5.2. Treasurer's Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES:	Opening	Available	Term Deposit
GENERAL	5,341.05	2,341.00	15,581.85
Commitment			
Display Boards	1,800.00		
Chill Out	1,200.00		
LIBRARY	8,792.77	800.92	
Commitment			
Clickview	5,791.95		
Books	1,200.00		
Online Database	1,000.00		
SVAPA	31,874.07	tba	5,516.08
Checks outstanding			
Various	x,xxx.xx		
UNIFORM.S	8,788.91	7,414.41	
Checks outstanding			
Insurance	1,377.50		
MUSIC	8,420.03	8,420.03	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,216.83</b>	<b>tba</b>	

### TERM DEPOSITS

General (3.6%) matures 19<sup>th</sup> August  
SVAPA (3.15%) matures 28<sup>th</sup> August



Move acceptance of Treasurers Report: Jo.  
Secoded: Claudine  
Passed ... unanimous.

Uniform shop recommended payment for this month - probable \$6,000

Amount available for "fundraising spend" from August \$10,000.



Move \$10,000 from General A/C Term Deposit be taken out for use this year: Julie  
Secoded: Sue  
Passed ... unanimous.

Parent Fundraiser donations to date ... Library \$2,220; General \$2,053

2007 Audit is still under way. Six monthly Financial Statements under way. Some delay in getting information from sub-committees, auditor now busy so she is looking to get one of her minions to do the books.

## 5.3. Middle School Report

Not met yet...



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

- Recently done a stocktake - lots of stock
- Going to make periodic payments against (\$52k) bill, probable \$6,000 this month
- Jumpers are selling well; Currently seeking samples of cotton/polyester and polyester in same style to address allergy issue (with wool)
- Seeking to re-style existing girls pants to make more suitable / fashionable ... then get opinion of students as to success
- Question raised:
  - Are we planning to provide profit on venture to school if/when this happens?  
YES, but general acknowledgement that this can take a while and need to have stock levels under control (and paid for)

### 5.5. **MLSHS Committees**

#### 5.5.1. **Finance**

Work continues on budget to re-allocate funds between various cost centres. Also looking to re-establish reserves.

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

Discussion around the proficiency that is being developed on video conferencing and that some (science) lessons are being shared with Hedland SHS using this technology.

Look to leverage this with English and S&E ... also the opportunity for international hook-up



School is seeking to get higher speed connections to facilitate this.

#### 5.5.3. **Health**

Chill Out was, once again, popular

Grant (\$1700) for an event about drugs

Drama (Year 11) production soon to be held ... about smoking

### 5.6. **School Council**

Not met since last meeting

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

#### 5.7.1. **SVAPA**

Recent tour of ECU facilities - really good

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

Recent meeting had lots to talk about:

- alternate venues: demand for seating is more than Tricycle can support, will look to charge to cover costs
- Uniform: will be kept simple - formal school uniform; or black. To be sourced via uniform shop for ease and standardisation. Looking to have an "Information Pack" on what is needed and where to get it.
- Stage piano: wanting to purchase, using the art auction fundraising
- Shaun is leaving ... sad to see this
- Tour 2010: thinking has started in readiness.



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## 6. General Business

### 6.1. *School Start Times*

Couple of letters received with proposals to amend the start time of lessons for Middle School.

The current (08:30) can be problematic for some students who are slow to start their day and/or need to travel. Proposal is to start at 09:00 and finish at 3:30.

ISSUES: Impact on after-school sport; bus timetables; whole of school items for sport, band etc.

Needs more info to assess... do we send this to the School Council for further discussion.

Majority feeling was to leave "as is". If enough parental / student support at a later date we can re-consider this.

### 6.2. *Year 12 "room" and MicroWave*

Some (non-Year 12) students were wondering why Year 12 had exclusivity. Quite a few parents did not know this existed.

It is there as a privilege and a responsibility for the Year 12s. It was provided by them for them, and involves a small area.



Does the P&C want to provide a similar area for others?



Do we need to put a sign up, enforcing the Year 12 only use?

## 7. Correspondence

{In} WA Education Awards - seeking nominations for teachers/principal. Due 22<sup>nd</sup> August; requires a 20 page submission. Will be put through Council ... ideally should focus on outstanding and innovative programs within the School.

{In} Bills - for the Treasurer

{Other} Karen Brown - brief introduction; here to help the school, the individuals etc

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Closed 20:55