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## General Meeting

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

Open 19:30, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

## 1. Attendance

G. David Rose, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Suzie Barnes, Debora Colvin, Sue Faranda, Kerry White, Julie Kernutt, David Hawkes, Jo Furness, John Pryor, Lety Ognenis, John Cloake, Penny Scott, Georgia Coulter, Milton Butcher

## 2. Apologies

Nic Beames, Catherine Smith, Petra Zothner, Michael Camilleri, Karen Brown

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting



Move acceptance of minutes: Debora

Seconded: Jo

Passed ... unanimous.

## 4. Matters arising:

### 4.1. **Fundraising**

... and {relatedly} ...

### 4.2. **Recommendation from the Finance Committee**

Teacher submissions still catered for from school funds

Proposal / suggestion is that we pitch fundraising with aim to hit a bigger target. How about air-condition the library ... show of hands ... YES, great idea.

### 4.3. **LOTE Sub-Committee**

... honest, it will happen soon ...

## 5. Reports

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

Report presented, the following are the highlights...

- Principal's Association Brochure: item about issues on continued education quality.
- Visit by sister school: went well; thanks to those who hosted; group was very pleased our band played their anthem at final assembly
- School Council: discussion about effectiveness of subject recommendations for kids entering senior years. Teachers not perfect but solid correlation to "non recommend" and 'E' results.
- Year 9 Parent evening: on 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- School Bands: have done very well recently, rating "outstanding" in recent competition. Acknowledgement to Paul for recent work with the bands.



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- Education Awards: a teacher, and a program have been put forward for an award - good luck as they are well deserved.
- Health Award: application last year has been successful, and we now have \$195k to action the plans. Well done.
- Year 9 Camp: numbers to attend are around 140... noting some reluctance to attend ... is it expensive, not really as need to acknowledge recent increase in costs (particularly insurance).
- Art Auction: like it noted the thanks and appreciation for a well run event. School is actively managing its purchases and is hanging them up around the school.
- Arts Festival - next year: raising topic of potential event for next year and seeking support from all to get it going. Will look to link it (potentially) with the SVAPA intake process.



Point raised, and review to be done on how the (subject selection) form is laid out. Need to make it easier for students / parents to understand, particularly on grid and off grid subjects and how this works.

## 5.2. Treasurer's Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES:	Opening	Available	Term Deposit
GENERAL	21,514.79	18,514.79	
Commitment			
Display Boards	1,800.00		
Chill Out	1,200.00		
LIBRARY	9,192.19	1,200.24	
Commitment			
Clickview	5,791.95		
Books	1,200.00		
Online Database	1,000.00		
SVAPA	30,253.76	tba	5,516.08
Checks outstanding			
Various (artists)	x,xxx.xx		
Various (Music A/C)	x,xxx.xx		
UNIFORM.S	2,894.45	x,xxx.xx	
Checks outstanding			
...			
MUSIC	8,420.03	8,420.03	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,275.22</b>	<b>tba</b>	

### TERM DEPOSITS

General (3.6%) closed, \$15,740 deposited to general account  
 SVAPA (3.15%) matures 28<sup>th</sup> August

Parent fundraiser: Library \$3,845 and General \$2,930 for a total of \$6,775. Receipts to be sent out soon.

Still waiting on 2007 Audit



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## 5.3. **Middle School Report**

Not met yet...

## 5.4. **Uniform Shop Report**

- Sales slowing ...
- Middle school try-on soon. Looking to split the rush by feeder school and run over four days mid to late September

## 5.5. **MLSHS Committees**

### 5.5.1. Finance

Nothing further than that said earlier

### 5.5.2. eLearning - no recent meeting

Not met ...

### 5.5.3. Health

Next meeting is soon ...

## 5.6. **School Council**

Written report provided, highlights:

- Sponsorship: some requests have been received ; school is to develop a set of principles to cover future requests ; DET is reviewing the policy, so defer until new policy is released.
- Fees & Charges 2009: draft endorsed.
- Budget 2009: discussed what key elements need to be taken into account when developing 2009 budget.
- Reporting Year 11 exam performance: covered previously, ie teacher recommendations and how the students fare.

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

### 5.7.1. SVAPA

Cheques drawn up to pay artists and split proceeds with Music Support Group  
Next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

### 5.7.2. Music Support Committee

Proceeds from Art Auction will offset commitments for Piano and "stage boxes"  
Uniform now decided for outings. Looking to have school logo on shirts  
Concert (senior ensembles) planned for 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, well patronised so taking pre-purchase. Using WAAPA as venue.  
Investigating re-structure of the music facilities to increase the number of practise rooms, eg extend some walls to ceiling (to limit sound transfer)...

... left field thought about alternate venue is Astor Theatre



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### 5.8. **WACSSO Conference Report**

Attended mid August ... "Public Education on Global Stage"

- Big benefit just being able to compare notes with other parents / schools
- Voting on Constitution and Policy matters
- Carpenter and McGowan (with press in tow) with their pre-election promises to spend on Education
- Presentations on Language, Distance Ed, etc
- A MLSHS student spoke at the conference - great job, with a proud parent in the crowd

## 6. General Business

### 6.1. **Fighting**

Recent incidents involving MLSHS students:

- kids coming near MLSHS and also some going to John Forrest
- Pictures taken and placed on YouTube
- Police (and City of Stirling rangers) have been called and are involved ... some photos available to facilitate identification
- Know this ... get involved, hit someone and you will be suspended

### 6.2. **Absentee**

Some annoyance at the fallibility of the current process. Some specific examples have been provided, and teachers informed to try and improve the quality of records

### 6.3. **Tutoring Australia**

Not interested in quoting for the 2009 year ... at least until they determine their marketing approach

### 6.4. **Hamer Park v MLSHS Crossing**

This is **NOT** a cross-walk, it is designed to improve safety. Cars do use haste when traversing this section of road.



Draft letter to City of Stirling to see what improvements can be done

### 6.5. **Bricks**

They look fabulous.

## 7. Correspondence

{In} Karen Brown - covering the offerings of Labor in the lead up to the election.

{In} Bank - business account changes

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008.

Closed 20:59