

Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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General Meeting Minutes 28 June 2010

Open 19:30, Conference Room, 1st Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

1 Attendance

S. Barnes, S. Spice, S. Tate, S. Faranda, G. D. Rose, J Pryor, L. Ognenis, C. Bates, D. Bates, C. Nicolson, R. Pearce, P.Scott, J. Furness, A. Paul

2 Apologies

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Move acceptance of May 24th 2010 meeting minutes:

Moved: J Pryor Seconded: S. Tate Passed: unanimous.

4 Matters arising:

4.1 Delegates to WACSSO Conference

Thank you to Suzie Barnes for attending this on the P and C behalf. If anyone else wishes to attend please let Suzie know by July 16th.

4.2 Demolished 'School Zone' sign on Stancliffe St

This is now in place.

5 Reports

5.1 Principals Report - Mr Steven Spice

From Previous meeting-Stolen Property- Neil Hudson has placed reminders to students and staff to be vigilant and follow procedures to minimise theft.

Recent Activities

Exams- yrs 9,10,11,12 are now completed

Yr 10 info evening- over 250 parents attended, subsequent counselling for subject selection is completed

Career Expo- 16 June- very successful info session. Thank you Catherine Smith, VET co-ordinator, and helpers.

Many Music, Svapa and Gate Activities have been completed

Leadership Camp- 52 Yr 10 aspiring leaders attended Camp to gain skills to assist with leadership and mentoring Yr 8.

7th Annual Community Art Auction- June 19th- was a very successful evening raising approximately \$19000.00 for Svapa/music . Sincere thanks to the Art Auction committee, the many helpers and the artists' for making this event possible.

Visit by the Hon Elizabeth Constable, Minister for Education on May 31st to announce the 'Better Schools, Brighter Future' policy on attendance. She also toured the school and was impressed.

Visit by Her Excellency Kirsty Sword Gusmao, wife of East Timorese Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao. She spoke with School reps. and the Interact group.

Canberra tour- S and E students in Canberra had an exciting time with the Rudd/Gillard change occurring that week.

Yr 12 Chill Out/ World Cup soccer tournament on June 30th

Parent/student/teacher interviews July 1st

Final Year Dates - yr 10 and Yr 11 students will go to Yr 11 and 12 in week 5 of Term 4 with both groups finishing on December 10th.

5.2 P and C Treasurer's Report

Notes- Term Deposits for SVAPA \$5881.91 to April 28th 2009 and Music \$8080.00 to Nov 2010.

Account	Balance	After funds committed
General	\$22256.42	cheques to music \$3249
		languages \$1500
		chill-out \$3000
		benches \$2500
		Balance \$12007
Library	\$ 1,121.80	\$ 1121
SVAPA	\$53006.20	Less music \$148
	+ deposit \$1275	Junkadelic \$1000
		catering \$90
		artists \$22519
		drinks approx \$726
		music share (approx) \$9000
		projects \$7230
		Balance \$13500.00
Uniform	\$38857.15	\$38857
Shop		
Music	\$20398.28	Balance \$ 32789
	+deposit	
	Gen and SVAPA	
	\$12397	
Language	TBA	TBA
TOTAL	\$135634.55	\$98274

Term Deposits

\$5881.91 SVAPA to 28 April 2010

\$8080 Music to Nov 2010

Voluntary Contributions Split

\$10412 to Gen account and \$3249 to Music

<u>Request for money</u> for storage/backup for school photos – David will look into options for this as some variety in quotes obtained.

5.3 Uniform Shop Report

Winter Jacket due third term.

Limited number of unsaleable items will be donated to a charity.

5.4 School Council - No Report

5.5 Finance Committee

Approved the budget. 71% of students have had their contributions paid.

Committee denied a request for 800.00 for Smarter than smoking Merchandise for Chill Out and directed this request to the P and C.

Motion: To spend an extra 800 on this merchandise (\$3,000 already given by P and C).

This motion for extra funds was not supported by the P and C.

5.6 Health Committee

The Chill Out for Yr 12 and the World Cup Soccer Tournament are to be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 30th

5.7 Music Support Committee

Students currently on the June 26th Sydney music tour. Discussion was had re the offer of partial funding to an accompanying parent. Suzie had spoken to WACSSO who said transparency of this process was important. It was discussed and there appears to be no rule suggesting parental subsidy is a problem so long as transparency exists and parental checks occur.

Penny and David to put together a set of guidelines for committees organising tours with parental involvement as well as clarifying that a parental involvement may or may not be partially subsidized.

In addition to the Sydney tour the Music Dept. has had a very busy month with the Middle School Music Concert, music for the Art Auction, Senior School concert with Perth Modern School and 3 students in China for the World Expo.

5.8 SVAPA Committee - No Report

5.9 Languages Committee

The T-Shirts for GATE students and for prizes at feeder schools are ready for pick up this week and have come in under the \$1500 budget.

A car rally fundraiser, culminating in a picnic, is planned for August 1st which will coincide with the visiting overseas students.

Language week is later in August.

Councils in the area were asked for some support recently and City of Bayswater offered use of their bus for a nominal fee.

5.10 Community Art Auction

Approximately \$19,000.00 was raised at the recent Art Auction, despite lower attendance than usual. Sincere thanks to all involved with this undertaking.

The Schools Robert Juniper etching requires secure hanging as does another item, this will be arranged.

It was discussed tonight that some formalisation of this committee would be in keeping with the way the other committees operate so Penny will draft a Terms of Reference for this committee.

6 General Business

6.1 Middle School Drop Off Point

Parents are stopping to let students out in the entry neck of the drop off zone when there is room to move up through the drop off slip road. This is not only causing congestion but is unsafe as the car behind is often caught across the road with oncoming traffic. A reminder in the newsletter will be placed and some traffic supervision considered.

6.2 School website

Andrew Paul updated us on the nearly completed website with final glitches being handled. The P and C will have basic info. and a link to the P and C website. Andrew would like the convenors of each committees/support group to provide the information each would like on their relevant section of the website. eg. Terms of Reference and contact details.

6.3 Some toilets locked over lunch time

Some of the girls toilets are remaining locked over lunch time, principal to check this out.

6.4 Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy/Discussion Paper

This paper was tabled and acknowledges that phones are currently able to be used outside of class times but if activated in class they are confiscated and parents must come to retrieve the phone from the office. As many phones are now internet-abled there is greater scope for misuse including filming of fights/promoting of fights for filming, bullying through social media sights, sharing of inappropriate material between students..etc.

The school is also finding that students call parents if unwell or in a situation rather than allowing the school to handle it and contact parents if necessary.

The paper suggests a phone/device policy preventing use between start of school and end of school to enable the school to reduce undesirable incidents such as filming etc as well as getting the students/teachers to handle situations that may arise in the daily school life.

This policy was discussed with some parents being for the policy and others wanting their children to be able to contact them at all times.

The new policy was presented by Stephen Spice. Suzie Barnes moved the motion to support the policy.

Seconded: C Nicolson

For:8 Against:2 Abstaining:1

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 In
 - 7.1.1 MLA John Hyde Media Statement of 9 June 2010 from Mount Lawley Senior High School being charged \$ 4,052.00 for off-site education (Schools of Isolated and Distance Education SIDE).
 - 7.1.2 WACSSO
 - a) Certificate of Membership including username and password for their web site.
 - b) Brochure on 7th Annual Conference
 - 7.1.3 Department of Sport and Recreation Holiday Camps
 - 7.1.4 Mount Lawley Senior High School
 - a) Notification of Community Art Auction
 - b) Invoice No 3290 \$ 1,760.00 E-Learning Piano Accompaniment Hire of Musical Instruments
 - c) Invoice No 3292 \$ 450 Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop
 - d) Invoice No 3293 \$ 100 GATE day cooking class
 - 7.1.5 SidsKids Red Nose Day programs
 - 7.1.6 Centrewest Insurance Brokers Renewal of insurance for uniform shop stock
 - 7.1.7 School Canteen Association Canteen Conference & Food Expo
 - 7.1.8 P&C Voice 2 copies
 - 7.1.9 Kids Rides Sales Brochure
- 7.2 Out None

8 Next Meeting

7:30 pm on Monday 26 July 2010

Meeting Closed 21.20 pm