



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday, 26 August 2013

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the main administration building

1. ATTENDANCE

Suzie Barnes, Michael Camilleri, Sharon Cockroft, Martin Dempsey, Jo Furness, Ian Johnston, Niall Kilcullen, Siew Leng Lim, Lety Ognesis, Julie Parker, Ron Pearce, Monica Selvey, Nicole Sjardin.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted. Moved by Monica Selvey Seconded by Lety Ognesis Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Middle School trees.

- The planting of the trees in the Middle School area has occurred.

4.2 DVC Storage and distribution system.

- \$40K will do the job of what cost \$49K previously but will require formal quotations.
- It is expected that the school will run its own network and there are no technical issues with “meshing”.
- Changes to school postage means email is now more critical.
- Many parents have more than a single email address. Approximately 20% have not supplied an email address. Normal postage will definitely still be required for the foreseeable future.

4.3 Minutes Secretary

- The Minute Secretary’s job for the P & C is an important position which needs to be filled sooner, rather than later.

4.4 P&C ACN Number

- The P & C is now in receipt of its own ACN number. Further information will be required if the P & C wants to be registered as not-for-profit incorporated charity.

4.5 Bank Accounts

- The treasurer requested that non CBA P & C’s sub committee accounts be moved to the CBA. Bendigo’s promised donation to the Art Auction committee did not eventuate. In the past CBA had made free EFTPOS facilities available which were helpful for the P & C’s involvement in the full range of events & activities for the school.

4.6 Canteen and Uniform Insurance allocation

- Ron’s understanding of the \$500 that had been allocated by the P&C for Canteen & Uniform Insurance in the 2013-2014 financial year is that this amount needs to be re-directed to SVAPA and the Italian stream in Languages.

5. REPORTS

5.1 President's Report

No report.

5.2 Principal's Report

- Ian Johnston addressed the P&C as Principal.
- There has been an audit of the school's Behaviour Management System by the Auditor General. No major problems are expected. It would not be surprising if the school's Behaviour Management System was singled-out for praise and possibly even special recognition by the Department. It may be utilised in other high schools.
- The school has received notification of an IPS Review in March 2014.
- Champion Books will be the book supplier for 2014.
- MLSHS will be trialling Elevate Education's study skills program to help prepare Year 10 students for Year 11. If successful there is potential to expand the program into all year groups.
- Projected enrolments for 2015 are 1670. We will need to be strict on cross-boundary policies.
- There are 220 Year 7 enrolments for 2014.
- There are ongoing issues with parking. Woodsome and Learoyd streets remain problematic. Parents are continuing to express concern. Bus pick-ups are adding to the congestion.
- A group of staff travelled to the Pilbara to assist Port Hedland and Newman SHS to plan for 2014 small group moderation.
- Students have recently participated in a number of competitions. These include ICAS, WA Schools' Music Festivals, Australian Science Olympiad, Accounting Challenge, Australian Mathematics competition, Politics and Law mock trials and Write-a-book-in-day competition. Three Chinese language students have also secured a place to represent Australia in China.
- Other events include:
 - 25/6/2013 - Visit from Ms Frances Adamson, Ambassador to China.
 - 26/6/2013 - Prefects held a Quiz Night organised by Natalie Tempone.
 - 27/6/2013 - Junior and Senior Concerts. Mike Camilleri reported the performances were brilliant.
 - 3/7/2013 - Richard Goyder, CEO Wesfarmers, spoke at the Year 12 High Achiever student breakfast. Students found this very valuable.
 - 4/7/2013 - Reporting to Parents Day.
 - 27/8/2013 - Drama solo performance commence.
 - 21/9/2012 - Year 12 Awards Night Ceremony. Plans are underway.
 - 23/9/2013 - Year 12 Exams will commence.

5.3 Associate Principal's Report

- Michael Camilleri raised extra congestion issues with traffic, parking problems, poor weather conditions and the ongoing road works on and around Central Avenue. These issues mean that extra care is required for students crossing Alexander Drive. These matters will be highlighted in the school's newsletter.

5.4 Treasurers Report

- The Treasurer's Report was provided (attached).
- Monies from uniforms were slightly down.
- On behalf of the City of Stirling, Rod Willox presented the school a \$100 donation.

Action: Ron to send formal letter of thanks to Rod Willox, City of Stirling.

6. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1 Languages Committee

- ‘Languages Week’ is scheduled for September 9 -13. Friday (after 3pm) is expected to be a significant event as parents will be supplying food. There will be student performances and a guest lecturer.
- There has been an above average number of high school students from overseas visiting the MLSHS.
- Japanese language is set to be offered at both the primary and the secondary school levels in Mount Lawley.
- Michael commended parents and staff of the school for the short notice billeting and home stay arrangements.

Action: Letters of thanks to be sent to the teachers of the Chinese language at MLSHS.

- Ian Johnston indicated that while there had been meetings with the DoE on “out of boundary issues” a number of MLSHS’s language students were going to be allowed to attend in 2014. Discussions were ongoing.

6.2 SVAPA Committee

- The Art Auction raised \$23,455. Funds to be split between SVAPA and Music. Michael Camilleri believed this year’s Art Auction was the best he had attended at the school in the last 10 years. Monies raised had seen approximately \$8,000 worth of funds approved for theatre projects (including a range of special projects for years 8 and 9).
- A special theatre and supper night had raised an additional \$2,000.
- The latest initiative involved filming works on a new \$500 video camera for distribution to feeder schools and possibly also to selected primary schools in the future as well.

Action: Year 12 drama performances to be filmed if possible.

6.3 Music Committee

No report.

6.4 Finance Committee

No report.

6.5 Health Committee

- Quarry Health Centre had been to the school regarding the dangers of ‘dodgy’ tattoos and hepatitis.
- The Committee requested a stall for “r u OK” day which this year will be on 12 September.
- Focus on Year 9 students’ Mental Health started this week. Parents should get a letter mailed-out about a special night for parents of Year 9’s for this Thursday night. This meeting will be held in Blg 17 at ECU and is for parents, not students.

6.6 School Board P&C Representative

- Last meeting was held on Monday, 19 August 2013. Refer attached report.
- Notebook Policy Update.
 - The move from school-provided notebooks to parent-funded ones was not uncontroversial due to expense and especially if this ‘expense’ involved repairs.

- There are also issues pertaining to out-of-school use and students' feedback on subjects as diverse as You Tube; social media, music downloads; school access to emails between a student and their parents.
- Even with specifying a particular brand of notebook, a parent buying the specified device outright was not necessarily the smartest way-to-go as insurance comes with different leasing packages and some retailers send devices bought from them to out-of-state repairers with long lead times.
- While the school had an on-site technician and the specified computers had their own warranty, students had tended to have been "very hard" on the notebooks. It is hoped that students will take more responsibility for what was in the process of being owned by parents.
- The school stock of Macs were likely to hold-up if the damage to them kept at the levels similar to the last few years.
- Texts that can be read on iPads are also being investigated. iPads are a cheaper alternative.
- The School Board was looking at a series of seminars to educate parents about what was happening in these fast changing areas and create an awareness of how to maintain a device for the duration of a child's high school education.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 WASCO Conference

No report.

7.2 Uniform Committee

- The commission rate will decrease from 15% to 10%.
- The opening annual package of products provided for a student at MLSHS will stay at \$300 for 2014.
- There are many new styles and fabrics available that requires consideration.
- A survey will be initiated to seek interest in new products eg PE shorts, G Shock watches, girls tights.
- Michael Camilleri outlined that the school's uniform policy was about "appropriateness". Sports attire was not the most appropriate winter wear for anyone.

7.3 P&C Finance Submissions

An additional \$550 was requested to cover the purchase of basketball uniforms (\$150) and footy jerseys (\$400).

Moved by Suzie Barnes Seconded by Lety Ognesis Carried.

An amount of up to \$3,000 was requested to purchase Braille resources for the learning support program. Funds to be released on presentation of invoices.

Moved by Suzie Barnes Seconded by Julie Parker Carried.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

School Diary proposal to be submitted at the next meeting. Approximate costing \$15,000.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 23 September 2013 at 7:00pm.

Meeting closed: 8:50pm