



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

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2016 at 7.00pm

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the Main Administration building

### 1. ATTENDANCE

Jo Furness, Mark Westera, Mizeta Troka, Patricia Kritas, Randal Wells, Caroline Sandell, Michael Camilleri, Rosanna Franciulli, Belinda Derby, Caroline Nelson, Sharon Cockroft, Catherine Lee, Sonja Davidson, Michelle Prince, Special Guest Con Madden

### 2. APOLOGIES

Tony Rose, Sue Faranda, Suzie Barnes, Darryl Ferguson, Felicity Mason

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**Motion:** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mark Westera

Seconded: Caroline Nelson

Carried unanimously

### 4. SPECIAL ITEM

- Con Madden of Learning Curve talked about the Learning Curve Planner included in the MLSHS Student Diary. He also gave some ideas on how the school could use the Learning Curve Planner.
- Con confirmed that the Positive Education and Wellbeing section can be printed separately, however the cost would increase if it were not integrated with the Student Diary.
- Limited information was available regarding electronic diaries, but Con stated that this information was available on the Learning Curve website. Caroline Nelson to investigate.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 5.1. Election of a P&C Representative to the Health Committee

**Motion:** That Caroline Sandell be nominated for the position of P&C Representative on the Health Committee.

Moved: Jo Furness

Seconded: Caroline Nelson

Elected: unopposed

#### 5.2. Endorsement of new Art Auction Treasurer

The Art auction treasurer has resigned and the committee has elected a new treasurer Alan Lawson.

**Motion:** To endorse Alan Lawson as the Treasurer of the Art Auction.

Moved: Jo Furness

Seconded: Mark Westera

Elected: unopposed

#### 5.3. Update on heavy school bags

- The school has held initial discussions at improving this issue. Booklists for next year will be reviewed to eliminate unnecessary items.
- The Middle School has held a computer free day.
- The Principal confirmed that the school is happy to follow the direction of the P&C with regards to the school diary.
- Discussion took place as to what may be appropriate in a school diary. Caroline Nelson to investigate different options, both paper and electronic, and table at next meeting.



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### 6. REPORTS

#### 6.1. Principal's Report

A verbal report was given on school events. These included;

- Conducted Anzac Day, Prisoner of War and NAIDOC Week events.
- Anzac Day Service: Year 7 gifted and talented students reported on a project about Mount Lawley ANZACs with assistance from the Mount Lawley Society and Rotary Club of Heirisson.
- NAIDOC Week Assembly: Four Aboriginal Excellence Program students reported on their reconciliation research from 2015.
- Visible Learning Project: Has been put in place and commenced this term. It is based on Professor Hatti's research around delivering what does and doesn't work in schools. This is a three year project. It is being introduced to enhance teaching and therefore see better student results.
- NAPLAN (Years 7/9) was completed last week.
- Senior School exams commenced today (Monday).
- Year 10 Gifted and Talented Class: Students are doing work on the history of the local area.
- Mount Lawley SHS enrolments are expected to expand in the future and accommodation issues at the school are being considered by the Department of Education.
- The oval where MLPS was situated has been restored. The grass is yet to be established and likely will not be usable until Term 4 at the earliest.
- The school has been asked to participate in an exchange to Chengdu. Ten students in Years 10/11 have been invited to attend. All study Mandarin so this is a great opportunity to experience the culture of China.
- Art Auction – Saturday 18 June. Planning is proceeding well.
- Student Behaviour: The Education Department has a new policy on student behaviour and the school is working to synchronise its procedures. The School Board will consider this following the completion of revisions to the existing school approach.
- Lockdowns and Evacuations: Took place this week so staff and students are aware of what steps to take should something untoward happen.
- Middle School has implemented a computer free day and given the success, will schedule more.
- The school will fund the meeting "How to help your children" on the 20th of June.

#### 6.2. Treasurer's Report

- The accounts of the P&C and sub-committees are all in good shape.
- Mark Westera to follow up on several items that the P&C have committed funds to, but as yet no invoices have been received.

**Motion:** To return \$2500 originally allocated to Languages Resources in 2014 to uncommitted funds.

Moved: Mark Westera

Seconded: Randal Wells

Carried unanimously

### 7. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 7.1. Music Sub-Committee Report

- The Committee has agreed to purchase a filing compactus for the Music Library, a tuba and upgrade the Sibelius Software.
- Currently waiting for quotes to update the PA system.
- Support required for the Art Auction has been mentioned.

#### 7.2. Languages Sub-Committee Report

- Soiree went very well. A soiree for Year 10 will be organised.
- Language expo in preparation.
- Wine fundraiser is expected to be successful.



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### 7.3. SVAPA Sub-Committee Report

- The SVAPA Committee would like to acknowledge Sonja Davidson for her amazing support of the new committee.
- Early Morning Classes with Sete Tele have been a big success. Sete Tele will also choreograph the major production in June, *"The Dream"*.
- The Year 10 production of *"Lightworx"* directed by James Berlyn was well attended and enjoyed. Year 7 & Year 9 SVAPA Students also had the opportunity to join the production.
- The SVAPA students will again assist in the running of the Art Auction by helping with parking, selling raffle tickets, performing in music ensembles and showcasing the art in the auction room.
- Moya Thomas is in the process of developing a number of exciting opportunities for the SVAPA students, this includes growing the Artist in Residence Program for next year.

### 7.4. Lawley Art Auction Report

- Art Auction to be held on the 18th of June.
- The artist drop off day went very well and is a great opportunity to meet the artists. The selection of 94 pieces of art has been made.
- The Catalogue is in preparation and the Flyer has been printed and will be included with the invitations to the Art Auction event.
- There are 5 gold sponsors, with many sponsors from previous years and some new ones.

### 7.5. Finance Committee Report

- School Financial Reports were reviewed and passed by the Committee.
- Subject charges report for proposed charges for 2017 was tabled, however it was decided that the report needed further review and was set aside to be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting in June.
- Two funding requests were discussed. These were an Acer Pat Reading Test, which provides special diagnostic data, and 10 min iPads and hard disks that will be used by teachers to meet requirements for Certificate Courses. Both requests for \$1K and \$6K respectively were approved.
- An issue in regards to Adobe licences was raised however more information regarding the school commitment will be known in the next few weeks.

### 7.6. Health Committee Report

- Girls' Self Defence classes starting 17/05/16 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm for 7 weeks. 20 girls in total.
- Breakfast Program: Huge appreciation to the P&C for providing the fridge to store cold food. Suzie will be looking for parent volunteers to assist.
- Year 12 Chill Out will be held 13/06/16 from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. Funding approved from Local Drug Action Group. Breakfast with Year 12 Prefects held on the 05/05/16 to ask for ideas. Catherine Smith to speak to Hospitality Students.
- Concern was expressed about size/weight ratio of Year 7s and the weight of their backpacks.
- Following concerns by numerous parents regarding the amount of time spent on computers at lunch by Year 7s, the school have implemented screen free times/days.

### 7.7. School Board Report

- The Board noted the various financial reports and School Budget presented by the Principal.
- Michael Camilleri reported on review of data for students going against subject recommendation. Further data will be presented at the end of this year.
- Approved spending of \$1000 from the Literacy & Numeracy fund for Acer Pat reading test and \$6000 from Technology & Innovation fund for 10iPad minis and 10 hard as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- The Annual Report was tabled. This document is available for parents to view on the website
- The Principal, staff and students reported on multiple activities including the Anzac & POW event, Arts Festival, free dress day, Yr 12 drama production and the senior school volleyball competition.
- The Funding Agreement for Schools 2016 was tabled. Under this agreement the school has enhanced requirements for reporting to the school in the annual school report, with increased accountability for the funds provided to the school.
- The Principal reported on Suspensions and Attendances in 2015, and both showed a pleasing improvement.



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### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 8.1. Request for funding for Hospitality Student Vests

**Motion:** The P&C agrees to spend up to \$1000 on 22 vests for Hospitality students to use at MLSHS functions.

Moved: Belinda Derby

Seconded: Caroline Nelson

Carried unanimously

#### 8.2. Request for funding for additional shade structure

- Discussion took place as to whether this was of value, given the significant expenditure the P&C has made to provide shade in this area in recent months.
- It was noted that the quote from West Coast Shade is significantly different should metal poles be required vs attaching the sail to the building. Michael Camilleri to follow up if engineers have determined whether the building will support the sails or not.
- It was requested that the Student Council be approached to provide feedback on whether they felt the extra shade would be utilised.
- The issue to be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### 8.3. Year 12 References

- The Principal requested feedback from the P&C as to whether Year 12 student references are still of value, as currently every student is provided with a reference, whether they request one or not.
- It was generally felt that providing every student with a reference was not of value, and that some students would not utilise a reference if it were provided to them.
- The P&C felt it was a better use of staff time to provide references only to those students who would like one. The P&C requested that this change be clearly communicated to the students, and that there be some flexibility in the deadline given to request a reference.

#### 8.4. Request for funding for printing of Art Auction Catalogues

**Motion:** To fund \$993.30 to print the Lawley Art Auction Catalogue for 2016

Moved: Patricia Kritas

Seconded: Michelle Prince

Carried unanimously

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. **Mail In:** Fundraising, WACSSO Newsletter, Excellence in Teaching Awards

9.2. **Mail Out:** Nil

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm

**Meeting closed: 8:45pm**