



## **P&C GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Held on 28 May 2018 at MLSHS – Opened at 7:09pm

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

John Pryor, Michael Camilleri (Deputy Principal), Anne Tumak (staff), Scott Johnson, Cherry Bogunovich, Randal Wells, Ben Harvey, Annaleise Grubisich, Iain Bradley, Adrienne Holthouse, Nicholas Holthouse, Rachelle Rose, Helen Davey, Aileen Samson, Andrew Henryon, Mel Dowd, Mark Westera, Sharon Cockroft.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Lesley Street, Rosanna Fanciulli, Andrew Lippiatt, Fiona Hornung.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held 26 March 2018.*

Moved: Annaleise Grubisich

Seconded: Randal Wells

Carried

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Secretary to provide P&C membership list and forms to President**

- Completed

#### **4.2 P&C to keep Simon Millman MLA informed in relation to the P&C approaches to City of Stirling and Main Roads regarding road crossing issues**

- John to contact Karen Johnson for letters from authorities from 2017.
- John will meet with City of Stirling this week.

#### **4.3 Lesley Street to review ACARA form sent home with students sitting NAPLAN and report back at next meeting.**

- Lesley an apology for this meeting.
- Mike Camilleri informed how NAPLAN was run on-line. The information paper from SCASA was sent home on 26 March and was also emailed. The on-line test is tailored to the student as they complete the test. Only a couple of students were withdrawn from testing.
- John Pryor sent an email to the NAPLAN website regarding the consequences of not sitting NAPLAN and then having to sit OLNA to graduate from a WA school. Response received which is appended to these minutes. In brief, the response is sitting NAPLAN in WA is a positive as if you pass the required band mark you don't sit OLNA therefore not a negative consequence.

#### **4.4 Electronic banking has been set-up with 4 Authorities - John Pryor, Annaleise Grubisich, Ben Harvey, Scott Johnson. Tokens have been received by all signatories. Training will take place at Scott's house and will cover CBA netbanking and Cloudify. Alan Lawson (Art Auction treasurer) is quite knowledgeable and will be assisting at the training.**

#### **4.5 There is 1 delegate position for the WACSSO Conference vacant. Annaleise is 1 rep. If anyone else is interested in attending please contact John.**

#### **4.6 Motion to endorse the new SVAPA sub-committee for 2018 with Iain Bradley as Convenor, Rachelle Rose as Treasurer and Mike Buttery as Secretary.**

Moved: Annaleise Grubisich

Seconded: Scott Johnson

Carried

#### **4.7 Motion to endorse the new Art Auction sub-committee for 2018 with Felicity Moldrich as Convenor, Alan Lawson as Treasurer and Sharon Cockroft as Secretary.**

Moved: Annaleise Grubisich

Seconded: Mark Westera

Carried

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Principal's Report

- ANZAC assembly late last term went well. It was a fantastic assembly, very moving and well attended with a number of VIP present. Student behaviour was exemplary.
- OLNA testing has been held and preliminary results are available and are being analysed. A report will be tabled next meeting.
- We are a trial school for NAPLAN online testing. Testing for students in Years 7 & 9 went well. Only a few technical hitches have been experienced. Our IT system seems to have coped and there have not been any capacity issues.
- Externally Set Tasks were held over last two weeks for Year 12 General students. These tests are set by SCSA and are basically a moderation tool.
- A very successful High Achievers breakfast was held for 60 + Year 9 students.
- Student Councillors enjoyed a full day of training designed to assist them to develop their leadership capabilities.
- The annual EX- POW Memorial ceremony was held in Kings Park. The band and choir performed. Representatives from many veteran organisations laid wreaths and Lawley Legend Arthur Leggett delivered the address.
- Over 250 parents attended the University Pathways Presentation we hosted at ECU.
- Year 11/12 Music Recital were held. The recital is part of the student assessment requirements. A wide variety of musical genres were featured including classical and contemporary.
- The Progress Reporting Day went well. The Career Expo held at the same time was not as well subscribed as normal and we may need to think about whether we should continue to hold the expo.
- The series of Alpha Motivation talks for Year 11&12 students have finished. These were well received by the students.
- The Prospective Primary Information evening was oversubscribed. MLSHS is still a school of high demand with many out of area parents keen to have their children attend the school.
- The parent and student presentation on Demystifying WACE went well.
- The Tours to London/Berlin, China, Italy were all very successful. The longest was seventeen days and the executive think that this is too long and we are keen to restrict the tours to approx. 10- 12 days. This will also reduce the cost to parents
- The Arts Festival Day was a great success.
- The school has recently purchased a new battery powered vehicle for the school gardener. The vehicle is small and can fit through all gates and access points around the school and will be registered for on road use.
- The Sustainability Committee have been promoting the blue bins for recycling paper and there has been an improvement in usage.
- They are also promoting re-using disposable coffee cups by offering a discount on coffee after a certain number of uses.
- Painting of the school is continuing.
- Staff have participated in Indigenous Cultural Awareness and Understanding training. This is in their own time over approximately 20 hours and will count toward their PD.
- The school will be conducting a trial of Subject Selections Online for Year 10 going into Year 11. Counsellor sessions can still be requested. The 2019 Course Information Booklet, which includes costs, is now available online.

## 5.2 President's Report

- John would like reports to be presented electronically.
- Reports to be sent to John electronically no later than the Sunday before a meeting.
- Thank you to Mark Westera and Scott Johnson for setting up electronic banking.
- Would like to set up a survey monkey to find out how parents would like to see P&C funds spent. Aileen Johnson volunteered to speak with John about survey monkey.

## 5.3 Treasurer's Report

- Account bank balances as at 28 May 2018:

General	\$62,647.47
Art Auction	\$5,254.02
GAT	\$2,079.75
Language	\$4,371.52
Music	\$49,124.53
SVAPA	\$31,737.68

- Xero training will take place at Scott's house. Scott will email details.
- The electronic system will allow sub-committee treasurers to create reports on-line. It will reconcile expenses, assets and revenue.
- Not all sub-committee treasurers are able to access Netbank (CBA electronic banking) at the moment.

## 5.4 Secretary's Report

- Received WACSSO membership invoice with public liability information.
- Received letter confirming cancellation of the uniform shop ABN.

## 5.5 Music Support Committee Report

- Music at arts day was good.
- Soiree went well.
- Music camp will be from 6 to 8 June.
- Funding for music library (\$5,000) and P/A speakers (\$2,000) has been approved.

## 5.6 Languages Support Committee Report

- AGM was held and new committee elected.
- *Motion to endorse the new Languages sub-committee for 2018 with Wayne Houlton as Convenor, Belinda Schmolke as Treasurer and Terena Semmler as Secretary.*  
Moved: Annaleise Grubisich      Seconded: Anne Tumak      Carried
- Need more parent support.
- Held a cake stall/BBQ at soiree.
- Currently running wine fundraiser.
- Planning for language expo.
- Looking for host parents for 10 Japanese exchange students.

## 5.7 SVAPA Support Committee Report

- Fundraising stands at the arts day raised approximately \$1,000.
- Cake stall will be held at the Midsummer production.
- The overseas trip to London and Berlin was a great success. Another trip will take place in 3 years.
- Looking into the committee funding an admin assistant like the Music support committee does. This would be a one off annual payment. Iain has contacted Lesley Street and John Pryor regarding this motion.
- Annaleise has received some art auction sponsorship which is suited to SVAPA students looking for pathways into the performing arts.
- Annaleise has attended SVAPA meeting and is aware the Tricycle Theatre has not received any funding for equipment for 15 years. Annaleise is presenting a motion later in the meeting for funding of some necessary equipment updates as current equipment is so old parts are no longer available to repair.

## **5.8 GAT Support Committee Report**

- The GAT Committee's Lazer Blaze Event on 15th April progressed successfully. It sold out and we raised \$1676.35. It was a great event which not only raised funds but provided an opportunity for the community to come together, with parents and students enjoying the games. Lazer Blaze invited us to return and we are going to book this as a yearly event. We're putting together a project plan to make the event simpler to organise in future.
- We did, however, have some issues with banking. The change of signatories and banking systems resulted in our Treasurer being unable to access the system and our account details to confirm direct transfer payments for ticket sales. We are still experiencing difficulties.
- Now we are preparing to participate in the Languages Expo in Week 8 to support our students in the specialist language programmes in Italian and Chinese. We are also considering our next community and fund-raising events.
- We have noted, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Board Report 2018, that the Student Council moved to improve the school uniform, particularly the jacket. We wish to support this. The current jacket design has a raglan sleeve, with shoulder and arm being all in one, and piping along its entirety. As our students must carry their school bags at all times, this piping on the shoulder wears out prematurely. Most look tacky within 6 months and do not reflect well on the school. Frequent replacement is an unnecessary expense to parents.

## **5.9 New Theatre Building Committee Report**

- Sixth meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> in 2018) held 16 May 2018.
- Focus is on gathering "best practice" information on other school theatres/performing arts centres:
  - site visits made to Swan Christian College and Prendiville College
  - visit arranged to All Saints' College confirmed for 12 June 2018
  - planning to arrange visits to several Independent State School Theatres, e.g. Churchlands SHS
- Once sufficient information has been gathered on "best practice" a report will be prepared for presentation to the P&C.
- Committee now has 9 members including John Pryor (Terms of reference allows for 10 members). Expecting a new member to be added at next meeting.
- Next committee meeting 6 pm 13 June 2018.

## **5.10 Lawley Art Auction Committee Report**

- Patricia Kritas has stepped down as Convenor due to family illness. Felicity Moldrich will convene meetings.
- Down to weekly meetings as auction date nears.
- Flyers have been distributed and banners placed.
- Catalogue off to printer.
- Catalogue on website on 8 June.
- Sign-up genius has been set-up for volunteers. John requested link for sign-up genius.
- Sponsorship finalised
- Art is finalised with 95 pieces. 16 in Irving Gallery.
- Crustworthy event will take place Wednesday 30 May.

## **5.11 Finance Committee Report**

- Meeting was held 16 May.
- School financial reports tabled, discussed and passed.
- The 2019 Subject Charges and Funding Agreement for Schools 2018 were tabled and approved respectively.



- 6.5 P&C General committee approve funding for 34 black bean bags and beans.**
- Scott raised motion to purchase bean bags for use in middle and senior school.
  - *Motion to approve funding up to \$2,000 to purchase 34 black bean bags comprising 2 covers and 200L of beans for each bean bag.*
- Moved: Scott Johnson                      Seconded: Ben Harvey                      Carried
- 6.6 P&C General committee approve funding for box set of C-Pen Exam Reader scanners to be used by students with learning difficulties.**
- Pens to be used by children with learning difficulties (dyslexia and dysgraphia). Not currently funded by Department of Education. Pens assist children in exam situation.
  - *Motion to approved funding of up to \$8,000 to purchase 2 sets of 10 C-Pen Exam Reader scanners.*
- Moved: Scott Johnson                      Seconded: Ben Harvey                      Carried
- 6.7 P&C General committee approve funding for the Annual Language Expo.**
- Teacher request for funding to assist with the annual Languages Expo.
  - Lapse motion as funding available in Languages account to cover. To be raised at languages sub-committee meeting.
- 6.8 P&C General committee approve funding for the Tricycle Theatre lighting (approx. \$18,000), lighting console (approx. \$17,000), cyclorama (approx. \$2,500) and communications equipment (approx. \$3,000).**
- Mike suggested referring to Manager Corporate Services, Anne Gilchrist to check if funding for upgrade to equipment being covered by the Department of Education planned upgrade of theatres in state schools.
  - Response to be reported back at next meeting.
  - If no funding the cost of replacing equipment could be shared between school and the P&C. To be discussed further.
- 6.9 P&C General committee approve the running of a free presentation for parents and teachers by the Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation of WA to be held on an evening in July.**
- Presentation to be booked in for an evening in July.
  - *Motion to approve booking of a free presentation for parents and teachers by the Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation of WA to be held on an evening in July.*
- Moved: Scott Johnson                      Seconded: Sharon Cockroft                      Carried
- 6.10 Registration of the P&C as a deductible gift recipient.**
- Defer to next meeting
- 6.11 P&C General committee approve funding of the achievement centre for 2018**
- Achievement centre is run on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 2 teachers in attendance. The achievement centre is available to all students and is run in the library.
  - Promote via email list.
  - *Motion to provide funding up to \$10,000 for the Achievement Centre for 2018.*
- Moved: Sharon Cockroft                      Seconded: Scott Johnson                      Carried

## 7 NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 Next meeting** – Monday 25 June 2018 at 7:00pm.

**Meeting closed at 10:00pm.**

I authorise that this is a true copy of the Minutes.

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John Pryor – President & Chairperson

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Date

Appended: NAPLAN Response

**Subject:** RE: Erroneous Information? [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**From:** Education - Learning Potential <Education-LearningPotential@education.gov.au>

**Date:** 2018-04-13 13:16

**To:** "john@hydrogold.com" <john@hydrogold.com>

**CC:** "MLSHS: Grubisich, Annaleise" <alittlegrubi@gmail.com>, "MLSHS: Harvey, Ben" <ben.harvey@dplh.wa.gov.au>, "MLSHS: Harvey, Ben" <benh69@gmail.com>

## UNCLASSIFIED

Hi John,

Thank you for your feedback on the NAPLAN information on Learning Potential.

As stated on the Learning Potential website, NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. Individual student performance is shown on a national assessment scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. The second lowest band at each year level represents the national minimum standard for students for that year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

The Western Australian Department of Education has advised that in WA, to be eligible for a WACE students must demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and a minimum standard of numeracy. Students can demonstrate this standard through the OLNA (students have two attempts in each of Years 10, 11 and 12 - 6 attempts in total), or they can pre-qualify through achieving a Band 8 or above in the reading, writing or numeracy test of the Year 9 NAPLAN.

The following text comes from p4 of the WACE Manual 2018 available via <https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/wace-manual>:

### **“Literacy and numeracy standard**

Students must demonstrate the WACE literacy standard and WACE numeracy standard.

For the WACE literacy standard, students must demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy by achieving Band 8 or higher in the reading and writing tests of the Year 9 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) or by successfully completing the reading and writing components of the Authority’s Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).

For the WACE numeracy standard, students must achieve either Band 8 or higher in the numeracy test of Year 9 NAPLAN or successfully complete the numeracy component of the OLNA.

This means that a student who achieves Band 8 or above in the reading, writing or numeracy test of the Year 9 NAPLAN will be considered to have pre-qualified for the corresponding component and thus deemed to have successfully completed that component.”

In WA, if students do not participate in NAPLAN, they are still required to demonstrate the WACE literacy and numeracy standards by completing the OLNA.

There are no repercussions for students for not doing well on NAPLAN, rather, there are benefits in achieving a Band 8 or above Year 9 NAPLAN result as this is considered by the WA Department of Education as meeting the WACE literacy and numeracy standard.

I hope this information allays your concerns over the information provided on Learning Potential.

Regards,  
Learning Potential Team



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**From:** John Pryor [mailto:john@hydrogold.com]

**Sent:** Monday, 9 April 2018 5:26 PM

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**Subject:** Erroneous Information?

Dear Sir or Madam,

On your web page: <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/naplan-mythbusting-for-teens>

it states:

*"They are not pass or fail tests, and there are no repercussions for students if they don't do well."*

I believe in the case of Western Australia this is not a true statement. There are repercussions.

For example, if they fail to achieve a set level in Naplan (ie, the fail), then they will have to sit OLNA and then failing that may ultimately fail their WACE certificate at Year 12.

I understand that things may be different in other states but this information is for a nation-wide audience and should reflect the situation for all states and territories.

Please advise.

Thank you for your advice.

Regards,  
John Pryor

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