

Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)

School Council

MINUTES

Monday 12 May 2008

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 7:35pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance Christine Richardson (Chair), Milton Butcher, Neil Hudson, Catherine Smith, Jo Furness, Bev Burnside, Sanja Zuljevic, Anne Griffiths, Gemma Esvelt, Olivia Burmester, Chloe Neilsen and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary)		
4	Apologies Don Rowe, Darcy Rowe, Kevin Pilkington		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting With the addition of Chloe Neilsen as an attendee, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4/3/2008 were accepted as a true record.		
6	Update on Action Points from previous meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industrial Action This is ongoing. ▪ Budget 2008 Awaiting the return of the financial system. Christine is still waiting for feedback after her initial meeting with Departmental staff. 		
7	Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLSHS Annual Report 2007 The two documents were tabled and distributed, both almost complete. The smaller 8 page document is a summary and is almost ready to go to print - awaiting the financial report which is being worked on, and finalising tracking down some great achievements by students last year. The larger document needs a few amendments. This is almost completed as well - trying to track down TAFE information and finalising information from the learning areas. Milton suggested members take the documents away and read them. All the requirements of the Commonwealth and State Governments have been satisfied between the two documents. This will be in the library once it is finished (it may be too big for the website). Gemma asked how to get students to make the low columns on the chart higher. Milton replied that this is one of the issues being targeted this year. • Opportunities in China Christine reported that the China tour was very successful. Last week, MLSHS hosted staff from the Chinese Consulate to finalise the tour. Milton reported on the China trip and the opportunities Australia has in China. An international program would be welcome at each of the four schools visited. Options: 1) build an international wing on the oval and run programs for Chinese students to board in Australia and come to 	Read documents	Members of Council

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<p>3) Look at including a book hire scheme in some subjects to save parents money. Milton suggested bringing back sample sheets to a meeting to ensure they are correct and that student invoices should be checked for accuracy at the November meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Review This is on Wednesday 21 May 2008, and Milton would like to give Council members unfettered access to the Director to speak with him about how they see things going (without members of staff present). This will include a morning tea at 10:30am. Milton suggested P&C members could also come, and will extend an invitation to that effect. A number of members indicated that they would like to attend. • LOTE Review Christine explained the LOTE program. Last year's Council's members saw the review and Milton has been working on the document. Christine asked Milton to speak on the LOTE Review and options for a language centre. The review specifically targeted the gifted program, however, there were implications for all students. MLSHS can accept up to 32 students for the program. There is some good news in terms of students who work hard and do well, and Chinese and Italian are strong in terms of student numbers. An exhibition winner is something MLSHS should aim for as this would have a really uplifting effect throughout the languages department and influence language learning. Gemma suggested a previous winner address the students as to how that success helped that person in his/her life. Chloe gave an example of a student who learnt Italian and another who learnt Chinese. <p>One of the recommendations was to look at a LOTE precinct. Milton described the four broad options, which included buying a demountable for LOTE, possibly between the gym and the middle school; a language laboratory or IT facility, or put two demountables on an oval and free up classrooms in the specialist building for languages; or use the corridor (there are some issues with this option). There was a discussion on the tabled documents and report.</p> <p>Christine summarised by saying MLSHS needs to consider the issues and develop an action plan. Council has a role to play and Don Rowe is prepared to represent Council. The steps to follow are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update the review to bring back to the next meeting. ii. Develop an action plan. iii. Don Rowe to represent Council. <p>Catherine Smith and Jo Furness, moved to establish a working party to develop an action plan. Carried</p>	<p>Provide documents to members</p> <p>Engage with LOTE regarding this issue</p>	<p>Milton Butcher</p> <p>Don Rowe</p>
<p>Reports</p>		
<p>8 Student Representatives Gemma reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students had expressed a wish for group form photos rather than individual photos. ▪ Kenya fundraising is still ongoing - perhaps the students who are helping them could go over to see them. ▪ With exam results, if you do not get a better score, can you still go into higher groups? <p>Olivia mentioned that she was one of the Year 10 students</p>		

