

**Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)
School Council General Meeting
Warren Daniels Conference Room, MLSHS
MINUTES
Monday 16 August 2010 at 6:30pm**

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Meeting opened: 6:35pm		
2	Introduction and Welcome Catherine Smith welcomed Council members to the meeting.		
3	Attendance Catherine Smith, Milton Butcher, Ron Pearce, Don Rowe, Jo Furness, Glenn Scott, Geoff Clayton, John Cloake, Claire Raphael and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary).		
4	Apologies Neil Hudson, Yvonne Scott and Kevin Pilkington.		
5	Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 June 2010 were tabled and accepted as a true record. Moved by Jo Furness. Seconded by Don Rowe. Carried.	Add Minutes Secretary to list of recipients of School Council Agenda documents	Milton Butcher
6	Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sponsorship No change to this agenda item. ▪ Healthy Active Australia Grant Suzie Barnes is still considering grants for this term. Catherine advised that Suzie has started Zumba sessions and is looking at Street Fourz soccer. ▪ Centre for Asian Languages No change to this agenda item. ▪ Staffing Profile Milton reported that there is nothing to report on this agenda item. ▪ IPS Catherine advised the MLSHS was again unsuccessful. Milton advised that MLSHS was in the 'OK' file and should look at IPS again, with the school changing some of the application dynamics. He added that he had spoken with Michael Sutherland who is prepared to support the school. Catherine commented that feedback was very bland and she had registered a very strong protest on behalf of MLSHS Council. 		
7	Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mobile Phone & Electronic Device Policy Review Milton explained that a Ministerial policy has been in place for a number of years that no student was to have a mobile phone turned on in school, and if so, school processes were to confiscate the mobile phone. He 		

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<p>stated the draft policy change of having telephones and devices off all the time needs to be considered, by working through the leadership group of the School before asking Council to ratify a policy. Geoff Clayton advised that the leadership group has discussed this matter and the outcome was divided. Some Council members noted that items such as i Pods were used for study purposes and these should be separated from telephones. Further discussion ensued and it was generally agreed to maintain the status quo, with staff ensuring that the policy was enforced. It was noted that there was an article regarding this matter in the last update.</p> <p>Moved by Don Rowe to maintain the policy from four years ago. Seconded by Glenn Scott. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website Milton advised that the new website is up and running, with a few teething problems, such as links etc, but these are being corrected. He reported that the website is a bit livelier and more contemporary, with a regularly updated What's New? section, and he welcomed suggestions from Council members to improve the website. ▪ Aboriginal Program Milton reported that, for the past 18 months or so, MLSHS, in conjunction with ECU, has been working on an academic program at the school for indigenous children in the district. It is likely to be connected to a trial with guaranteed employment. Milton explained that this means giving places to several children from the enrolment quota. At this stage, unless Council votes against, this will commence next year. Milton added that Lindsay and the current Director support the initiative. Catherine advised that the new Aboriginal Liaison Officer, who has met the children, has been great. Moved by Catherine Smith to endorse the Aboriginal Program. Seconded by Ron Pearce. Carried. 		
<p>8 Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Reporting 2010 The financial report was tabled and Milton gave a verbal overview of the report. He noted that most cost centres are tracking reasonably well. Milton's main concern is still the state of the school's reserves (\$408,000) and these need to be bolstered. Some positives with the school's financial situation include good parent support for the chaplaincy and \$24,000 was received from parents to ensure the Healthy Active program continues into next year. <p>RECOMMENDATION Council was asked to approve, out of the ICT fund, three submissions.</p>		

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<p>1) \$1,400 for five 'flip cameras' for the English Learning Area. 2) \$200 for a Bluetooth keyboard and mouse. 3) Approximately \$600 for a class set of generic MP3 players for the LOTE program.</p> <p>Moved by Jo Furness to endorse the Finance Committee's recommendation to spend funds on the above 3 submissions. Seconded by Ron Pearce. Carried.</p> <p>Ron had queries regarding a couple of items (D5735 and D6331) which were addressed by Milton.</p> <p>Moved by Geoff Clayton to accept the Financial Report. Seconded by John Cloake. Carried.</p>		
<p>Student Representatives' Report No report.</p>		
<p>Principal's Report Milton gave a PowerPoint slide presentation on his deployment to Timor Leste. He outlined issues with education, including Mount Lawley SHS's "adopted" school. He acknowledged the work of Don and the SSTUWA in assisting the country. The proposed scholarship to have a Timorese student attend Mount Lawley SHS was unlikely to proceed without assistance in Timor.</p>		
<p>P&C Report No report.</p>		
<p>Staff Report Geoff reported that the MSE testing went well. He advised that children were invited to participate in a bullying survey and 618 responded. Geoff distributed the <i>2010 Bullying Survey</i> to Council members. He gave a verbal overview of the results of the survey, which, he reported, are similar to the rest of the schools in the country.</p>		
<p>9 Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catherine requested an update on the Instructional Strategies Program. Geoff, who was in the first group, advised that the second group starts tomorrow. ▪ Jo Furness asked about Year 10 counselling for Year 11 for parents and students, and requested an update. 	<p>Feedback required at the next meeting on the program</p> <p>Provide information on Year 10 and Year 11 counselling for the next meeting</p>	<p>Milton Butcher</p> <p>Ian Johnson</p>
<p>10 Next Meeting Monday, 20 September 2010 at 6:30pm.</p>		
<p>11 Meeting Closed At 8:03pm, Catherine declared the meeting closed.</p>		