



Mount Lawley Senior High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday, 04 April 2016 at 7.00pm

In the Warren Daniel Conference room of the Main Administration building

1. ATTENDANCE

Mark Westera, Caroline Nelson, Michele Prince, Robyn Kluver, Kim Colguhoun, Helen Yiannkis, Caroline Sandell, Darryl Ferguson, Spencer Klein, Sharon Cockroft, Sonja Davidson, Milton Butcher, Randal Wells, Jo Furness, Catherine Lee, Andrew Henryon, Bradley Cheaib.

2. APOLOGIES

Niall Kilcullen, Michael Camilleri, Sue Faranda, Suzie Barnes.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Moved: Michele Prince Seconded: Sharon Cockroft Carried unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1. Election of P&C Representative to the Health Committee

No nominations received.

4.2. Endorsement of the members of the SVAPA Sub-committee

- Convenor: Felicity Moldrich
- Treasurer: Kelly Cossens
- Secretary: Sarah Parsons

4.3. Endorsement of the members of the Languages Sub-committee

- Convenor: Wayne Houlton
- Treasurer: Romina Griffiths-Nguyen
- Secretary: Anne Magee

4.4. Endorsement of the members of the Art Auction Sub-committee

- Convenor: Patricia Kritis
- Treasurer: Nirit Marom
- Secretary: Sharon Cockroft

Motion: to endorse the members of the SVAPA, Languages and Art Auction Sub-committees.

Moved: Jo Furness Seconded: Mark Westera Carried unanimously

5. REPORTS

5.1. Principal's Report

The Principal gave an oral report on the following:

- The Visible Learning project that the school is now likely to join was described.
- Safe Schools Coalition - the school's position on this program was outlined.
- The Year 12 School Ball was enjoyed by all students who attended, but the after parties remain a concern.
- House Swimming Carnival: Middle School – O'Connor. Senior School – Murdoch. Overall – Murdoch.
- The School was second in 'B' Division at the Interschool Swimming Carnival and so next year will be promoted to 'A' Division again. Three students won age group championships.
- OLNA round 1 for the year has concluded. This is to meet Literacy and Numeracy standards to achieve WACE. Round 2 is in September.
- About 40% of parents attended the recent parent/teacher interviews and feedback on the new approach is being considered. The Careers Expo was highly regarded by parents and will stay in its current format.



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- The Year 12 High Achievers Breakfast was a success.
- The Music and Language Soirée was enjoyed by all, and a submission to look at student catering uniform applies.
- The Year 10 Parent BBQ was well supported by parents.
- Duncan Gairdner (classical guitarist) and Setsu Masuda (piano) played to 150 music students who were fascinated by the concert. A music/Korean enterprise.
- Is there value in continuing to provide all Year 12 students a reference as many unlikely to need it/ use it? Seeking parent feedback next meeting.
- The oval on Woodsome Street will be re-established by the end of April; students will be able to use it by the end of September.

5.2. Treasurer's Report

- The accounts of the general P&C and sub-committees are all in good shape.

Motion: To return \$1000 originally approved for the auditor for 2015 to uncommitted funds.

Moved: Michele Prince Seconded: Randal Wells Carried unanimously

Motion: To pay up to \$1400 for WACSSO membership for 2016.

Moved: Sharon Cockroft Seconded: Michele Prince Carried unanimously

Motion: To reimburse up to \$354 for the Arts Festival – Silent Disco.

Moved: Sonja Davidson Seconded: Darryl Ferguson Carried unanimously

Motion: To reimburse Mark Westera up to \$40 for stationary items.

Moved: Sonja Davidson Seconded: Jo Furness Carried unanimously

6. P&C STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1. Music Sub-committee Report

- Soiree went well, next year we will look at a separate soiree for the Language sub-committee.
- Discussed performance venue issue.
- PR system needs to be updated, waiting on quote.

6.2. Language Sub-committee Report

- No report

6.3. SVAPA Sub-committee Report

- Year 7 – Year 9 have a new drama teacher.
- Discussed fundraising ideas to fund early classes.
- Arts Festival was held last week, and was very successful. Raised \$700. Thank you to all the volunteers.

6.4. Lawley Art Auction Report

- Well attended, most positions have been filled. Still looking for a Graphic Designer and more volunteers for catering.
- Auctioneer has been appointed.
- Art submission is a bit slow, reminder has been sent.

6.5. Finance Committee Report

- The 2016 Preliminary Budget was discussed and passed by the committee.
- The committee discuss and considered 10 funding requests for the school.



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- Submissions for a compactus for the music library, keyless digital locks for instrument storerooms, new portable staging, support for the Arts Festival Day, bike mechanic course, table tennis tables, new Swivel robot, and painting of the middle school community 1 and 2 were approved.
- In regard to the table tennis tables it was decided to check the other tables in the school to see if these also needed to be replaced. The tables are seen to be a great initiative for the school.
- A request to fund Years 7, 8 and 9 Mathletics was supported and referred to the School Board.
- A submission to fund an Artist Workshop was declined on the basis that this should come from the Art's cost centre.

6.6. Health Committee Report

- No report

6.7. School Board Report

- The Board approved the various financial reports and School Budget for 2016 presented by the Principal & Business Manager.
- Approved spending of \$3411 from the Literacy & Numeracy fund to support Year 7, 8 & 9 Mathletics and \$11,033 from the Technology & Innovation fund for a 10 week Bicycle Program, pending review of outcomes from 2015.
- As this meeting was the AGM, the Chair presented her report and vision for the Board in 2016. Dr Jenny Fay was re-elected as the Chair for 2016.
- Warren Daniel has been employed to assist with the Alumni Project. He has been co-opted to the Board, and reported on progress of the project to date.
- Staff reported on some draft figures for academic outcomes in those students who go against recommendation when selecting Year 11/12 subjects. More information is still being gathered.
- The draft Annual Report was tabled. This document to be finalised and then will be available for parents to view on the website.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. Request for funding for Hospitality Student Vests

- Suggestion has been made that Hospitality students should wear vests when they are serving at school events.
- The P&C committee will re-discuss this item at the next meeting.

7.2. Student lockers & heavy school bags

- The Principal reiterated that MLSHS is not in a position to put in lockers, however every class requiring heavy text books has sets of books available for students.
- Suggestions from parents were discussed:
 - Teachers from Community to work together to try to reduce number of books in the bags i.e. alternate the day when exercise books are required.
 - MLSHS to look at reducing bag weight i.e. stationary requested by teachers on the booklist, reducing weight of the school diary.
 - Community locked during lunchtime.
 - Computer free day, once per month.
- The P&C committee extended thanks to the Principal for actively participating in the discussion.
- Milton will discuss suggestions with the executive committee and give the P&C an update on this issue at the next meeting.



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7.3. Feedback on the recent Parent/Teacher evening

- Long time frame works well. Suggestion that the PTO booking system could have a column showing location of teachers.

7.4. Request for funding for the Breakfast Program

- The Breakfast Program provides breakfast for disadvantaged students; the program is seeking funding to replace the old, malfunctioning fridge/freezer currently used.

Motion: To fund up to \$800 to buy a new fridge/freezer

Moved: Michele Prince

Seconded: Randal Wells

Carried unanimously

7.5. Request for funding to extend shade structure

- Following the installation of the shade structure funded by the P&C last year, Student Services is suggesting to extend the shade towards the Tricycle Building. This would increase the shaded area for students.
- P&C has decided to review this item at the next meeting and requested more information to be able to decide if they will fund this project

• CORRESPONDENCE

- **Mail –In :** Fundraising
- **Mail – Out:** Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 23rd of May at 7:00pm

Meeting closed: 9:00pm