

**Mount Lawley Senior High School (MLSHS)  
School Council  
MINUTES  
Monday 15 February 2010**

	ITEM	ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	<b>Meeting opened:</b> 7:40pm		
2	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> Catherine Smith welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Stephen Spice as the Acting Principal in Milton Butcher's absence. Stephen comes from Churchlands with a wealth of knowledge.		
3	<b>Attendance</b> Catherine Smith, Stephen Spice, Neil Hudson, Ron Pearce, Don Rowe, Yvonne Scott, Kevin Pilkington, John Cloake, Jo Furness and Vicki Nash (Minutes Secretary).		
4	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies		
5	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2009 were tabled and accepted as a true record. <b>Moved</b> by Catherine Smith. <b>Seconded</b> by Don Rowe.		
6	<b>Update on Action Points from Previous Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Sponsorship</b> Work is continuing on this document.</li> </ul>		Stephen Spice; Jo Furness
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Healthy Active Australia Grant</b> Stephen reported that the Fitness track was finished on Wednesday 10.02.10, a little over time. It is being used extensively by staff members and students in every year group. Suzie Barnes, Project Manager, should be congratulated for her work and her attention to detail.</li> </ul>	Track to be officially opened	Stephen Spice Suzie Barnes;
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Centre for Asian Languages</b> There is no update on this. Don asked if MLSHS is in line for the Confucius classroom and Stephen replied that an application has been submitted. He has also made contact with Jan Ryan at ECU who is retired and is also trying to set up a Confucius classroom.</li> </ul>		Stephen Spice; Don Rowe
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Scholarships</b> Members were advised that all scholarships were awarded and presented today at assembly. Among others, Anne Griffiths, Michael Sutherland MLA and Christine Richardson attended.</li> </ul>		

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10	<p><b>Discussion Items</b></p> <p>▪ <b>Year 10 Working Party Update</b></p> <p>Neil Hudson tabled a summary document and explained its contents to members. There are a number of new staff members who have indicated their wish to join this committee at the next meeting. The Year 10 barbecue has been organised to be in the week of 8 March and Year 10 teachers and parents are invited to attend this informal event.</p> <p>All Year 10 teachers will be checking the diary on a weekly basis.</p> <p>The Working Party (WP) attended Ballajura Community College (BCC) and visits to other “like” schools will be organised to gain different perspectives.</p> <p>Geoff Clayton is the new chair of the WP.</p>		Neil to report on update next meeting
11	<p><b>Staffing Profile for 2010</b></p> <p>Stephen tabled a document - <i>School Resource Allocation Chart for 2010</i> - and reported that he is extremely worried about the staffing levels at MLSHS as was Milton Butcher when providing details during his handover. The 3% budget cut is having an effect across the board in Public Schools. Stephen is waiting for actual figures from the School Census which will determine staffing numbers. Stephen will seek outside assistance when balancing the numbers, if necessary. Council would endorse this move. Catherine has requested a full report for next meeting.</p> <p>▪ <b>School Council Membership for 2010</b></p> <p>Catherine advised that, as this is Neil’s last year, nominations for two staff representatives have been called for. One will be a term of one year- replacing Glen Innes and the other will have a two year term. Student representatives positions have been advertised. Nominations for a Parent representative will be called for.</p> <p>Other Council members advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Rowe has renominated.</li> <li>• Ron Pearce does not have to be re-elected.</li> <li>• Jo Furness will run for another year.</li> <li>• John Cloake would like to continue as P&amp;C rep.</li> <li>• Kevin Pilkington will continue in his role.</li> </ul> <p>Anne Griffiths has retired. Catherine endorsed the benefit for Council to have more community members. Catherine advised that she has one more meeting – the AGM which is a public meeting on 15 March 2010.</p>	Provide an updated report for the next Council meeting	Stephen Spice
	<p>▪ <b>School Uniform</b></p> <p>Stephen advised that he seeks Council’s support on this issue and having received it, will continue with the hard-line policy to enforce all areas of the uniform policy, including black laced up shoes. Stephen thanked Neil for his consistent approach to this issue including after</p>	Uniform Review Committee to meet and discuss girls’ shorts before the next	Jo Furness

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12	<p>school detention if required. With Council's endorsement, District Office will support Stephen.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> Council to endorse MLSHS's dress code and the removal of ear piercings, facial piercing and excessive jewellery from MLSHS students. <b>Moved</b> by Catherine Smith. <b>Seconded</b> by Jo Furness.</p> <p>The MLSHS Uniform Review Committee will be convened to review the uniform and consider additional items including girl's shorts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Timing of MLSHS Council Meetings</b> Council members unanimously agreed to a change in meeting time to 6.30pm and light refreshments will be provided.</li> <li>▪ <b>Middle School Leadership</b> This was to be addressed by the end of first semester, with a report next term.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Financial Reporting</b> Catherine thanked Yvonne for her attendance at Council meetings to give an update on the financial status of MLSHS. Yvonne tabled and distributed the <i>Comparative Budget Report</i> and gave a verbal overview. She does not have the <i>Contributions and Charges Report</i> but, at the next meeting, she will give a more accurate idea of MLSHS financial position. Yvonne has tabled to the Executive, Years 10, 11 and 12 who had not paid last year's charges. If these charges are not paid, students will be removed from classes. Catherine stated that Council would endorse this and asked about EDU-Collect. Yvonne replied that she has not yet signed this – and is still looking into this method of debt collection.</li> </ul> <p>Yvonne tabled the proposed 2010 budget and gave a verbal overview, which included that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ she will meet with District Office or Central Office to get further advice on how to operate transfer to reserves;</li> <li>➤ The \$15,000 Partnerships money has been committed to funding the Project Manager of Healthy Active Australia project;</li> <li>➤ some cost centres last year were in debt, which was to be carried forward, resulting in those cost centres starting 2010 in debt;</li> <li>➤ 'SF' (student-funded) activities are paid for by students, and roll over into the next year;</li> <li>➤ An audit will occur next term;</li> <li>➤ MLSHS should receive approximately \$25,000 bank interest;</li> </ul>	Council meeting	
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	<p>Catherine thanked Stephen for his report. On behalf of Council, she tabled congratulations to Milton Butcher and staff members for the exceptional results achieved last year at MLSHS. She added that staff should be congratulated on behalf of Council for outstanding results. She wished Stephen well and looks forward to the new classroom teaching and learning professional development programs being offered to staff.</p>		
19	<p><b>P&amp;C Report</b> John Cloake had no report but advised that there was a meeting next week.</p>		
20	<p><b>Staff Report</b> Neil reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MLSHS prefects are being taken out to the bowling club tomorrow;</li> <li>▪ MLSHS is trying to maintain standards so that students perform very well;</li> <li>▪ after school detention is being introduced to enforce to students that the School is very serious about certain issues;</li> <li>▪ due to cutbacks, the participation coordinator for Year 11 and 12 students has been halved, with only two visits per School per year</li> <li>▪ He is concerned that disengaged Year 11 and 12 students will be a big challenge for MLSHS.</li> </ul>		
21	<p><b>Other Business</b> Don asked about the national curriculum on the four key subjects (English, Maths, Science and History). Stephen advised that the curriculum has been tabled and that staff have taken it on board. He added that MLSHS is trialling the four subjects in Middle School.</p> <p>Don advised that he has been in contact with Milton who is currently in East Timor. Yvonne advised that Milton has contacted her and she has arranged for stationery and books to be sent to him, which have to go through Customs. An outside organisation would be approached to pay for this.</p> <p>Catherine advised that the next round of Schools for IPS status will be called for soon.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> Council to endorse MLSHS investigating IPS status. <b>Moved</b> by Ron Pearce. <b>Seconded</b> by Jo Furness.</p>	<p>Contact the Maritime Workers' Union with regard to payment of postage</p> <p>Consultation to begin in preparation for IPS application</p>	<p>Don Rowe</p> <p>Stephen Spice</p>
22	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Monday, 15 March 2010 at 6:30pm</p>		
23	<p><b>Meeting Closed</b> 10:15pm</p>		