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Mount Lawley SHS Parents & Citizens Association Inc.

General Meeting

Minutes 17th March 2008

Open 19:35, Conference Room, 1st Floor Admin Building, MLSHS

1. Attendance

Suzie Barnes, Georgia Coulter, Debora Colvin, G. David Rose, Richard Zabel, Destin Connor, Milton Butcher, Michael Camilleri, David Hawkes, Frances Strahan, Russell Goodrick, Joanna Stimson. Sanja Zuljevic, Julie Kernutt, Lety Ognenis, John Pryor, Dennis & Claudine Bates, Clemency Nicholson, Petra Zothner, Catherine and Jeff Smith

2. Apologies

Jo Furness, Penny Scott

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Move acceptance of minutes: David H

Seconded: Debora C Passed ... unanimous.

4. Matters arising:

4.1. Usage of 'Tutoring Australia'

No formal stats presented, but comments around the table was that it was used with some feedback on the benefit and that it "was good".

If individuals were to want this ... \$2,000 type cost; if do as a group (suggest P&C to avoid Govt tender process) then costs are a lot cheaper... on premise get lots.

John Pryor to contact them to get more details, try to arrange a presentation

4.2. P&C Web Site

Looking to add more detail ... for example teacher contact details - can provide a list of names and an indication of how to 'build' the e'mail address

Can we get curriculum details, course outlines etc... and if this already exists can we 'link' to the source rather than duplicate.



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5. Reports

5.1. Principal's Report

Report presented, the following are the highlights (or lowlights for item 1)...

- <u>Fights</u>: has been a few occurring often with kids from outside the school. Made worse by bystanders recording on phones. Looking to discourage bystanders and participants. Please talk to your kids...
- Graffiti: has been a few attacks on the school. It appears the culprit is known and the police will be bought in to deal with it.
- LOTE: wanting to start up some parent involvement, similar to the SVAPA / Music Committees.
- <u>China Trip</u>: launch on 27th May, leaving soon. Additional supervision for tour has been arranged, as it was thought it was not quite sufficient.
- Industrial action (teachers): there will be some impacts felt, including stress on teachers as they are trying to build courses. The interim reports (soon to be sent) may be incomplete. Likely action will continue for rest of the year.
- Parent evening: Senior school evening 3rd April (pack sent) and Middle school after Easter.
- Mobile phone usage: a code of conduct does exist. Behaviours are generally:
 - o not OK usage to bully or arrange socially unacceptable behaviour.
 - o OK parent contact, or use in Education (eg podcast, txt homework, photo art etc)

5.2. Treasurer's Report

Approximate balances:

General \$ 4,442.22 (with \$15,000 Term Deposit - 19th April)

Library \$ 6,457.81

Uniform \$34,387.04 ... can cover current bills

SVAPA \$14,975.28 (with \$5,000 Term Deposit - 28th April)

Music \$16,663.89 (with \$5,000 Term Deposit - 7th May)

Audit report is ready for Faziah.

Waiting on submissions for spend from the various departments. A criteria will be set to evaluate.

5.3. Middle School Report

None.

5.4. Uniform Shop Report

- Orders for blazers are being taken (by end of week)
- Jumpers will be in after Easter (~700)
- Sports kit should also be available soon



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6. Committees

6.1. Finance - no recent meeting

Has not met yet - Wednesday 26th March Budget is being prepared

6.2. eLearning - no recent meeting

No report

Lost our network technical support - being managed by Consultant until PDF and recruiting can be sorted

6.3. Health

Has not met yet - Tuesday 18th March

6.4. School Council

Grant received and directed to improve link to ECU is still in progress 2009 Fees and Charges will be reviewed toward end of this year

6.5. SVAPA

Main commitment this year is contribution toward China trip Also:

- Sponsoring Choir Leader (Emma Blake)
- Looking to resource an (electronic PC based) archival system
- Provide some funding for workshops and camps
- Quiz Nite 28th March

6.6. Music Support Committee

Lot of new parent involvement Currently planning events for the year Art Auction being planned - 20th June

7. General Business

7.1. P&C Funding ideas

Provide some seating / benches. Need some heavy duty structure... need guidelines to get good outcome

Chill-out

Morning Teas

- Move that fundraising letter puts focus on benches: David H Seconded:
- Postpone to next meeting



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7.2. P&C Meeting Dates

19th May; 23rd June; 28th July; 25th August; 22nd September; 27th October; 24th November

7.3. Bricks

They are in the shed, an area is identified

Why are they not down

Do not know the nett return, as we don't know the costs

7.4. Paintings / School Photos (of achievement)

We have some art and various memento (photo) showing student achievement. Need to arrange for these to be placed on walls to "showcase" to the school and wider community

7.5. SMS Notifications and Letters of Absenteeism

Not being well managed, particularly where students have music class Run down given of the systems used to support this and how it can create issues / errors. Quite a bit of the problem is the data entry

There has been work done to improve the process and to educate teachers ... has led to a reduction in false messages

7.6. 2nd Hand Uniforms

Any thought to running a 2nd Hand Shop... a "notice board" has been in place. May look to hold a "one off" event, with (maybe) the aim of supporting the Chaplaincy

8. Correspondence

{In} WACSSO - Debbie Marsh is local rep

{Out} Milton has written to Canteen Assoc re: training for d'café staff

9. Date of Next Meeting

19th May 2008.

Closed 20:45