

MLPS Board Meeting Minutes – Annual Public Meeting

Time:	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Date:	24 October 2024
Location:	MLPS Staffroom

Attendees	
Staff Members:	Robyn Crump, Principal (RC) Christine Ashkenazy (CA)
Parent/Community Members:	Sian Zador (SZ) (Chair) Catherine Pearce (CP) (Secretary) Mandy Greenman (MG) Saul Karnovsky (SK) Breanna Catania (BC)
Co-opted non-voting members:	none
Observers:	Kristy Raven
Presenters/Others:	none
Apologies:	Alison Hawkesford (AH), Nathan Curnow (NC)

Item	Actions
1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	
The meeting was opened at 5.38pm by SZ. There being not less than 60% of members present in person, a quorum was formed. Apologies from NC and AH.	Nil
2. Acknowledgement of Country	
BC completed Acknowledgement of Country. Note there are AoC guidelines from Department of Education in Connect if any members need a refresh.	Nil
3. Disclosure of Interests	
Nil	Nil
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	
Revised minutes of meeting on 8 August approved by CA and seconded by MG. Draft minutes of meeting on 12 September approved by RC and seconded by CA.	CP to send approved minutes to Shannon Gunning to upload to MLPS website.
5. Action Register – Discussion	
See Action Register	Nil
6. Board Chair Report	
In 2024, the Board has continued to advocate for the school's leadership stability and welcomed RC as new permanent Principal. Participated in Public School Review, reflecting on what has been achieved. Ongoing governance includes – parent and Board survey, monthly reviews of the school finances, approving booklists & contributions. Welcomed BC as a new parent rep. Thank you to MG for your contributions over the past three years. SZ concluding tenure at the end of the year too.	Nil
7. School Finance	
Stephnee Butler, new MCS, started this week. On track to meet the 96% expenditure requirement for the year. Disability funding reduced due to plan expiring and awaiting for new plan.	Nil

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<p>Booklists went out yesterday with voluntary contributions.</p> <p>Voluntary contribution reminders – DoE requests these are sent, but if a family notify the school that you have chosen not to pay then reminders can be ceased.</p>	
8. Principal's Report	
<p>See report provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolments currently 521. Projected 529 for 2025. • School Review Report and letter on Connect drive and School website. • Educational requests for 2025 classes via Microsoft Form, to enable a fair, equitable process and traceability of requests and actions. • School Board parent representatives – two positions advertised. • Deputy pool advertised. 	Nil
9. School Data	
<p>RC presented slides to provide and overview of NAPLAN and WEC (Wellness and Engagement Census) data.</p> <p>NAPLAN now uses adaptive testing across educational levels which results in different pathways through questions to results. Broad observations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate MLPS performance similar to 'Like Schools'. ICSEA puts us in the top 20 schools in the state. Business plan target of equal or above like schools has been achieved. • Investigate how to move more students into 'Exceeding' proficiency from 'Strong' proficiency. • Validate that the vast majority of Mt Lawley students' proficiencies are high (Exceeding, Strong). Top-down approach and extending students (skills and curriculum). • Engagement with school – a high proportion of students are connected with adults at school and bullying levels are the lowest in 3 years, however school engagement and climate have reduced. • Emotional regulation, perseverance and cognitive engagement is reducing. 	Nil
10. School Planning for 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Development Days presented for discussion and approval by the Board. 6 development days in total, with 3 dates mandated by DoE and 3 dates to be selected by the school. Proposed pupil free days for 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friday 30 May – prior to WA Day long weekend, similar to local network schools and MLSHS to align with staff PD opportunities ○ Monday 21 July – first day of Term 3 ○ Monday 13 October – first day of Term 4, which will reduce planned swimming lessons from 10 to 9 days. Alternative proposed date of Friday 14 November considered to avoid clash with swimming lessons, but this was considered more disruptive for families in the middle of term and less useful for teachers' planning purposes. Therefore, 13 October agreed. • Board's approval of the staff development days on 30 May, 21 July and 13 October 2025, moved by MG and seconded by BC. • Send out communications early to notify families of planned pupil free days. 	Communication of 2025 staff development days in newsletter this term - RC
11. Correspondence	
Nil	Nil
12. General Business	
Thank you RC for data analysis.	Nil



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SZ closed the meeting at 7:56pm. Next meeting is the final one for the year on Thursday 28 November 2024 (Week 8 of Term 4).

Accepted by Signature:

Board Chair Signature:

Principal Signature: