Minutes Parents & Citizens Meeting
SSC Leichhardt, 4 April 2011

Attendance and apologies: Recorded in book

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting in February to be presented in the next meeting
4. Business arising

4.1. IMP request for funds (Rochelle Beeson)
The Instrumental Music Program (IMP) has grown significantly since 2006 when it was established. A number of initiatives are planned for this year. IMP would like to purchase large instruments and music lockers for each campus. Rochelle asked for $3000 from the P&C on Leichhardt campus. P&C has already committed most of its funds but is willing to organise a fund-raising activity to support the program.

4.2. Funding commitments and fund raising; 4.3. Trivia Night
- Some details about current expenses and funding commitments have to be clarified.
- P&C fees: Year 9 and 10 students received requests for a P&C contribution. Students in Year 7 and 8 will receive a call next term.
- Judy confirmed that a smart board has been ordered.
- Year 7 parents put their names down to help out with a number of fund raising activities. Sponsoring tree planting is a particularly popular activity.
- Some fund raising ideas were discussed and the decision was made to focus on three activities: sponsoring tree planting (time TBA), trivia night (early August) and music night (end of Term 3 or beginning of Term 4).

Actions:
- Judy to send bills for the fence and mulcher, and an invoice for a sewing machine.
- Suzana to organise Doodle polls and invite parents to express their interest in participating in the three fund raising activities.
- Vanessa to contact a parent who may be able to provide a specialist advice on planting a suitable tree.

4.4. Bike racks. Funding of safe cycling courses.
President thanked Liam O’Sullivan for his great contribution to the project. Bike racks and most fences have been erected and the project will be finished in the next term. There are some savings and Liam suggested spending them on safe cycling education.

Actions:
Liam to provide details of safe cycling courses.

4.5. Website
A question about the best way to make updates on the P&C webpages was raised. Principal advised that requests for updates should be sent to Peter Cox who will send them to the Principal for approval.

Action:
Include dates of P&C meetings in online copies of the school calendar.

5. Reports

5.1. Principal’s report
- School received a grant from the Digital Education Revolution project for professional development. Eight schools in the Sydney Region received the grant. It will be spent on developing information literacy courses for Year 7 and 8 students and on preparation to include blogging in library programs. Librarian is currently looking at skills used in primary schools. Emily O’Connell uses Web 2.0 resources and considers cyber safety issues. Terry O’Brien has talked to all teachers about Digital Education Revolution.
- A project is under way to improve students’ knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- A project to raise students’ awareness about violence against women will start later this year. James Mansfield will co-ordinate the project and ask fathers to be involved.
- Climate Clever and other similar projects will involve co-operation with 5 schools, including Orange Grove.
- Carolyn Paget is gathering feedback on the Orientation Day and is working on the transition to high school program.
- Judy is going to visit the sister school in Shanghai during school holidays.
- Lowes asked to address the P&C regarding a tender for supplying school uniforms. P&C is satisfied with the current arrangement and is not going to consider alternatives at this stage.

5.2. President’s report
Vanessa was present at the Open Day. There were over 600 people. Feedback indicates that it was very successful.

Next meeting: 2 May 2011