Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes February 10th, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 39 P&C members, 5 staff members, 1 apology

1. Welcome from President, Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, December 2nd, accepted by Vanessa Palfreeman, seconded by Belinda Fraser.

2. Reports:

2.1 Principal’s Report.

Enrolments - Currently approx 788 in total, an increase of 40-50 on 2013 numbers. We have 210-211 in year 7, making 7-8 classes. Wednesday this week is crunch time for numbers and allocation of teachers by the department. STEMS (School Transition Enterprise Management System) data is used to allocate support teachers as needed.

BYOD is a work in progress. A full time technology support officer has been funded to assist the transition. His name is Zerly. There have been some small problems with wifi connection but most have been fixable.

The school welcomes any donations of computers or smart phones that families are no longer using.

The College Swimming Carnival and Presentation Day are to be held this week. Presentation Day is held at the Sydney Town Hall and is the only time in the year the whole college comes together. Parents that have previously attended the day report that the speeches given by the school duxes are always very inspiring and would like for them to be recorded and put on the school website.

Edmodo - Edmodo is an online learning tool whereby parents can see what assignments and assessment tasks their child has. Access codes may have changed from last year but can be obtained from any teacher that is using the tool. One code will enable access to all subjects so you don’t need a code for every subject. Not all teachers use Edmodo as it is not compulsory for them to do so.

Parents would like easier access to teachers through having their email addresses, Melinda to discuss with staff.

Hat Policy - SSCL does not have a hat policy as it is near impossible to police!

Duke of Edinburgh Award - SSCL has run this very valuable programme for the last 2 years. Unfortunately the teacher that was running it has moved to the Blackwattle Bay (BWB) Campus so we don’t have an overall coordinator. There are teachers willing to assist on the adventurous journeys and Ms Bright is working on finding an overall coordinator from her staff….she is fairly confident of doing so. Ms Bright will have more information at the next meeting.

Staff - The new Head Teacher (HT) Maths and HSIE were present at the meeting as well as the
new Librarian. They all introduced themselves and spoke of their plans for the year. The library has been revamped and is to be called the i-Centre. There will be a call for tech savvy students to assist Zerly and David in solving students’ technical issues. They will be known as the ‘Tech Ninjas’ and will be available at the ‘Ninja Bar’ in the library.

3.2. President’s Report:

Nick Potter, the president, will be attending the College Presentation Day. Each year the P&C funds an award.

Current issues being addressed by the P&C include:

**Tram Sheds (large empty buildings next to the school):** The fight for this extra space continues. Please see previous minutes on the website for more details about this issue. All are encouraged to sign the petition to help this cause.

*Can I please have the link again Nick*

**Light Rail:** The P&C, along with other schools’ P&C’s, is lobbying the state government to have the light rail included on the school rail passes. All are encouraged to sign the following petition.

[http://jamieparker.nationbuilder.com/allow_school_travel_on_light_rail](http://jamieparker.nationbuilder.com/allow_school_travel_on_light_rail)

3.3. Treasurer’s Report:

See attached report

Trivia night raised $15K. Parent contributions $20K and Lostock rentals $4K.

$43K was donated to the school in 2013. These donations contributed to books in the library, hall lighting for projectors, junior time management course, music programme, soap dispensers and hand dryers for the toilets, sports equipment etc.

We have $58K to start the year.

4.4 Secretary’s Report:

Nothing to report.

4.5 Lostock Report:

Nothing to report. For new parents, please see school website for description of Leichhardt’s “country retreat”, Lostock!
5 General Business:
- Parents have asked if the school’s sport facilities can be used outside of school hours. The barrier to this is public liability issues.

- Requests for funding to individuals: At present no policy exists for the funding of individual student pursuits. This matter to be further discussed at the next meeting. It may be that only those under financial hardship would be eligible.

- Sunny South, new Librarian, requested $2K for out of pocket expenses used in revamping the library. Moved by whom? Seconded by whom?

- A request was made by the HT Maths to help fund new maths text books for years 7 and 9 to the tune of $5K. See attached request.
Moved by whom? Don’t know her name
Seconded by Trish Ware

6. Next P&C Meetings:
Next meeting plus AGM to be held Monday 3rd March.
Meeting closed 8.35pm.