Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for General Meeting plus AGM March 3rd, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 8 P&C members, 3 staff members, 1 apology

AGM
1. Welcome from President, Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous AGM, March 4th 2014, accepted by Fiona Law, seconded by Vanessa Palfreeman.

2. Election of office Bearers:
All current office bearers stood down from their positions, nominations were made and 2014 office bearers voted in. The office bearers for 2014 are:
President: Nick Potter
Vice President: Fiona Law
Treasurer: Patricia Ware
Secretary: Lyndell Webster
Lostock Coordinator: Belinda Fraser

Other Roles:
Trivia Night Coordinator: TBD

AGM closed 7.22pm.

P&C Meeting
Minutes of previous meeting, February 10th 2014, accepted by Carmel Tebut, seconded by Andrew Williams

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report.

Enrolments - Due to an unfortunate drop off in numbers in the first few weeks of the year (not uncommon in this settling in period), the school will be losing 1-2 staff members, which in turn means a reshuffling of classes and timetables. The changes will occur for years 9 and 10.

Year 6 to Year 7 transition: This is being coordinated by Ms Lisa Hartemink. In week 5, students from years 7,8,9 and 10 visited our partner primary schools to speak to the year 6 students about SSCL and to encourage them to come to the schools’ open night. The Open Night is to be held on Wed 5th March from 5-7pm and the Vice President, Fiona Law, will speak on behalf of the P&C.

Duke Of Edinburgh Award: Mr. Peter Adcock is to take on the role of coordinating the D of E Award, thank you Mr. Adcock. The Adventurous Journey section will be outsourced to an external
company. Many schools do this, including the Balmain Campus. Teachers from SSCL will continue to go on the adventurous journey. If you would like to know more about this award, please go to the Duke Of Edinburgh website.

**School Planning:** This is in process and a survey will be sent to parents for their opinions on what they would like to see happening at the school. Your participation in this would be much appreciated by the school.

**Cybersmart Presentation:** Parents were asked if they were interested in having a cybersmart presentation at the school, to which they said yes. Ms Bright to organise. ‘Tech Ninjas’ to help.

**Head Teachers Meeting:** All head teachers across the college are meeting tomorrow. This is to help ensure that all campuses are ‘on the same page’. The main focus of the meeting is to discuss the method of teaching known as ‘ALARM’….. A Learning And Responding Matrix. They will also be analysing last year’s HSC results and taking a close look at how we achieved the many Band 6’s that we achieved.

### 3.2 President’s Report:

**Tram Sheds:** Following recent talk in the media about the baby boom in the inner west, Howard Charles, year 10 parent who has been working tirelessly for the tram sheds cause, once again wrote to the local papers to present the case for SSCL expanding into these empty buildings next to the school. Judy Kelly, College Principal, spoke to Darcy Byrne, Leichhardt Mayor, to find out why our request has not been granted and was told that the council is actually in favour of our proposal and that the delay is procedural. Balmain campus is full, BWB campus is full and Leichhardt campus is at approx 77% capacity. Some high schools in the inner west are not at capacity. The local primary schools in the area are at capacity. The Department of Education is looking ahead and is making demographic projections to 2026.

**Light Rail Passes:** Vanessa Palfreeman is working tirelessly on this project, it is now starting to look a little more positive. She has been told there are a few obstacles to including the light rail on school travel passes but has not been told what those obstacles are. Other schools involved and affected by this include, St Scholasticas, Christian Brothers, Fort St., IGS.

**413 Bus Route:** Nick Potter to write another letter to State Transit to request a school bus on this bus route. The 413 bus is very full with commuters and the many students that rely on this bus service have constant trouble actually getting on the bus.

**Presentation Day** was very successful by all accounts. The lack of space issue was solved this year by expanding into the choir area. The Town Hall is booked for Feb 27th 2015 for next year’s presentation day.

**Bendigo Bank:** The bank has misplaced our request to fund the ‘Leichhardt Way’ signage. This request is to be resubmitted. Bendigo Bank are revamping their funding model for 2014.

### 3.3. Treasurer’s Report:
**Breakfast Club:** This was set up last year with help from the P&C. It runs 2 mornings a week, serves a basic breakfast of cereal, toast, hot chocolate and juice and aims to help those students who come to school having not eaten breakfast. It has proved very popular. Vanessa to follow up how the money that was granted by the P&C has been spent.

3.4 Secretary’s Report:

Nothing to report.

3.5 Lostock Report: Lostock is being well utilised at present. There has been a lack of water in the tank at times due to a lack of rain. Families are always encouraged to take drinking water with them and there is a creek nearby from which water can be obtained as needed.

5 General Business:

Librarian, Sunny South, presented a formal request for funds for the library/i-centre. Funding was approved for furniture, book racks and 10 ipads. See attached request. P&C to ask Commonwealth Bank to help fund 10 new ipads. P&C to fund another 10. The library is being well utilised by students. Borrowing can be done before school, at recess and at lunch. Research exists to show that children who lack confidence in reading can enjoy and benefit from reading to dogs. Ms South is working with this idea.

Judy Kelly is visiting all the college P&C’s to find out what is happening from one campus to the next. All P&C presidents meet once a term to help ensure continuity across the campuses.

Judy Kelly talked about a discussion group that has been formed to focus on strengthening co-education, especially with respect to gender balance. Co-ed high schools tend to be boy heavy so this issue is being looked at. Parents welcome to join this group.

Leichhardt council provides a mentoring programme for year 8 girls.

A request was made for shorts to be included as part of the girls’ school uniform. Judy Kelly to discuss with the SRC for them to action.

Meeting closed 8.55pm.

Next meeting Monday April 7th at 7pm in the staffroom.