Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for April 7th, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 11 P&C members, 1 staff member, 3 apologies

1. Welcome from Vanessa Palfreeman, standing in for President Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting April 7th, 2014, accepted by Cath Sefton, seconded by Karen Korras.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:
No matters arising.

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report from Mr. James McMaster.

Melinda Bright currently standing in for Judy Kelly as college principal, whilst Ms Kelly takes a well earned break. James McMaster filling in for Melinda, Vince O'Donnell filling in for James and Mr. Furlong filling in for Vince!

Following the tragedy at Pittown public school earlier in the year, where a tree branch fell on and killed a young student, all schools have had to undertake a review of the trees on their premises. SSCL is to have some pruning work done, however the trees in question are in an area that doesn’t pose any threat to the students. The school has an arborist that it will continue to use on a biennial basis to keep on top of the pruning.

NAPLAN is to take place for year 7 and 9 students on the 13th/14th/15th May.

The Year 10 HSC talk, organised by careers advisor Ms. Letsios, is to take place on Tuesday 13th May. A representative from both the Board of Studies and BWB campus will attend.

Mr. McMaster put out a call for parent involvement in the assessing and culling of the year 7 enrolments for 2015. Cath Sefton volunteered to help.

3.2 President’s Report:

After a number of approaches Nick finally spoke to John Civitarese, board member of the Bendigo Bank Rozelle, regarding last year’s request for funds towards the ‘Leichhardt Way Program’ signage. There have been some changes with the bank’s community funding model as the Bendigo Bank Leichhardt branch have now become part of the community funding group. The Leichhardt branch will provide $1000 to assist with the Leichhardt Way Program. A note of thanks will be included in the next Highlights newsletter.

The Rozelle branch will continue to fund the RYDA program, which is a road safety program for year 10 students. This will take place on Thursday 29th of May.

Another letter has been sent to Gladys Berejiklian re. providing a school bus on the very crowded 413 bus route. No response as yet. James McMaster to look into whether the school can help
agitate for this.
Also, no further movement on light rail passes.

3.3. Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report.
3.4 Secretary Report: Nothing to report.
3.5 Lostock Report: Pruning of trees is also needed at Lostock as there are branches growing
over the electricity wires. Belinda Fraser to follow up. Bookings
are looking quiet over the winter period and there are no further bookings until October.
A suggestion was made to put a separate and more obvious ‘add’ in the school newsletter to
help increase the profile of Lostock.

4. General Business:

Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 23rd August. Be sure to put it in your diary! Karen
Korras has volunteered to help Cath Sefton to organise the evening. If you would like to be
involved please email the P&C at ssclpc@gmail.com

A parent raised her concern about the weight of her year 7 daughter’s bag. The issue was widely
discussed. One suggestion was for Mr. McMaster to talk to the maths faculty to see if the digital
maths text book can be used at school and the paper version at home so that the textbook
doesn’t have to be taken to and from school.

If you have had difficulty getting new uniforms due to them being out of stock, simply send a note
to school with your child explaining why they are not wearing school uniform.

Meeting closed 8.05
Next meeting Monday 2nd June.