Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for June 2nd, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 15 P&C members, 2 staff members, No apologies

1. Welcome from President Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, May 5th 2014, accepted by Cath Sefton, seconded by Karen Korras.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Digital maths text books- These will be made available to students in semester 2.

‘Paypops’ now up and running on the school website to enable parents to make payments online.

Year 10 formal: It was mentioned previously that this is organised independently of the school by students in year 10. Last year was the first year this happened, security was organised for the event and according to students and parents it was a great success. trybooking.com was suggested as a means of collecting money rather than students having to handle money.

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report:

Ms Bright thanked Mr McMaster for standing in for her last month.

Community Consultation on Secondary School Provision in Inner Sydney- The department of education is consulting with school staff and P&Cs in inner sydney about the growing numbers of school aged children in and around inner sydney and the gradual squeeze on its high schools. Details of this can be accessed online at:

http://dec.engagementhq.com/consultation


A forum was recently held at SSCL and was attended by Nick Potter. See presidents report.

WotOpera: 20 of our students recently performed at the Seymour Centre in a student run opera called ‘WotOpera’. The theme for our school’s opera centered around a drag queen and by many accounts was said to be very successful. Other schools performing in the opera included Marrickville, Fairfield and Jamison High Schools. One comment made by Jamison High was that SSCL’s theme was “very Leichhardt”!

Year 7 students attended their ‘merge’ day in the library last week.

Year 10 students attended a workshop at the school today called the ‘Love Bites Program’. It
was run by the Rozelle Community Centre and focused on strong themes such as domestic violence and sexual assault. SSCL is a strong supporter of White Ribbon Day.

IMP (Instrumental Music Program) camp is to be held this week.

Year 9 students involved in the inaugural elective subject ACCORD will have their first exhibition night on the 25th of June in the hall. ACCORD stands for Ambition, Creativity, Challenge, Opportunity, Risk and Do.

BYOD is progressing. An ipad trial will be done next term with one full class. The school isn’t set on just one learning platform being used and so encourages the use of other platforms too e.g microsoft, chrome etc.

3.2 President’s Report:

Nick Potter attended the community consultation forum for inner city high schools that was held at the school recently. It was chaired by Sylvia Corish, School Education Director at NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC). There is growing concern in the community about the gradual filling up of schools in the area. The department is looking at demographic projections very carefully and trying to work out where schools will be most needed in the future. According to their formula, SSCL has 9 teaching spaces available but is 56% under it’s open space requirements. BWB campus is full and SSCB is full. Balmain and Leichhardt may have to stop taking students from out of area to control the flow on effect to the BWB campus. The DEC are also challenging the idea of what schools might look like in the future. e.g high rises like St Andrew’s in the city. Parents are encouraged to take part in the consultative process via the links above.

3.3. Treasurer’s Report:

The P&C has $62k to spend. Suggestions on how to spend this money include: Paying for access to digital maths text books, Ms. Bright to follow up; completing the sound system upgrade in the hall, Nick to follow up; upgrading the lighting in the hall, Ms Bright to follow up with the lighting fellow the school uses; soccer nets for outdoor goals. Teachers encouraged to apply for funding for any projects they may have in mind.

3.4 Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

3.5 Lostock Report: Nothing to report.

4. General Business:
Trivia Night is not very far away! Saturday 23rd August in the school hall. **Volunteers** needed to help canvass local businesses for donations. Cath Sefton has a form letter that can be taken to prove you are from the school. Volunteers also needed to help set up on the day and to help on the night itself. Please email the P&C to book a table and to offer your help.  
ssclpc@gmail.com

Meeting closed 8.20  
Next meeting Monday August 4th.