Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for Sept 1st, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 8 P&C members, 1 staff member, 2 apologies

1. Welcome from Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, August 4th, 2014, approved by Cath Sefton, seconded by Karen Korras.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Nil

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report:

Nothing further to add to teachers’ presentations on the year 7 ipad trials. See below.

3.2 President’s Report

Thank yous to: Fiona Law for chairing previous meeting, Cath Sefton for organising Trivia Night and who was it that went to what working group?

Howard Charles (parent) continues to push SSCL’s Tramshed Proposal. This is the proposal to acquire the empty tramsheds next to the school to cater to the growing needs of the school. There is a Principal’s briefing on this tomorrow.

3.3 Treasurer’s Report

Trivia Night was a very successful night, raising $13,700!

3.4 Secretary’s Report

Nothing to report

3.5 Lostock Report

Lostock bookings are ramping up for the warmer months.

‘Friends of Lostock’ committee to be formed. All welcome and encouraged to join this group.

Melinda Bright and a troupe of teachers/principals to visit Lostock soon to check it out.

4.0 General Business

4.1 Trivia Night Wrap Up

A fabulous night was had by all it seems.

Thank you certificates to be sent out to donors asap.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped before and on the night and also to those who attended the night. Money raised will go towards the many resources needed by the school.
The P&C or is it the school is to buy 10 trestle tables to be stored in/near the hall so that tables don't have to be carried to the hall from classrooms. This was a very big job on the day so it would be helpful if the tables were more accessible.

4.2 Canteen Tender

The school canteen is due for tender. Nick Potter to be P&C representative on the committee to review applications.

4.3 BWB Campus Funding Request

The BWB campus has one fundraising event each year. It is held at Glee Books in Glebe and is on Thursday the 4th Sept from 6-9pm. Parents are able to buy books for themselves or to donate to the BWB Campus.

Vanessa Palfreeman attended the College Advisory Meeting this week. College Principal, Judy Kelly, would like to revive the college art show and has requested that each p&c of the college contributes $2000 towards this. The money would go towards hiring of a venue and purchasing of canvases and materials needed to hang the artworks. The exhibition will be open to all students across the college and students will go to view the artworks as a school excursion. Funding was approved by the P&C body. Do we need a mover and seconder for this?

4.4 Library Funding Request

See attached document for details of request by Librarian Sunny South.

Funding approved to $10,000. Moved by Nick Potter. Seconded by Belinda Fraser.

4.5 Year 7 ipad for Learning Trial

4 teachers attended the meeting to give us their perspective on the ‘ipad trial for learning’ with class 7I. They were Sunny South (Librarian), Tim Paterson (HSIE), Vince O'Donnell (PDHPE) and Alison Taylor (Science). The trial is also taking place in Maths and Languages. The ipad trial has been going for 2 weeks now and will be monitored over 5 years. A second year 7 class will commence a trial in term 4.

Parents are required to sign a release form to use the library’s ipads. So far there has been no loss or damage to the ipads. The P&C paid for 10 of these ipads earlier in the year.

The teachers feel the trial is going well. Advantages identified include:

1. Decreased use of paper.
2. Ipad much lighter than carrying heavy textbooks and notebooks.
3. Everything on one device i.e textbooks and notebooks. ‘Evernote’ app used for taking notes.
4. Students enjoying using the devices and teachers are finding that many students are engaging more with their learning. There is wireless filtering in the school through the DEC so that students can’t access facebook etc whilst at school.
5. Caters to a diversity of learner.

Vince O'Donnell (PDHPE) trialling an app called ‘Coaches Eye’. Assists in analysing movement
skills. Also tried an anti bullying task that he felt went well.

Emily O’Connell (English) using an app through itunes called ‘itunesu’??

Disadvantages identified include:
1. Online Safety and security issues. These are being addressed by the school.
2. Parents concerns about students still needing to be able to write extensively for the HSC as it is still a written exam. School aware of this and addressing it.

It may be that the ipads are good for stage 4 (years 7 & 8) and that laptops are better for stages 5 and 6. All experimental at this stage.

4.6 ‘Leichhardt Way’

Vince O’Donnell gave a brief update on the progress of this program. Leichhardt Way is a program that Mr O’Donnell has been running at the school for three years that looks at encouraging and rewarding positive behaviour in order to enhance learning. There has been a decrease in the number of kids presenting with behavioural issues from what to what? i.e what were the figures

Other schools have been approaching him for information on the program.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm.

Next meeting Monday 3rd November 7pm.
(No October meeting due to school holidays)