Apologies: Kay Proos, Phil Burne, Jean Halbert, Natalie Sheard, Sue Russell, Eileen Leather, John Hart, Pina Leyland

1. School Finances - Michael, Liam, Lisa & Phillip discussed with Andrea at 6.30 pm specific structural factors that impact on the school’s financing. They will write a statement that summarises the problems and write to the Minister.

2. Teaching Science at Leichhardt- Chris Greef, Head Teacher Science, presented a detailed overview of the teaching of science in a middle school. His presentation is attached.

3. Diary & assessment tasks- The school has emailed and posted information about assessment tasks. Thank you to the parents who initiated the discussion and the school executive for acting on the request.

4. Frequently asked questions list & Orientation pack- The list that Kay Proos circulated will be refined by the executive. The will also develop answers. The P&C page in the orientation pack will need to be updated (such as the uniform shop’s catalogue), and information about the lockers scheme will be included. Orientation Day is December 4. Parents interested in obtaining a locker will need to order and pay on Orientation Day. Suzie will review the locker form.

5. The LikeArt Show- The show was a success and it was a particularly valuable community building event. The organizing committee did a fantastic job in managing the event. For future events, a different approach may be followed for
   • pricing
   • the catalogue format
   • information thumbprints
   • the numbering of items.
Thank you to the team.

6. Financial statement. The treasurer, Jeff Hockey, presented an overview of the finances. Key Points:
   • Membership fees collected by school $2,200
   • Surplus from the LikeArt show $3,510.43
   • Wine Sales $1,036.10
   • Balance $6,826.42
To support Fran with the wine sales, Adam Jeffrey and Mike Watts were nominated to assist.

7. School Merit awards- The Gotcha awards have been successful for acknowledging positive behaviour. The meeting agreed to commit to funding 20 awards worth $30 every year. This will cost the P&C $600 annually.
8. **Lostock Project** – Stacey reported on a project to engage a number of year 8 boys. It has a number of elements, including the management of an edible garden and a visit to Lostock for 3 days in week 4. While there, they will assist with maintenance tasks. As a team building and fund raising activity, the boys will manage a BBQ on Election Day. A request for parent volunteers will be sent through the email list.

9. **The school oval**- The school is under some pressure to make the oval available (on weekends) to community sporting organizations. An arrangement with local government for such access could result in additional funding for the oval’s amenities, but it is apparent that the playing surface is fragile and it may not withstand intense weekend use. The school has recently received advice from a horticulturalist who suggested that, due to the specific soil conditions of the oval, the oval would need to be aerated and closed for 3 days after low to moderate use. The school is seeking scientific information about its soil quality and it will not be forced to make a decision until the information is available.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:

> The highest priority for the school oval is its availability to students of the school. Based on the current data and advice, extending its availability to community organizations would reduce our student’s access to the oval. We support the school executive’s efforts to make an informed decision about the use of the school oval.

10. **Community forum**- The 2008 forum will focus on the review of English and occur in term 4.

11. **A college P&C** - The president of Blackwattle Bay P&C, Andrew Solomon, would like to address our meeting on 22 September, concerning a proposal to combine the three P&C bodies (his proposal is attached).

12. **The Trivia Night**- The committee reported about their planning work. The night will happen on November 29 in the school hall. A draft flyer was circulated for discussion. It will be sent to Highlights and the email network. The evening will be for adults only at a cost of $20 a head.

*The meeting was closed at 9.20 pm*