Meeting opened 7.30 pm

Carols on Norton
The event was considered very successful and raised $1,300.

Locker Scheme for students
The meeting approved a flyer that invites families to "Lease a Locker" from the beginning of term 2, 2007. The scheme gives student tenure of a locker for up to four years, at a cost of $100. These lockers are new, with four lockers per unit.

Lostock
John Hart reported on the current situation with the school facility "Lostock". With the new booking system, the facility has generated $1250 income, with 6-7 families staying over Christmas. It has a $700 surplus, but $2000 will be needed to be expended on maintenance projects. A local family from the area that has helped as caretaker is retiring. The facility has amenities including bunk beds and can be used for $40 per night, and availability is prioritized for SSC families in the first week of the school holidays. A website is being established to promote Lostock, to target groups such the Hunter Valley Scouts. A request was made to promote the site in the school newsletter. Bookings may be made via the email address lostock.school@hotmail.com

Building and Maintenance issues include:
* Painting of main building
* The installation of a fire alarm
* Repairs to roofs
* Installation of fans, noting that ceiling fans may create hazards
* The site's old school bell has been brought to Sydney for repair
* A working bee will occur in the first week of the Easter holidays. Parents will be encouraged to participate, and the communal facilities can be used or camping is permissible.
* The issue of public liability insurance will be investigated in relation to working bees and trades people. Both DET and the Federation of P&Cs officer Lyn Borman will be contacted.

Bus depot
The re-development of the bus depot was discussed and the problems its operation may pose for our students. The movement of buses is likely to double and the exit point from the depot is not regulated by traffic lights, nor is there a pedestrian crossing at the exit point. In addition, the some areas that lead to the school lack footpaths. Responsibility for these problems appear to be with Leichhardt Council and Sydney Buses/State Transit

Action to be taken:
1. Write letter seeking further consultation and identify the problems to the two authorities: Maggie and Janet
2. Seek meeting with Alice Murphy from Leichhardt Council, prior to next meeting on 12 March

The meeting authorized the executive to take action before our next meeting. Suzy
3. P&C members to attend a state election forum to be held at Glebe Town Hall on Friday February 16, and raise the issue with Verity Firth.
"Investing in Our schools Funding"
Andrea thanked the parents that were involved in developing the submission for the Federal Government's IIOS funding program. The $108,000 has been invested in technology for the school.
The issue of the Federal government's 'Chaplaincy' program was also discussed. This program is costing $90 million over three years, and is heavily biased towards Christian non-government schools. The guidelines stipulate that to employ a Chaplain, as a defacto counsellor, the individual must be "ordained" in some sense. The meeting agreed to investigate ways to access this program by examining the guidelines.

Daphne

Treasurers Report
The current balance is $ 3842.41. The P&C produced $2,300 from the Carols on Norton event, with $1000 to be expended on candles. The Uniform shop’s balance is $5998.91, with invoices for approximately $1000 remaining, and some refunds being owed. The shop has been very busy lately and more purchases may be required. The suggestion was made that parents could be encouraged to donate unwanted uniforms back to the school, providing they are in very good condition.

Year 7 Parents Evening
This welcoming event for new parents to meet each other is scheduled for Friday 9 March at 7 pm. The P&C will produce an advertising flyer and veteran parents are encouraged to bring a plate of nice food.

The idea of information sessions for parents on areas of the Syllabus and current pedagogy was discussed. Andrea will discuss this idea with the school's head teachers and explore ways of providing information to parents, perhaps using DET web services. It was agreed that the English subject area should be the first KLA to be discussed.

Community Forum
The Community Forum, "The challenges of a 7-10 High School", will occur on Wednesday 30 May.

School Oval
The oval is proceeding with grass currently being planted and construction is progressing. The school needs to develop a community usage policy, as Leichhardt Council has expressed an interest in using the facility.
The issue will be raised during the meeting with Alice Murphy, and feedback from this meeting will inform the next P&C meeting on 12 March. We will also investigate the "Memorandum of Agreement" made between Marrickville Council and Wilkins PS over a similar facility.

School Council
The election of two parent representatives to the School Council will occur at the P&C AGM. The Council meets two times a term, from 4.30-6pm. Interested parents can nominate at the AGM.

Fundraising activities
The substance of this item was deferred to the next meeting. The issue of raising money from voters during the 24 March State election was flagged. The issue of limited availability of water for students, via bubblers, was also flagged, as part of the broader issue of identifying expenditure targets. The school management needs to clarify if repair/replacement of the current water outlets is a maintenance problem or a new project. Andrea

Motion: That Leichhardt SSC P &C formally sponsor the fundraising event to occur at Five Dock Bunnings on 17 March.

Carried

AGM

P & C Annual General Meeting scheduled for 12 March, 7.30 pm

All executive positions will be open election. Only financial members of the P & C will be eligible to vote. The current membership fee of $30 was discussed. The constitution will be consulted prior to the AGM to determine the degree of flexibility available to Associations when setting membership fees.

The following motion was foreshadowed for the AGM. "That the SSC-Leichhardt P&C Association set the membership fee at two dollars".

Future Meetings

P&C meetings will occur on the following Mondays at 7.30pm:
2 April
14 May
18 June

Other dates will be determined at subsequent meetings

Meeting concluded 9.45 pm