SSC Leichhardt Campus
P&C Meeting
4th May 2009

Attended by: Anne Vermeesch, Fran Bailey, Stacie Connor, Jeff Hockey, Mike Ticher, Alison Gibbs, Lisa Woodland, Sue Russell, Max Pontin

Apologies: John Hart, Liam O’Sullivan, Jen Halbert, Kay Proos, Bronwyn Jones, Maria Pontin

Previous Minutes: Ratifies, moved by Sue, seconded by Max

Business Arising:
Andrea’s Farewell: Thanks from Lisa for everyone’s help organizing and for attending. Andrea sent email thanking the P&C for their gift.

Incorporation: The P&C is already incorporated. Andrea located previous minutes referring to this. Incorporation has been confirmed by the P&C Association.

Trivia Night Committee: Committee to meet next Monday the 11th. Stacie suggested more use of technology – electronic buzzers. Can be very expensive to hire. Will discuss at meeting. Also need to remember to advertise the night to other campuses.

Balmain Road Bus Shelter: Are waiting to hear results of Council’s April meeting. Council have tried to contact the school and Stacie has left return message. Jeff has been monitoring pedestrian flow. To move the bus stop down the road will be problematic for pedestrian traffic flow/prams etc. to move to the triangle area will require considerable public works. Jeff feels strong fencing at existing sight down from the pedestrian crossing; with gaps for accessing buses would be best solution.

Community forum on Literacy: Stacie to contact Debbie Francis to book her. Suggested it be set for end of term 3 to give the new principal an opportunity to meet the school community. Will try for Wednesday or Friday nights the 16, 18th, 23rd or 28th September.

Deferred to Future Meetings:
• Letter to Council re bus stop on Balmain Road - deferred to June meeting
• Response to letter from Mr Whelan re overseas excursions – deferred to June
• Response to letter from Verity Firth re funding formula for middle schools deferred pending advice from meeting of Middle School Principals

Reports
Principal’s Report: No major issues. Have Year 10 interim parent teacher interviews coming up and NAPLAN.
Transition to high school and promotion of the school are integrated. Are doing several things during Education Week:
Science on a Bus – Year 9 students visit several primary schools and present to/work with year 4 & 5 students;
Maths on the Move where year 9 students present workshops to year 5&6 students in several primary schools and
Digital Workshops: These are done with several local schools using digital technology and manipulating images a copy of pictures created being available to the schools involved.
Raised the idea of whether there should be something during Education Week involving parents. Some discussion about whether students want their parents at the school and the availability of parents to come during school hours. Also point made that parents rarely get to visit the school when it is ‘in
action.’ Perhaps is something that needs to be built up over time. Start this year with an invitation to parents to attend an education Week Assembly.

Independent Learning Centre is being revived: Some year 9 G&T students doing Archimedes project; 27 students involved in the Jason Project on Mars. These will culminate in presentations and parent evenings.

Principal recruitment panel for selection of Andrea’s replacement is currently being coordinated by Louise Ferguson, Lisa Woodland, Katrina Rosser, principal from another high school. Need a representative from Aboriginal community.

English teacher position not filled by transfer. Need to organize a panel and write an ad, hopefully by 15th May. Need a male for the panel. Mike, Sue and Alison expressed an interest in receiving panel training. Depends on time of courses and their availability.

President’s Report
Community use of oval: Has received a draft proposal. Council is waiting for DET rep to sign. Lisa to email copies to people. Current draft stipulates use is only for sporting clubs not general community use. Other community use will require DET approval. Contracted term is until 2034 but discussions had been around a 5 year term. States it is for school use between 8:30 and 4pm. Then it is available to sporting clubs by arrangement.

We need to contact DET to see what is happening. Stacie to do. Lisa to email to query the length of the contract and having a earlier school use time (8am)

Treasurer’s Report
Handover meeting went ahead last week with Lisa and Jeff. Max now has accounts and cheque books. Still need to arrange new signatories. Current protocol is to have cheques counter signed by 2 others. May review this. Will look into BPay & EFT arrangements for payments as it’s more efficient.. Need to convert current spreadsheets to Xcel. Need to meet with Cathy from the uniform shop to discuss procedure there. School currently has 4 bank accounts – need to be reviewed with the prospect of consolidating them.

Is approximately $35 000 across all accounts

Secretary’s Report
In process of contacting Canterbury Girls School re overseas excursions. Will report next meeting.
Art Show: have put out various requests for people to run this. Only 2 responses from people who would assist. Given this, it is unlikely to happen this year. Suggested that perhaps it become a bi-annual event.
Mail: Careers info evening run by Fed Govt. being held next week. Stacie to organize promotion at Year 10 interview. Me to email P&C list.
Donation of voucher by Fernwood gym – forward to Trivia Night Committee
Proposal for College P&C from former parent Andrew Solomon. Suggestion is for a College P&C with sub-committees at each campus. Sub-committees meet monthly as they do currently and College P&C meet each term. Campuses control their own finances but would be required to send statements/report annually to College P&C. Main purpose of the proposal is to improve communication between campuses and promote understanding of the College as a whole.
Proposal discussed and it was felt that a tighter proposal was needed. Also that many of the issues would be resolved by better communication between the campuses. Jeff has many of the P&C emails from all campuses and will follow up so that minutes from P&Cs etc can be circulated between colleges.

School Council – no report
Curriculum Topics: people requested HSIE, hospitality, English and Teaching for learning (laptops) – including policies, anti bullying etc and have a staff member and DET rep. Stacie to approach staff to present.

Fundraising: Fundraising ideas brainstormed: math-a-thon (requires good prizes to motivate student involvement) dance, movie night, car boot, Halloween, apron/coasters
Decided to investigate a Halloween movie – could happen on the oval or in the quad. Can hire screen (cost approx $1000). Sell tea, coffee, gelato, popcorn, drinks etc. Halloween is in 2nd week term 4. Lisa, Fran, Alison, Sue to help organize.

Other Business
Building Education Revolution: Query about what is happening. Have been awarded $200 000 for shade areas and canteen. Other work been done is: total refurbishment of 2 labs and 2 others being upgraded. A Block’s roof and roofs of 2 other rooms being repaired. A submission is also being written for language centers.

Meeting closed.