SSC Leichhardt Campus
Parents & Citizens Association

P&C Meeting Minutes
2 November 2009

1. Attendance: Lisa Woodland, Peter Cox, Fran Bailey, Anne Vermeesch, Sue Russell, Mike Ticher, Max Pontin, Judith Kelly, Geoff Taylor, John Hart, Jeff Hockey, David Allen

2. Apologies: Glenda Sorokin, Bronwyn Jones, Liam O’Sullivan

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes: Moved Max seconded Sue. Minutes ratified

4. Business Arising

4.1. Future Fundraising Ideas: Date for social event at Petersham Bowling Club:
Need to set date for school based welcome to parents in February and social night at Petersham Bowling Club. Aim for 13th or 20th March. Liam to book. Welcome to parents set for 6:30 pm 1st March immediately before the 2nd P&C meeting for 2010.
P&C AGM to be held on 3rd P&C meeting, the 29th March

4.2 Community Forum on Literacy: Date for 2010:
School executive meeting with Debbie Francis (Literacy consultant) and will set date for term 1 or 2 2010.

4.3 Fibre optic cabling of F Block: DET fully funded; redeployment of funds from Trivia Night:
P&C executive met in holidays and agreed to allocate $4000 to hanging track in foyer/admin area. More to be purchased for F Block. Also money spent on frames for student art works so can have a permanent display of student work in these areas. Allocation of funds ratified by meeting.

4.4 Candles for “Carols by Candlelight” in Pioneer Park.
600 candles have been purchased and are to be delivered to school in mid November. Anne to inform Baheih of this and ask her to forward the invoice to Max.

4.5 Deferred to future meetings:
• Curriculum Topics for P&C meetings 2010
• Safety issues re. bus stop on Balmain Road: (Letter has been sent to Council but no meeting has occurred yet. Lisa to follow this up)
• Funding formula for middle schools – deferred pending advice from meeting of Middle School Principals (Judy is pursuing this but having difficulty finding a relevant person to follow up with)

5 Reports

5.2 Principal’s report:
Lots going on. Art show on tonight has been great for bringing faculties and the school together. Would like to do the same for Year 10 work.
Busy with transition programs. Approx 170 students expected in next year’s year 7 intake. Executive doing interviews with students and families in weeks 6 and 7 – helps foster partnerships.
David Allen organising Year 10 taste of Blackwattle. Students get to choose work, culture and employment experiences. Provides opportunity to engage in subject choices. Students also have to complete the Board of Studies All Your Own Work program. Is compulsory.
Increased school leaving age - a lot to be worked through. Schools need to work with TAFE and need to keep students engaged and/or get them into vocational courses if available. One issue is compulsory English. New English curriculum is being trialed next year
Still working through recommendations of the literacy review. Looking at year 6 literacy and making sure it is understood by stage 4 teachers. Norta Norta program is helping bridge the numeracy and literacy gap for Aboriginal students.
Year 9 are busy. Camp this week. Peer support training being rescheduled. Looking at having a Year 9 to 10 transition program looking at study skills, career choices etc.
New school leaders have been voted in 2 captains, 2 vice captains and 4 prefects
Staffing: Changes in staffing in English, science and HSIE faculties. Need 1 new teacher in each faculty. Also Head teacher Admin.
Work on COLA and canteen should be starting anytime. Concern about canteen renovation and need to have a portable canteen that can function during the renovation. School doesn’t have money to pay for this. Works need to be completed by December 20th.

Oval work complete – waiting for turf to settle in – should be available for school use again by mid November.

Would like working bees for next year- 1 per semester. Need to find someone to coordinate them.

Looking at ways to showcase work from all faculties

5.3 President’s report

Plan to spruce up school. Brent was going to make a plan but is still waiting for plans of the school. Judy to follow this up.

5.4 Treasurer’s report:

Many transactions since last report. $8 800 parent contributions have been paid over by the school. Will probably need to top up uniform shop for stock purchases required for incoming students. Still owe school $8-10 000 for uniform shop set up. Total anticipated balance is $43 757.73

5.5 Secretary’s report:

P&C Federation Membership from for 1st Aug 09 –‘10. Max thinks has paid for this period but Lisa not sure. Max to check if up to date or not.

Lostock petrol refund given to John to be ratified.

5.6 School Council report: Hope to have meeting in week 5. Judy to organise.

5.7 College Council report: Meet this Friday. Jeff will attend. Lisa to contact Stephanie to see if she can attend.

5.8 Lostock report:

Steady bookings throughout the year (mostly from Leichhardt). 3 school camps this term. Grant money is being spent.

Proposal: P&C pay $6000 for Lostock to be painted (see attached)

John has got a good quote and the person is currently available but may get other bookings. Needs to be accepted within a couple of weeks.

Proposal generated much discussion. Was concern that the decision had to be made quickly and it is a significant amount of money. Is it best use of funds and does it advantage all students? Raises questions about Lostock – is it a College asset or Leichhardt? If a College asset should all campuses be contributing to its upkeep not just Leichhardt? Counter argument put that the work needs to be done soon, it is a good quote and cost may only increase if work delayed. It is a one off job only required every 20 years or so. It was noted that Leichhardt families are significant users of Lostock and families from other campuses have been great helpers at Lostock working bees.

Raises broader issues of the long term management of and financial planning surrounding Lostock.

Several suggestions made:

- a special Lostock meeting needs to be convened to determine future directions
- need to raise Lostock at the College Council meeting on Friday – It is a College resource that is managed by Leichhardt and can Blackwattle and Balmain make financial contributions to its management.
- Need to try to recoup some of the cost if approved by the meeting

Motion: P&C contribute $6000 to paint Lostock. Moved by Sue, seconded by Fran.

Vote taken, motion moved (3 abstained)

Judy will raise Lostock at the College Council meeting this Friday

Special meeting of the P&C to be held on 23rd November at 7pm to discuss Lostock. Anne to notify the list.

John to bring brief report on Lostock (financial and other)

5.9 Future Meeting dates:

- Monday 23rd November – special Lostock meeting
- Monday 7 December
- Monday 1 February 2010

Meeting closed 9:10pm