P & C

Sydney Secondary College - Leichhardt Campus Minutes 10.9.07

Attendance recorded. Meeting opened at 7.00 pm

School oval opening. The Education Minister has accepted the invitation to open the oval and suitable dates are being considered. A date in Term 4 will be advised.

Fundraising

Trivia night. The trivia night “A Hardt Days Night” will be held at 7 pm on Saturday 24 November 2007 in the school hall. It will be an evening of music trivia, live entertainment, games and auctions. There will also be a wine tasting and people will be able to place orders for P&C wine. Fran will organise this along with the wine tasting group.

Volunteers are needed to co-ordinate and work on:

- Promotion
- Tea, coffee and supper
- Shopping for supplies
- Setting up on the afternoon of 24 November
- Cleaning up afterwards

If you can help email pipsheard@bigpond.com.

Donations of goods and services for prizes and auctions are needed. If you can donate something email eileenleather@yahoo.com.au

A letter will be prepared for those seeking donations on behalf of the school. (Maggie to provide); prepared gift vouchers for businesses to use (David to provide) and thank you certificates (Jeff to provide).

The organising group meets again on Monday 18 September.

Film night. It was decided not to go ahead with a commercial cinema film night as the profit margin would be small. The P&C will investigate doing our own film night in the school hall. Jeff will contact distributors and find out how we go about getting a film. This could be planned for Term 1 next year.

Art show. There was some discussion about holding an arts show during 2008 possibly at Easter or later in the year.

Chaplaincy Application. The application has been sent in. Thanks to those who assisted in preparing the submission. Balmain campus has also applied under the federal government scheme.

Inadequacy of school’s global budget. There are resource demands specific to junior campuses. These need to be clearly set out and a campaign developed to lobby for amendments to funding formulas to properly provide for our campuses needs. The P&C executive will discuss this further.

Meeting with Verity Firth. Ms Firth, the local member (NSW Parliament) met with local P&C’s recently. The meeting was positive and a separate time is being organised to discuss funding issues with her.
**Treasurers report.** Jeff reported that a merchants facility has been organised with the Commonwealth Bank and $200 has been transferred to open the account. The P&C will now be able to accept credit card payments. That will be particularly useful for the uniform shop and the form will be redesigned to accept credit card payments. It will also be available for the trivia night.

**Uniform Shop.** There are now some new items available including a polo fleece top and a formal navy jumper with a school crest.

**Lostock.** John Hart reported that a working bee is planned for the long weekend in October. The facility is available at weekends for people to stay in, that needs to be promoted to improve occupancy. It will be promoted at the College Advisory Council (Jeff). Jeff will make a powerpoint slide show and contact Mary Bolt so that John can speak about it at the evening for college P&C members to be held on Wednesday 19 September. (see below). Other ideas canvassed to promote the facility included contacted schools in the Hunter area and placing items in the Teachers Federation and P&C journals as well as the Department of Education publication. Fran and Andrea will work with John Hart on plans to promote the facility. Termites have been discovered under the floor in one area – they will need to be treated and the problem can be investigated further during the working bee.

**Evening for P&C members.** All P&C members are invited to a gathering of the College P&C’s at the Glebe Rowers Club at Blackwattle Bay (end of Ferry Rd, Glebe) at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 September. It is an informal occasion where parents from across the College campuses can meet each other.

**Orientation Day for new students starting in 2008.** This will be held on Thursday 6 December from 9-12.30 pm. We would like P&C members there to talk with parents about the P&C. If you are able to help out contact Susy.

**Follow up to Community Forum.** The notes from the forum are now complete and the executive will discuss the outcomes of the forum with Andrea.

**Principal’s report.** A Literacy review will commence on Monday 19 September. The review looks at how literacy is taught in the school. A panel of experts external to the school will gather information from students, teachers and parents regarding how writing is taught. They will provide feedback and recommendations to the school.

Seminars will be run by Andrew Fuller regarding adolescence on Friday 14 September for students, teachers and parents. Paul Dillon is also speaking at the Balmain Campus.

**Meeting dates for the rest of 2007**

Next meeting Monday 22 October  7.00 pm
Monday 12 November
Monday 10 December