Minutes of the Leichhardt P&C  
Meeting 7 September 2009

Attendance: V. Bamford, Mike Ticher, Fran Bailey, Bronwyn Jones, Glenda Sorokin, Sue Russell, Lisa Woodland, Peter Cox, Anne Vermeesch, David Allen, Max Pontin, Jim Russell.

Apologies: Alison Gibbs, Jen Halbert

3. Previous Minutes: Ratifies. Moved by Bronwyn Jones, seconded Mike Ticher.


4.1 Trivia night: A successful night. Positive feedback from those who attended. Good atmosphere and questions. Trivia master very good. Total takings were $7,461. Major outlay was for the wine and Trivialities ($250). Need to stocktake unsold wine. Expect profit to be $6,430. Silent auction raised $2,771. The year 7 table worked well and it would be good to promote this more next year. Good to include tea/coffee and cakes in the cover charge. Next year consider selling water and soft drinks as some people expected this as alcohol was being sold. Great to see businesses who donated goods acknowledged in Highlights.

4.2 Future Fundraising Ideas:

- Petersham Bowling Club. A tentative booking has been made for the 7th Nov and a band booked. Idea is to charge entry of $20-25 per head. Adults only. Alcohol sales go to the club. Unfortunately this date is too close to the Swing and Supper dance. (meeting decided it needed to be at least 3 weeks away from the dance). Idea is a good one. Proposed that Petersham Bowls night be held next March. Would be a good social event particularly for families new to the school.

- a-thons eg walkathon, or whatever the kids choose a-thon. Would happen in school time. Kids get sponsors, even from local community. A lot of money can be raised. Needs support of the staff. Incentive prizes for money raised.

- Car boot sale – Maybe hold one next year. Needs good advertising and wet weather contingency.

- Ethnic food stalls or cake days. Food prepared by parents and sold at lunch time

- Bunnings BBQ

- Art Show – is great for PR but a lot of work. Only 2 parents offered to help run it this year. Need a committee to drive it. Things could be done differently – e.g. charge more for artists exhibiting, more focus on students’ art, less big ticket items.

4.3 Bus shelter on Balmain Rd: Is completed but is small – community size. Not suitable for large number of students.

4.4 Fibre Optic Cabling: Quote is approximately $4000. DET will pay 25% of this. Hoping to get more than this before coming to P&C for funds.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal’s Report: About 130 people attended L4L meeting. Laptops arrive this week and all students should have them by Fri or Monday. Families provided with a DET Laptop Charter that details the conditions of use. Oval work has begun.
2 new teachers - English and Chinese.
Judy on leave until mid week 9
Highlights going out every 2 week. Providing lots of information about school event and initiatives. Improvement in communication appreciated by parents.
No new news on the canteen refurbishment. Expect to cost about $80 000
Parent question about the Highlights item about Gideons distributing New Testaments and the need to provide a note to opt out. Gideons have been doing this for about 20 years. Bible isn’t pushed on students, only given if they want one. They don’t preach. Has never been problematic in the past.
Subject selection for next years 9 and 11 are being finalised. Should be done by end of Term 3
5.2 President’s Report: Nothing to report
5.3 Treasurer’s Report: Trivia night report tabled. And financial report tabled. Overall cash total of $35, 728. Some needs to be transferred to uniform shop. Is still uniform shop money coming in.
5.4 Secretary’s Report: Correspondence – Report of the Annual General Meeting of the P&C Federation and copy of Resolutions.
Lots of fundraising brochures including Candlelight brochure if we need to purchase any for Carols in the Park. Brochure to Bronwyn who will follow up and explore costs. Anne to speak to Kay and get feedback on last years’ event.
5.5 School Council – no report
5.6 College Council – no report
5.7 Lostock – no report
5.8 Uniform Shop – Recent spike in sales. Rugby jumpers and anoraks selling well. Need to review what items are selling.

Next meeting: Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November

Meeting closed: 8:22pm