Minutes Parents & Citizens Meeting

SSC Leichhardt, 5 September 2011

Attendance and apologies: Recorded in book

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the previous minutes (moved by Sonja)
4. Correspondence relating to the police station development proposal (Vanessa)
5. Guest speaker Mr Vince O'Donnell presented the project Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
   - PBL team is looking at College values so that everyone has a clear understanding of what they are and how they can be used to reinforce positive behaviour in a non-confrontational manner. Balmain and Blackwattle campuses are also involved in the project. PBL will be implemented in 2012.
   - Staff and students at Leichhardt have worked on identifying five core values. Safety, respect and learning appear as top values for staff and students.
   - Vince asked parents to identify five top values and discuss how they can be included in the current wording of College values.

6. Reports

6.1. Principal’s report

- Judy thanked parents for organising a very successful trivia night.
- Teachers’ strike is most likely on Thursday, 8 September.
- Drama production The importance of being Earnest will be performed from 13 to 15 September at 7 pm at school.
- Year 9 is organising a talent show on the first Friday after holidays. It will include a guest performance by a group of African drummers and dancers. A gold coin entry fee will be donated to the Youth Refuge in Leichhardt.
- The School Certificate will be discontinued next year.
- Year 10 has had their transition interviews. Students will have trial exams in the last week of the term.
- Year 8 selected their elective subjects and 94% will have their first choice confirmed.
- Caroline Paget is working on engaging Year 8 students in cross-curricular learning.
- Year 7 had a Science Day.
- Primary school teachers have been involved in discussions about improving transition days. SSCL co-operates with local primary schools by providing reading assistance.
- College Principal, Doreen Wilson, is retiring. There will be a special assembly for her in Week 9.
- NAPLAN test is on 12 September. Any change in writing skills will not appear in results because of the change of writing task from creative to persuasive.
6.2. President’s Report

- Vanessa gave a summary of school action in response to the police station development proposal. Considering all the feedback, it is most likely that the proposal will be approved. DET suggested to College to establish a positive relationship with staff at the police station.

6.3. Treasurer’s Report

- Tony was absent but Vanessa reported that $8800 was raised at the Trivia Night. Judy was asked to check with teachers what they see as funding priorities.
- Last year P&C made a long-term commitment to the development of IT resources. Interactive boards were purchased for Science. Judy said that teachers prefer to purchase a more cost effective technology this year.
- The next meeting on 7 November will be devoted to decisions about funding.

ACTIONS:
- Judy to ask teachers to make funding proposals to P&C.
- Suzana to circulate uncompleted items from the last year’s list of funding ideas.

6.4. Secretary’s Report

- A question from L.Torres regarding herb gardens was received by email. Liam offered to provide further information to the parent.

6.5. Lostock Report

- Steve was absent. His written report was tabled.
- It was noted that Steve wishes to resign from his role of Lostock Co-ordinator at the end of this year.

Next meeting: 7 November