Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes September 3 2012

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 12 P&C members, two staff. Two apologies.

1. Welcome. Welcome to Leichhardt Principal Melinda Bright and parents.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting approved, moved Leah.

3. Principal's Report - Melinda Bright
   - Japanese students visited the school organised by the AllU. This was the first exchange organised with this group. The students’ English was not high but the exchange experience was very good for the school.
   - Also had a visit from Timorese teachers. Ms Bright said that Blackwattle Bay went to Timor last year and she is interested in broadening the relationship with the Timorese schools involved.
   - The library is opening more opportunities for Y7 and Y8 students to use the connected classroom.
   - Interviews for a Head Teacher English will be held this week, will know the outcome in the next couple of weeks.
   - The Head Teacher Science role is to be advertised soon.
   - A Y7 maths teacher has been employed to give continuity through to the end of the year.
   - Based on estimates for enrollment in 2013 a staff increase of 18 is expected.
   - Classroom management workshops have been held for early career teachers. These will be run for all teachers in future staff meetings.
   - The last meeting queried whether requested projectors were the correct model. Interactive data projectors are the correct model.
   - External (non Leichhardt) partners are not being allowed to this year’s Year 10 formal. This is a change from the past couple of years and has not been welcomed by all Year 10. Ms Bright suggested that the formal should be an end of year event for the Year 10 students from Leichhardt with their classmates to focus on themselves as a year and their time at the school. Ms Bright said that staff don’t want responsibility for students from other schools. School attendance and work completion will be a criteria for attendance.
   - The Principal’s report ended with an Edmodo demonstration. Ms Bright said use varied depending on the teacher - use was encouraged but not mandated. If a parent wants access (which requires a different code for every subject) ask the teacher. She noted that teachers may or may not be using Edmodo and may or may not want to give access to parents.

4. Business arising from the minutes
   - Trivia night. August 11. Many thanks from the school, parents and P and C to Fiona and her team. Great canvassing for prizes, many thanks to the businesses who supported the school.

5. President’s report
   - Lostock - Jeff to report back on contacts with State Water at the next meeting.

6. Treasurer's report
   - Further feedback received on fund raising proposals tabled at the August meeting.
   - The P&C approved the funding of four data projectors @ $2500 each.
• The P&C approved funding for Elevate Study Skills for Year 10. It is uncertain whether it will be possible to schedule the sessions in fourth term. (Note: Subsequent update is that the sessions will be held early in term four).
• Ms Bright will organise a presentation on the use of iPads in the support unit for the November meeting.
• P&C requested more suggestions for funding from the November meeting with the aim of approving and actioning this year based on an excellent result from the Trivia Night.

7. Other business
• Parents discussed a stronger, results-based approach to LOTE (languages other than English), with different views on the utility of Year 7 and 8 language study. Ms Bright to review.

8. Future meeting dates
   Monday, November 5
   Monday, December 3