Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for April 7th, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 8 P&C members, 1 staff member, 3 apologies

1. Welcome from President, Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting March 3rd, 2014, accepted by Nick Potter, seconded by Andrew Williams.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

2.1 Request made by a parent at the last p&c meeting for the school newsletter to be emailed to students as well as parents. This is now happening. Minutes are also being posted on the school’s facebook page.

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report.

World’s Greatest Shave: The school raised $13,500 for this cause. Both students and teachers participated by having their heads shaved during assembly. What a great effort!!

Enrolments: The newly reshuffled timetable for years 9 and 10, a result of the dropoff in numbers at the beginning of the year, will commence in term 2. SSCL has 280 expressions of interest for year 7, 2015.

School Planning Survey: There were 157 responses to the parent survey so thank you to all those parents who responded. The school has taken on many of the suggestions parents made in the survey and has included them as goals in the school plan. The most common request was for better communication between the school and parents.

Edmodo: Ms Bright is now aiming for 100% uptake of Edmodo by teaching staff. There is also a plan to restructure the school website. If any parents are interested in being involved in this process, please let the school know via the school email: leichhardt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

3.2 President’s Report:

The College Advisory Council, which consists of the principals and P&C presidents from each of the campuses, meets once a term. The last meeting was attended by Dr. Sylvia Corish from the Department of Education to talk about the plans the department has for schools in the Inner West. There are significant pressures on primary and secondary schools in our area and we will continue to campaign for Leichhardt campus to get more resources.

The residents of Surry Hills have requested a new high school and a new primary school is being built in Ultimo. The department are still sympathetic to our request to acquire the old tram sheds, however the fact that Marrickville High is well under capacity and SSCL is not at capacity
does not work in our favour.

**Light Rail Passes:** There are no light-rail travel passes as yet but the government has introduced a concession price, which is a start.

**3.3. Treasurer's Report:** Motion moved by Patricia Ware, treasurer, to have Nick Potter and Lyndell Webster as second and third authorities for online banking. Seconded by Bronwyn Holland.

Donations for Greatest Shave include $500 from Leichhardt Council and $100 from the Teachers Mutual Bank. Financial statement for March attached.

**3.4 Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.

**3.5 Lostock Report:** There continues to be a lot of interest in Lostock, it is booked until the end of April and there have been a lot of enquiries for the Easter and October breaks. A big thankyou goes to Belinda Fraser and family after a recent visit resulted in the fixing of a water-tank pipe that had been trampled by a cow, the removal of rubbish, the fixing of locks, taps and washers and the installation of a security key system. Any donations of board games or spare darts are welcome.

**5 General Business:**

**5.1** Ms Bright is to do a survey about the uptake of BYOD. It seems that a lot of students aren’t taking devices to school as they feel they don’t really need them. Smart phones are proving very popular. Term 2 staff development day will largely address BYOD and how to improve it’s uptake.

**5.2** This year’s TRIVIA NIGHT is to be held on Saturday the 23rd of August. It is always a fun night and a great fundraiser for the school so please put it in your diaries. Cath Sefton has kindly offered to be chief co-ordinator for the night and any offers of help are most welcome.

**5.3** The year 10 formal is being organised by the students of year 10. This event is not a school event but is independent of the school.

Meeting closed 8.17pm

Next meeting Monday 5th May at 7pm.