Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes August 6 2012

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 21 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 Sonia.
3. Principal's Report - Melinda Bright
   - Ms Bright introduced herself to parents and outlined experience in previous schools.
   - School is considering more extensive updates on the School Website, a principal’s blog, facebook and twitter presence.
   - Ms Bright is also aiming to extend the use of Edmodo. This system is used between teachers, students and can also be accessed by parents.
   - As many parents at the meeting were unfamiliar with Edmodo, Ms Bright said it would be demonstrated at the next P&C meeting.
4. Business arising from the minutes
   - Trivia night. August 11. Fiona said the Trivia Committee had mainly worked by e-mail. She thanked the many people who had helped - more than 50 items were available for the silent auction.
5. President’s report
   - Vanessa noted the proposal to extend the Bus Depot adjacent to the school oval. The land is State Rail land from when it was a tram depot. After discussing the proposal, the P&C decided not to take action until further information was available from the community meeting.
6. Treasurer’s report
   - Seeking the transfer of the P&C voluntary contribution from the school to the P&C accounts. School advised that the P&C must request the transfer for auditing reasons.
   - Fund raising proposals were reviewed by the members at the P&C. The school had put forward 10 requests for funding using the request forms designed to help the P&C decide quickly on requests. The members decided to fund:
     - $3000 to update the book room with new texts (replacing worn stock)
     - $3000 to buy new books to support the wide reading program
     - $3750 to fund the Fast Forward reading program
     - $2300 to fund the Elevate Study Skills program for Year 7 and Year 8.
     - $1000 to provide a gate in the school fence to allow more effective management of bus queues on the narrow footpath on Balmain Road
     - $3000 for upgrading equipment in the fitness room
     - $500 for support class art frames
     - $500 for support class costumes and props for student assembly performance
   - Fund raising requests for five desktop PCs for the Fast Forward Program, two data projectors and trolleys for maths and seven iPads for the Autism class were deferred for further information and later consideration. Ms Bright will follow up P&C queries with the departments involved. Remaining funding requests attached for review.
9. Lostock report - Vanessa
   - Further update from Steve on the water supply. State Water (based in Dubbo) won’t reconnect the raw water supply. Leah to check with her husband, a water engineer, on options there may be. Jeff to talk to Steve about approaching Hunter Water.
10. Future meeting dates
Monday, September 3
Monday, November 5
Monday, December 3