**Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus**  
**Minutes August 2013**

**Attendance:** Recorded in attendance book. 16 P&C members, 1 staff member, 3 apologies. Visitors Leichhardt Mayor Darcy Byrne, Balmain Rozelle Community Bank representative Doreen Wilson.

1. **Welcome** by President, Nick Potter.

   June 2013 minutes accepted and moved by Belinda. Seconded by Trish.

2. **Balmain Rozelle Community Bank.**

   Balmain-Rozelle Community Bank representative, and former Campus Principal, Doreen Wilson outlined the operations and mission of the bank. There is $1000 allocated to a Leichhardt campus project, application currently with the P&C President for completion. The P&C was encouraged to apply for funds above the $1000 in case other schools did not take up the offer and funds remained available at the end of the year. The bank, and Rotary, have sponsored Year 10 driver education. The bank will donate to the school if new customers mention the school in their creation of accounts. Note: In previous communications the bank was referred to as The Bendigo Bank. Ms Wilson corrected this.

3. **School acquisition of tram sheds**

   Charles Howard and Nick Potter reported on current status of the campaign. A petition is circulating, which needs at least 500 signatures. It will be available at the Trivia Night. Nick planning to visit other local schools seeking support. Charles asked for help with an electronic petition, Liam volunteered to assist. School Principal to check whether the School web site can link to the online petition.

   Leichhardt Mayor Darcy Byrne and Leichhardt Principal outlined changing demographic in the area with schools filling. Meeting consensus was that Leichhardt Campus needs to increase the size of school grounds at any opportunity. Passing government department ownership of the tram sheds to Education seen as first issue to resolve, future funding for improvements when the land is in Education control is an issue to consider when successful. Acquisition seen as a long term program, similar to the long term program to acquire the oval which only completed four or five years ago.

4. **Reports**

   4.1. **Principal's report:**

   College principal Judy Kelly seconded to a director role to relieve in Botany Bay this term. A relieving college principal, Terri O'Brien, will take the role at the end of the week through to the end of the term.

   A number of recruitment panels are coming up for senior roles, including Head Teacher for Maths and PD/HPE.
Current projection is for 210 Year 7 students in 2014. Likely to be seven full classes of Year 7 with a possibility of eight.

A major project elective will be available to Year 8 in 2014. Accelerated Italian will be an option for Year 7.

The Music Department thanks the P&C for funding a reorganisation of the keyboard room. P&C agreed to allow the Music Department to use unspent money on a large TV.

4.2. President’s report
The President was involved in the Tram Shed program and aims to seek wider community support for the acquisition.

Toilets have been inspected a couple of times and the doors and locks are fixed so the urgent things requested by students are complete. Now need to consider other improvements requested by students in previous meeting with P&C.

4.3. Treasurer’s report
With the repair of water supply, Lostock is now being rented more actively.

Accounts have been opened with the Balmain-Rozelle Community Bank and signatories are being sorted out.

Next step is to close the Westpac accounts and switch the Lostock account to the community bank.

4.4. Secretary’s report
Secretary an apology for this meeting

4.5. Lostock
No issues

5. General Business
Funding requests
Sound
Outline of changes to sound setup in school hall given. First phase is to relocate speakers to better reflect acoustic principles. Cost $2500. Proposed Trish and approved. Other components of sound improvement program to be reviewed progressively. These include moving the projection screen back from the stage front, acoustic baffles to stop echo and the relocation of the sound booth to the back of the hall from the side of the stage.

Toilets
Examples of toilet hand driers and soap dispensers circulated. Principal to check durability of items with other schools. Feedback for decision at the next meeting.

Trivia Night
Sixteen tables sold so far, one more than last year. A Year 7 table is being offered for new
parents to join to meet each other. People seeking donations have noticed fewer donations and empty shops along Norton Street. Have also had comments from donors that vouchers have not been used.

Fiona thanked the many people who have contributed so far.

Trivia night is Saturday 17th August.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

7. 2013 meetings and key dates

P&C Meetings

Trivia night Saturday. August 17

Monday, September 2

No meeting in October

Monday, November 4

Monday, December 2