Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes for August 4th, 2014

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 10 P&C members, 2 staff members, 2 apologies

1. Welcome from Vice President Fiona Law, filling in for Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, June 2nd 2014, accepted by Belinda Fraser, seconded by Karen Korras.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Nil

3. Requests for funding by teaching staff:

Word must have got out that the P&C has some money to spend as we had 5 teachers come along to the meeting to present their requests.

Details of their requests are as follows:

3.1. Mr Calvert and 2 students requested funds for equipment for the ‘Leichhardt TV’ program or ‘LTV’. This program is not subject specific but is open to all students at the school. It involves the production of short films. The students have been enjoying watching these productions at school assemblies. Equipment needed includes a good camera, tripod and mounts, microphone, software, lights and other bits and pieces.

The P&C approved funding up to $5000 on the proviso that they prioritise to a good camera and tripod.

3.2. Ms. Ilhea Yen, HT Maths. With the new national curriculum upon us, the Maths department is requesting help to purchase textbooks for years 8 and 10. The P&C helped fund textbooks for years 7 and 9 earlier in the year. With each print version comes an electronic copy, it’s not possible to buy electronic copies without buying the print version. Students will be able get an electronic copy by providing a USB. Textbooks will need to be returned at the end of each year and are expected to have a physical life of approx 5 years. Textbook covers can be purchased to help protect the books. The school will top up the supply of textbooks as required. $10,000 was approved for the purchase of maths textbooks.

3.3. Mr Higgins HT HSIE.

2 requests:
- Textbooks: Year 8 Nelson Connect with History (text and ebook), 20 needed, cost $831.20
PLUS Year 10 NSW Pearson History Combo Pack (text and ebook), 50 needed, cost $2895. Total cost of $3726 approved.

- Funds requested to help run the Aboriginal Cultural Day to be held on the 5th of September. Money need to pay for performers, guest speakers, food and staff relief. Up to $3000 approved.
3.4. Mr. Springbet HT TAS.
2 requests:

As part of the Graphics Technology unit the students will be asked to design a ‘Green Wall’ or ‘Vertical Garden’ for their semester 2 works. Mr. Springbet requested funding for the trial of one vertical garden to the cost of $300. This includes the wall structure and plants. Funding request approved.

- Industrial Technology-Engineering is a new course at SSCL this year. Funds were requested for 2 LEGO Robotics Systems to help run the Robotics Unit. Robotics is a growing industry and examples of robotics technology include, self-parking cars and robotic floor sweepers. The P&C approved the purchase of 2 LEGO Mindstorms Education EV3 Core Sets valued at $604.95 each, totalling $1209.90. These sets integrate with normal lego.

4. Reports

4.1 Principal’s Report:

There are 2 permanent teacher positions coming up for interviews, Teacher Librarian and PE teacher.

Staff development day went well. A strong focus for the students is on independent learning. It was noted that although Australia has dropped in the PISA score (Program for International Student Assessment) it rates very highly internationally in it’s entrepreneurial skills.

SSCL recently signed up to the ‘Safe Schools Coalition’ which supports gender equality and diversity. The social justice group are very active in the school and are looking at putting a rainbow path in the school.

4.2 President’s Report

No report

4.3 Treasurer’s Report

Reminder to go out for payment of P&C contribution. Trish to follow up with office staff.

4.4 Secretary’s Report

Nothing to report

4.5 Lostock Report

Parents from Balmain campus keen to help with maintenance of Lostock where able/needed. Belinda to put together a list of what needs to be done regarding maintenance. Some major work is required such as painting, and replacing of boards on the verandah. Will look into using local tradesmen for some of the work as the Lostock bank balance is currently a quite healthy $13900.

4.6 Trivia Night

Saturday 23rd August……just over 2 weeks away.

Update given by Cath Sefton, plans are progressing well and everyone is encouraged to attend on the night.
Meeting closed 9.17pm.
Next meeting Monday 1st September 7pm.