Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus
P&C Minutes for February 9th 2015.

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 37 P&C members, 2 staff members, 1 apology.

1. Welcome from Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, December 1st, 2014, approved by Fiona Law, seconded by Belinda Fraser.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes:
Nil

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report:

Enrolments for Year 7 2015 the largest ever at 258 students.

Jeff Hockey, Chaplain and Brendon Bearman, Year Advisor check playground regularly for lone children and help to hook them up with others.

Newsletter ‘Highlights’ being emailed and list of recipients being established.

New App recommended for parents called ‘Skoolbag’. You can also receive the newsletter in this way.

‘Like’ing the school facebook page and using twitter ‘@SSC_Leichhardt’ are other ways to communicate with the school.

There will be a focus on the school website to highlight the quirks of Leichhardt. Also, might start putting ‘Leichhardt TV’ episodes on website. ‘Leichhardt TV’ is an extracurricular activity where students learn to make short films and the like.

Any feedback to the school or to Ms Bright welcome. Use leichhardt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or Melinda.Bright@det.nsw.edu.au

Swimming Carnival to be held in conjunction with Balmain Campus on Wed 11th Feb at Drummoyne Pool.

College Presentation Day to be held at Sydney Town Hall on Friday 27th Feb. Will be very full with 2300 students, parents will be able to sit upstairs. It’s one of the few times in the year the whole college gets together.

Edmodo is an online tool for educators, students and parents. It can deliver assignments and homework and parents can have view only access. Not every teacher uses it but the school is pushing it’s use. Codes to be sent out for parent access. Edmodo App available for smartphones and 1 code gives access to all subject groups. ‘Class Dogo’ also being used by language teachers.

Students being asked to take a photo of their timetable to keep on their phone as they tend to lose the paper copy.
3.2 President’s Report

Transport: Still no school bus along Ashbury route. There is a new bus on this route but not in time for school. ‘Light Rail’ passes still being pursued - suggestion for parents to write letters to their local members and for there to be a form letter to assist parents writing to their MP’s for various causes.

Bus passes yet to come, delayed by bus company. Ms Bright to follow up transport options.

3.3 Treasurer’s Report

$64K in bank less $20K for hall audio. Approx $25K from parent contributions to come so not included in figure. Financial statement attached.

The 2 main sources of funds for P&C are the parent contributions and Trivia Night.

$18K in Lostock Account.

3.4 Secretary’s Report

Nothing to report

3.5 Lostock Report

Patronage has been good and new website in the early stages at the moment. Major works still need doing and will need to be organised in the future.

4.0 General Business

Hall: John Collyer (year 7 parent) and Libby Campbell (teacher) arranged plans for improving the sound equipment in the school hall. Work was done over the Xmas break. Mixing desk moved to back of hall and wireless microphones upgraded to match the DET’s change in frequency. Work still needs doing on the acoustics - hall very reverberant. 8 ‘baffles’ offered by Ferncourt Public but not sure it will fix the problem so no firm decision. Testing to be done.

Ms Bright advised that Leichhardt numbers total 860 students which is close to capacity, Balmain and BWB both full. Likely to only accept “in area” students (apart from siblings) in near future. Judy Kelly (college principal) advised strategies are in place to deal with large incoming numbers to BWB campus.

Request for acquisition of Tramsheds adjacent to school continues. The school is trying to acquire this space from the state government to help cater to the needs of our expanding school.

Trivia Night an opportunity to get involved in the P&C, volunteers needed to help organise. Usually held in August.

Maths textbooks - some students haven’t received one, Ms Bright to follow up.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) - not as far along as would like. Challenge for teachers as many different devices. School has employed extra staff member with Microsoft training and DET IT experience to work with the school one day per week to help with the transition to
BYOD. School reluctant to recommend specific devices. Smartphones ok in years 7 & 8 but 9 & 10 really need a laptop or ipad. Equity remains an issue. Will discuss options with new staff member.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm.

Next Meeting + AGM March 2nd.