Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes March, 2013

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 17 P&C members, 1 staff member, 2 apologies

AGM

1. Welcome and introductions. Welcome from Vanessa.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM confirmed by Vanessa, accepted by Fiona.
Treasurer carrying over approx $35k

3. Election of Office Bearers for 2013:
President: Vanessa Palfreeman stood down, Nick Potter accepted as new president.
Vice President: Fiona Law accepted as new VP.
Secretary: Peter Cox stood down, Lyndell Webster accepted as new secretary.
Assistant Secretary: Peter Cox
Treasurer: Trish Ware
Sydney Region P&C Representative: Jeff Hockey

Other Roles:
Trivia Night Co-ordinator: POSITION VACANT. Request for a coordinator to be put in ‘Highlights’. Date chosen for trivia night, Saturday 17th August.

AGM Closed.

Regular Meeting:

1. Minutes accepted and moved by Vanessa. Seconded by Leah.

2. Business Arising:

2.1. A request was made to improve the use of the school’s library fund and to let the school community know that they are able to make tax deductible donations to the library fund. It was suggested that the next p&c meeting be held in the library to help raise awareness of the library and the library fund. $4000 has been donated by the p&c to the library for renovations of the library.

2.2. G&T conference to be held on May 6th.

2.3. Uniform Shop: Waterproof jackets have been discontinued by the uniform shop, apparently due to lack of interest. Do we want the uniform shop to sell them again? Leah to follow up with uniform shop and suggest a plain navy blue version that can be used across the 3 campuses.
3. Reports

3.1. Principal’s report

Carpet in media classroom has been completed and it came in under the quote, therefore the P&C got a refund.

Five Interactive Data Projectors have been installed in classrooms. These also came in under the quote and so the P&C got another refund. Principal to ask P&C at next meeting if they will fund another four.

Year 7 camp was deemed to be very successful. Next year’s camp will be held in week 4 so as not to clash with zone swimming carnival.

College Presentation Day also deemed to be successful. Students very well behaved. Only problem was that not all the students could fit in the venue and 60 Balmain students had to stand outside. The Town Hall has been rebooked for next year but we need to consider other, bigger venues. The principal believes it is important for all students to attend, regardless of whether they are receiving an award.

Leichhardt Open Day to be held on Wed 6th March and to be run by Libby Campbell. Some Leichhardt students have been visiting the local primary schools to canvas students. The Open Day is becoming busier and busier and suggestions are welcome for ways to help the day run more smoothly.

Melinda Bright and Vanessa Palfreeman met with the Balmain-Rozelle Community Bank last week. They are offering $1000 to the p&c, $500 to the school and a $250 citizenship award for presentation day. They donate 80% of their funds to the community and are welcoming applications for funding. They have funded Yr 10 students to do the Driver’s Awareness Programme at Homebush. They would like p&cs to move their accounts to them but it is not an expectation. If the p&c opens an account with them we can tap into benefits when parents also open accounts or use the bank for insurances, credit cards, home and business loans etc. Their fees are very competitive.

Enrolments: SSCL has 741 students. Selective classes are full and year 7 & 8 enrollments are good.

Laptops: Because this years government allocation of laptops is the last, the school is going to keep hold of them so as to start increasing our stock of computers and therefore improve access to computers for all students. Will look into using google apps as they are free. Computer trolleys have been made by the school for a cost of only $500 each, when they normally cost $1500 each.

Year 10 students tend to disappear towards the end of Term 4. To try to counteract this, each faculty has been asked to design a unit of work that will keep them at school and that will move with them to the senior campus. Work experience has been moved to term 3 and there is a
suggestion to make the ‘Blackwattle Bay Taster’ 3 days rather than 5.

3.2. President’s report
Vanessa spoke to local member Jamie Parker re. travel passes for the light rail. He had spoken to Gladys Berejiklian. Government has brought the light rail into its ticketing system so this may help our request. Further discussions needed with jamie Parker and Gladys Berejiklian.

3.3. Treasurer’s report
Treasurer unable to attend. No report.

3.4 Secretary’s report
Application for community grant acknowledged.
Power outage Lostock 7/03
A parent by the name of Lucy Torres, who has a child in the support unit has expressed her gratitude for the funding the p&c has provided to the support unit.

4 Lostock
Water tanks to be delivered to Lostock on the 13th of March. A load of water can be purchased for $150 if it doesn’t rain sufficiently. 3 families are going to Lostock at Easter and will take ‘stock’ of what needs to be done.

5 Other business
Trivia NIght to be held Saturday August 17th. Melinda Bright has offered to be the trivia master. Melinda asked if website needs improving? Parents asked if assignments can be put on website. Information on Edmodo will be put in the next Highlights. Request made for a session on Edmodo next p&c meeting.
Breakfast Club has started but is not proving very popular. Possibly an issue with stigma. Leichhardt Council has been asked for money to help fund it.

6 2014 meetings and key dates
P&C Meetings
No meeting in April
Monday, May 6
Monday, June 3
No meeting in July
Monday, August 5
Monday, September 2
No meeting in October
Monday, November 4
Monday, December 2