Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes May 7 2012

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 17 P&C members, two staff, three apologies.

1. Welcome. Welcome to Acting Principal James McMaster and parents.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting proposed Vanessa, seconded Trish.

3. Presentation - Acting Head Teacher English Emily O’Connor
   ● The reading program for Year 7 and 8 has shown that the library needs more than one copy of a book, for example Hunger Games is very popular and the library could do with five or more copies.
   ● The end of the school certificate for Year 10 means that the emphasis for the year needs to move from the certificate to preparation for Year 11 and 12.
   ● The school is aiming for a continuity of language and approach to teaching writing across Y7-Y12. The ALARM program has been adopted from the Northern Beaches campus and is being introduced into the Y7 to Y10 program strategy for this year. The principle is that “Everyone is a teacher of writing” although the approaches are different in English/Art creative subjects from the Science/Maths logical subjects to manage the different types of required writing responses to the subjects.
   ● Parents thanked Ms O’Connor for the presentation.

4. Principals Report - James McMaster
   ● Applications for the Principal’s position close May 9. The interviews will be around the end of May.
   ● Interim report meetings are completed. The school is seeking feedback on the scheduling system used to manage the report night. Scheduling in Y7 and 8 is difficult due to the large numbers in these years.
   ● Information on the Y7 learning fair will be given at the next P&C meeting with a presentation from Carolyn Paget.
   ● Naplan for Y7 and Y9 to be held next week.
   ● There has been a proposal from the local Anglican church to hold voluntary lunch time meetings at the school for children. Some children have experienced this at local primary schools. Opinions were canvassed at the meeting, with the majority of attendees against the proposal for a range of reasons. Opinions are also being sought from staff.

5. Business arising from the minutes
   ● Trivia night. August 11 confirmed. The Trivia Master from the last couple of years is unavailable but he will suggest a different person. People interested in assisting. Send expressions of interest to the P&C at ssclpc@gmail.com

6. Treasurer’s report - Trish
   ● An update on current balances provided, including reconciliation of invoices with the school.
   ● School/teacher process for funding application discussed. Suzana tables proposed form for teachers to fill in with requests so the P&C can make decisions at the meeting rather than waste time seeking more information. Decided that teachers should submit to the principal by June 21 and the requests will be decided at the August 6 meeting (after the July holiday break). The intention is to work to a July and November purchase schedule to try to use funds raised in the year they are raised.

7. Secretary’s report - Peter
   ● Some issues with updating the web site due to Education Department’s tightened security which requires the school to revalidate logins every six months. Each time the
validation process has failed and we’ve lost access to the website for a few weeks.

8. Lostock report - Vanessa
   ● Steve provided an update. Lostock has been used for 42 nights since January. A barbecue has been donated, BYO gas bottle. A pipe has broken, which means that water supply is a problem. Repairs are being scheduled. A new Lostock co-ordinator is considering taking over the task although reassurances of the workload are being sought, especially around maintenance

10. Other business
   ● Tori thanks the school for the Fasts Forward For Learning program which had been very successful for her son.
   ● Noted that the Police Station development next to Leichhardt Camput had not ended, continuing review required.

11. Future meeting dates
    Monday, June 4
    Monday, August 6
    Monday, September 3
    Monday, November 5
    Monday, December 3