Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 24 P&C members, 3 staff members, 2 apologies plus apologies from Mayor Darcy Byrne and Dell Representative.

1. Welcome by president, Nick Potter.

2. Correction from March minutes. Jeff Hockey is not the Sydney Region P&C Representative. Email to be sent to p&c distribution list seeking a volunteer. This position involves attending the regional meeting once a term.

Minutes accepted and moved by Adele Brookes. Seconded by Vanessa Palfreeman

3. Edmodo Demonstration by Mr. Russell Darnley.

- Edmodo is an online learning platform that enables communication between teachers, students and parents. Parents can log into Edmodo once given a code from their child’s teacher and can access information about upcoming assignments and due dates and their subsequent gradings. Only one code is required to access all your child’s subjects provided the teacher for any particular subject is using Edmodo.

Each code must be used within 3 months of receiving it or it will no longer be valid and you will have to get a new code.

- Not all teachers are using Edmodo but are being encouraged to do so.

- Use of Edmodo helps to blur the distinction between learning at school and doing homework so that learning is seen as an ongoing thing.

- An Edmodo App is available for students but not parents.

- The school will move from using Edmodo to using Google Apps for Education in the next few years. Google Apps are free web based tools.

4. Virtual Library Demonstration by Mr. Russell Darnley

- Mr Darnley is an HSIE teacher at the school and has recently been very busy designing a digital or virtual library.

- It is a ‘wiki’ website and parents are able to access the website provided their child is a member of the group. Information on this site includes the various faculty’s curricula. The web address is www.ssclcampuslibrary.wikispaces.com. There is also a link from the school website.

- Further tools for digital literacy are being designed by Mr. Darnley.

5. Reports

5.1. Principal’s report:
- Interview for new Maths teacher took place on Wed 8th May.
- Melinda Bright asked for feedback about the parent-teacher interviews. Some parents complained about the online booking system, however, most feel it works quite well when the teachers stick to the 5 minute time slots. Melinda to speak to the teaching staff about this.
- If parents wish to contact any of their child’s teachers they can email the school office and then that email will be forwarded to the teacher.
- The 2 staff development days at the beginning of this term were successful. Topics discussed included project based learning, pedagogy of quality teachers, teaching of writing skills and dynamics of BYO Device now that laptops will no longer be provided to yr 9 students.

5.2. President’s report
- Vanessa still waiting to hear back from Gladys Berejiklian re. light rail travel passes. Was told there would be a 6 to 8 week wait for a reply.
- The 413 bus route is proving to be problematic due to overcrowding. Consequently students on this route are often late to school. Parents need to send lots of complaint letters to the Kingsgrove bus depot to lobby for a school bus on this route. Parent Liam O’Sullivan suggested starting a ‘change.org’ petition and will look into same.
- $1200 grant received from Leichhardt Council to help fund the Breakfast Club. Need to provide statutory declaration to show how money is spent. Nick Potter to write thank you letter to council.
- Bendigo Bank offering grants to the community of up to $1000. Need to have a specific purpose in mind when making a request. Suggestions included library renovation, technological equipment, gym equipment.

5.3. Treasurer’s report
- Income and expenditure statement attached.
- It was agreed at the meeting that the P&C will move their bank accounts from Commonwealth Bank and Westpac Bank to the Roselle branch of the Bendigo Bank pending further investigation by Nick Potter and Patricia Ware.

It was also agreed that the President, Nick Potter and the Treasurer, Patricia Ware will be signatories on the account and that the account will require 2 people to sign for withdrawals.
- The P&C and the school need to start promoting the tax deductible status of the SSC-Leichhardt Campus Library Fund. With the end of the financial year coming, people may be more inclined to donate.

5.4. Secretary’s report
- Posters advertising Reconciliation Week to be put up around the school. Reconciliation Week is from May 27th to June 3rd.
5.5. Lostock
- Water problem now fixed! New water tank up and running and providing water to toilet/shower block.
- Recent visitors to Lostock had a good cleanup but the rubbish still needs to be removed. Very expensive to have this done professionally because of the isolation of the property. Suggestion made for discount on the tariff if a visitor removes some/all of the rubbish.
- Discussions required re. further work that needs to carried out there. e.g plumbing to replace leaking washers, painting for maintenance of buildings etc.
- Donations of books and games etc welcome.

6. General Business
- Parent request that permission notes for excursions etc be posted on school website so that parents can access them when they’re lost by students. Excursions can be paid for by credit card over the phone if needed.
- Discussion on discontinued rain jackets and need for replacement.
Pickles had advised that they were no longer stocking the all weather jacket currently in the uniform list as it was not selling very well
2 alternate options were viewed and it was thought that one (with padding and lining) was too thick and heavy and the other (a lightweight splash jacket) was too expensive for what it was and was not really waterproof.
Cost of both would be between $50-$60
Preference was for the original jacket currently on the uniform list.
Discussion concluded that as Pickles had not discussed the discontinuation of the original jacket, we should talk to them about restocking the original jacket.
Action: Leah Beatty to contact Pickles about restocking the jacket.

-Request for due dates on assignments to be made clearer and for the due date to be adhered to by teachers. Students feel it is unfair when they have made the effort to get an assignment in on time and then the due date is changed at the last minute.
- Concern raised about how to encourage and facilitate girls to use the gym equipment and not just the boys. Use of a timetabling system suggested.

- Funding Requests:
Sally Bury (PDHPE) has thanked the P&C for the gym equipment it funded. Equipment included 2 spin cycles, a multipurpose station and 2 rowing machines.
- Other funding requests are:
Sally Bury on behalf of Music department requesting $5000 to upgrade the Music Keyboard
Room. Quotes have already been sought.
Sally Bury on behalf of PDHPE & Sport requesting $2500 for further equipment and $1000 for repair of multipurpose machines and for a power point in the room.
Treasurer suggested that we need to be able to roll over some funds at the end of the school year so that next years P&C have some funds to start the year.
Melinda Bright requested $7500 for 4 data projectors and installation. This is part of the project to provide data projectors to each classroom.
All funding requests were approved. The school will purchase the goods and forward all invoices to the treasurer for reimbursement by donation by the P&C.
- Melinda Bright suggested that the students would probably appreciate the funding of ‘hardy’ soap dispensers and hand dryers in the toilets. Vandalism could be a problem so would need to trial with a few first. This is being investigated by a P&C member.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
- Trivia night to go ahead on Saturday 17th August.
- Coordinator still required. Email to be sent to distribution list requesting same.
- Canvassing for donations required. Melinda suggested the SRC be involved.
- Trivia Night meeting to happen soon. All welcome, ‘the more the merrier’, as they say!!

Meeting closed 9.07pm.

7. 2013 meetings and key dates

**P&C Meetings**
Monday, June 3
No meeting in July
Monday, August 5
Monday, September 2
No meeting in October
Monday, November 4
Monday, December 2