Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus
P&C Minutes for May 2015.

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 16 P&C members, 4 staff members, 1 apology.

1. Welcome from Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting plus AGM, March 2nd 2015 approved by Cath Sefton, seconded by Vanessa Palfreeman.

1. Matters Arising from Minutes:
Letter sent to council by Nick Potter saying P&C had no objections to the grassy triangle south of the school being renamed Ibrox Park.

2. Presentations:

2.1 BYOD.
Pitt Cleaves attended meeting to discuss her role at the school in relation to BYOD.

Pitt was involved in the Digital Education Revolution and also wrote the state BYOD policy to assist the rollout of laptop computers across high schools. At SSCL she is working one on one with teachers to help improve computer use in classrooms. Only 50% of students are bringing a device to school and most of those are iphones. Teachers finding that iphones are not adequate for what they want to do in class and want parents to encourage students to bring tablets or laptops to school.

Based on feedback to P&C from parents not knowing what device to purchase, Pitt organised for the company Learning With Technology (LWT) to attend the meeting. LWT is a technology reseller that sells computers online. They can create a portal from the school to their website to enable parents to look at the range of computers that the school would recommend, probably four in total. Prices range from the Acer B115 at $482 through to Lenovo Thinkpads for around $1000. Brands offered include Lenovo and Acer. They also offer chromebooks at $300 but these are thought to be inadequate for school use as don’t run windows. Use of ipads thought to be limited for high end creative work. These devices not available commercially.

LWT can also offer finance packages including insurance (but always read the fine print).

Setting up of portal is free of charge and there is no financial benefit to the school. There would also be no obligation to purchase from LWT.

Both One Note and Office 365 are currently available free of charge through student portal.

Current stock of computers from last state rollout now in poor condition and at the end of their working life. Parents can donate old, but working laptops to school.

SRC rep that was at meeting requested student input on the matter.
No decision made about whether to proceed with the portal. For further discussion at next meeting.

2.2 TAS Funding Request:
Mr. Springbett, Head Teacher TAS, present to discuss ‘BYOD User Charter’ and to request funding to further refurbish TAS rooms.

- ‘BYOD User Charter’ addresses the responsible use of technology at school and will be a form for the students to sign to be able to bring a device to school. Currently in draft form.

- TAS department are currently refurbishing 4 rooms. DET replaced old parquetry flooring with lino. Machinery that was removed was found to be very old and in need of replacement. New furniture needed as well as painting of upstairs classrooms and some equipment. 40 teacher hours have gone into this so far. See attached quote. Request approved by Liam O’Sullivan. Seconded Karen Koras.

- Mr. Springbett also spoke about his involvement in looking at ‘cross discipline education’. i.e the way in which different subjects overlap and interact. Areas include STEM (science/technology/english/maths) and STEAM (STEM plus art).

- Mr. S also looking at available space in the school as the school continues to grow. School reaching capacity so where will kids go? Department thinks we can fit another 140 students, Ms Bright thinks 2 classes at most. SSCL needs to carefully manage its numbers to avoid excess pressure on BWB campus.

Any parental help in the form of architects or designers or knowledge of lighting, ergonomics, managing space etc is welcome. Please email the school if you can help.

2.3 Hall Lighting:
SRC rep present to request funding for upgrade of lighting in the hall. Would like professional lighting to enhance the experience in the hall during performances and to aide in the learning of students involved in this aspect of the arts. Lights need replacing as they are old and the colour is poor. Current lighting system very limited.

Amended quote minus amount school will provide and minus GST amounts to be provided. No decision made. For further discussion next meeting.

2.4 Artificial Turf for Quadrangle:
Ms Bright requested funding to expand the current area of artificial turf in the quadrangle
seeing as it has been such a success. Drama classes use this area a lot. No quote provided but estimated it would be approx $22K.

No decision made. For further discussion next meeting.

3. Reports

3.1 Principal’s Report:
Paper copy of school plan provided.
Parents can access this on the school website.

3.2 President’s Report
Nick wrote to all candidates prior to the recent state election reiterating our request for the light rail to be included on the student’s travel passes.

3.3 Treasurer’s Report
See attached report.
Rachel to consolidate the P&C’s bank accounts.
Has requested an audit be done as is required annually. Rachel to f/u.
Request made by Rachel to have an assistant treasurer. Would like help with the job if possible.

3.4 Secretary’s Report
BWB president requested that a common calendar system be set up on the school websites so that each campus can view what the other campuses are doing through the year and avoid clashes in events. Ms Bright to discuss at college meeting on Friday.

3.5 Lostock Report
New oven required. Belinda to organise.
First Aid kits also required. The purchasing of 2 was approved.
Bank account pretty healthy so may look into a much needed paint job.

4.0 General Business
Judy Kelly reported on a meeting/forum she attended in 2014 addressing the looming shortage of public secondary schools in the inner west.
A new Co-ed, Comprehensive High School is to replace the Intensive English School on Cleveland Street. The upgrade is due for commencement in 2018. Current Language school
that occupies the site will have to move and they are not pleased.
Building is heritage listed. Will be a ‘high rise’ school with a shared public park.
The new school will put downward pressure on Balmain campus enrolments more so than
Leichhardt campus due to the area from which it will draw.

TRIVIA NIGHT
August 29th chosen for our big fundraising event of the year.
It’s always a fun night and this year’s theme is ‘80’s Double Denim’ i.e lots of denim.
Volunteers needed to help organise the night and to help gather donations for the live and
silent auctions. A different email address will be provided for the purpose of organising the
night.
The current trivia night organisers, Cath Sefton and Adrienne Comer will step down after this
year so please think about taking on that role in 2016 and therefore being involved this year to
‘learn the ropes’.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm.
Next Meeting Monday June 1st.