Minutes SSCL Parents & Citizens Meeting
5 November 2012 (7-9:40 pm)

Attendance recorded in the book

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

3. Presentation by Michelle Rosanky. The following documents were tabled:
   - Open letter to the Premier by the NSW Public Education Alliance
   - Information sheet I give a Gonski
   - *The Putting Students First Charter.*

The NSW Public Education Alliance strongly opposes the funding cuts of about $1.7 billion to education by the state government. SSCL community is invited to participate in the Community Day of Action and other events.

4. Reports

4.1. Principal’s report

The Duke of Edinburgh bronze trial walk was organised on 4 November. Mr Nguyen runs the DoE program. The DoE normally starts in Year 9. This year 26 students have participated.

Federal funding for laptops and maintenance support stops in 2014. SSCL is exploring “bring your own device” as an alternative. School currently has 30 laptops.

4.2. President’s report

Emily O’Connell has been appointed as the Head of English Department. An English teacher position has been advertised. A parents’ representative is required for the selection panel.

4.3. Treasurer’s report (tabled)

5. Continuation of the School Chaplaincy program

Jeff has been the Chaplain for six year. The Principal endorses the continuation of his appointment. P&C thanked Jeff for all his work this year.

DECISION: P&C approves the continuation of the School Chaplaincy program (moved by Heidi, seconded by Trish. Everyone in favour).

6. Funding requests

6.1. The Breakfast Club proposal tabled and presented by Mark Krasti.

SSCL would like to offer free breakfast to students who don’t eat regularly at home. Breakfast would be offered once a week initially. Discussion about appropriate rooms for the program, a number of students involved, experiences from other schools and alternative sources of funding. P&C supports Krasti’s request for a seeding grant.

6.2. Equipment for school gym – request for $2000. P&C granted $3000 in the last funding round. This grant hasn’t been spent yet. P&C will consider another grant next year, but would like to see how the approved grant of $3000 has been spent. More details about additional
funding are required.

6.3. iPads request for the Support Unit will be explained in more detail when the teacher comes from leave. 15 iPads are currently available for borrowing from the library.

6.4. School wants to open “The Cave”, a new library space for reading and various activities. Students and parents have been invited to participates in a design competition. $4000 requested to fund renovations. The idea is fully supported.

6.5. IMP requested $3300 for a bassoon or $2158 for an oboe. Discussion about an IMP funding model and equitable treatment of all orchestras.

6.6. PDHP requested $2000 to replace lino with carpet in one of their rooms.

6.7. The Homework Centre – Emily O’Connell would like to start the Homework Centre in the library once a week from 3.30 to 4.30. She would like to provide some food for students attending the Homework Centre. $2000 requested for 2013.

DECISION to approve the following funding (Adrienne moved, Lyndell seconded):

- $500 seeding grant for the Breakfast Club (everyone in favour)
- $2000 for the Homework Centre in 2013 (everyone in favour)
- $4000 to renovate the chosen room for “The Cave” (everyone in favour)
- $3300 for a bassoon (2 refrained)
- $2000 to PDHP to replace lino with carpet (everyone in favour).

7. Purchase of the second bus for the whole College. The existing bus is reserved on most mornings to transport IMP students between campuses. Discussion about garage space and a budget for driver’s pay and petrol. A special levy is a likely funding model.

ACTION: Judy Kelly to provide details of required funding

8. Lostock – problems with water supply. Required work and some quotes considered.

DECISION to form the College Lostock Committee with representatives from all campuses. Belinda Fraser and Lyndell Webster selected as SSCL representatives.

Next meeting: 3 December 2012, 7 pm