Sydney Secondary College P&C Leichhardt Campus
Minutes November 4th, 2013

Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 9 P&C members, 2 staff members, 1 apology

1. Welcome from Vice President, Fiona Law.

Minutes of the previous meeting, September 2nd, accepted by Patricia Ware, seconded by Fiona Law.

2. Welcome to ex-students Morgan and Tyrell. Attended meeting to see what they could do to give back to the school as they really enjoyed their time at SSCL. Involved with youth group at local AOG (Assemblies of God) Church at Petersham and they welcome anyone to attend their youth group on a Friday night. Interested in being involved in mentoring and tutoring students but would not be from a religious angle. In the process of getting their ‘working with children’ clearance. P&C to discuss further.

Welcome also to Head Teacher (HT) HSIE, Tracy Goldstein. Attended meeting to request assistance from P&C to run a fundraising movie night for those affected by the NSW bushfires. See attached document for details. P&C agreed to fund the $700 requested. Ms Bright to speak to principal of Winmalee school to offer the funds raised to the HSC students that lost their homes in the fires.

3. Business Arising from last Meeting:

3.1. Hall Sound System. Process of removing old and installing new speakers in the hall is all paid for and underway.

3.2. Toilets: 6 soap dispensers and 4 hand dryers to be ordered. P&C will also provide first lot of soap for the dispensers. Total cost roughly $6000. Hand dryers and soap dispensers will go in the student toilets as well as the hall toilets. School will use the electrician that it normally uses to install the dryers.

New doors and locks have been installed in student toilets. Painting of toilets also completed.

Concerns were raised about the misuse of toilet facilities by some students, boys and girls. e.g smoking. Staff work very hard to try to prevent this.

3.3 Tram Sheds: The fight to attain this space continues. Howard Charles, parent at school, to address Leichhardt Council’s ‘Community Services Committee’ on Thursday 6th December at 6.30pm in the Supper Room at Leichhardt Town Hall. All welcome. Power in numbers! We also need as many as possible to sign the following petition:


4. Reports

4.1. Principal’s Report:
Recent school trip to Vietnam was a great success. Many thanks to Mr Nguyen and the other teachers that accompanied the 5 year 9 and 26 year 10 students. Unfortunately Mr. Nguyen is leaving SSCL at the end of the year and will be moving on to the Blackwattle Bay Campus.

**Staffing:** Sophia Gois(HSIE) and Rachel Olonso (Science) are now permanent members of staff. HT (Head Teacher) Maths was interviewed for today and the candidates were thought to be of a high standard. PDHPE, English and Maths-Science have class teacher vacancies that need to be filled.

**Funding:** There has been no loss of funding this year, perhaps a small increase. School size estimated to top 800 next year, in which case there will be 8 year 7 classes.

**Year 9 Leadership Camp** was postponed due to the bushfires and has been rescheduled to Dec 9-11.

**BYOD** (bring your own device): Basic specifications to be advised. Microsoft and Adobe Creative Cloud downloads will be free through the department of education. All will have access to Google Drive. Information to be put on website soon.

**Textbooks:** Question raised as to why textbooks aren’t provided in every subject. This is a cost issue. Ms Bright to liaise with Head Teachers about possibly providing more information to parents about what the students are learning in class.

4.2. **President’s Report:**
See attached report.

4.3. **Treasurer’s Report:**
See attached report

4.4 **Secretary’s Report:**
Invitation received from Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL to attend a morning tea at the RSL club to celebrate the many grants they have provided to the local community this year.

To be held on Thursday 28th November, 10.30-12.30. All welcome.

4.5 **Lostock Report:**
Suggestions:
- Create a facebook page to help spread the word about Lostock.
- Increase price to $50 per night per cabin (from $40). Moved by Fiona Law. Seconded by Belinda Fraser.
- Provide checklist of things that need to be done prior to ‘checkout’ e.g. switching off lights, turning off pumps etc
- Look at making electricity switchboard more secure to prevent unauthorised access. Patricia Ware to follow up.
- Look at securing keys in a ‘keybox’ that is accessed with a code.
5 General Business:

5.1 Chaplaincy Position: The P&C voted to continue to support the Chaplaincy position at the school for 2014. The work of Jeff Hockey is highly valued and appreciated. Motion moved by Patricia Ware, seconded by Belinda Fraser.

5.2 Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme: PBL signage is all done and paid for. P&C to re-discuss how much it will contribute.

6. Next P&C Meetings:

Monday, December 2
Meeting closed 9pm.