Attendance: Recorded in attendance book. 14 P&C members, 3 staff members, 1 apology.

Welcome from Nick Potter.

Minutes of the previous meeting, May 4th 2015, approved by Siranda Torvaldsen, seconded by Karen Koras.

Funding Requests:

1/. Sally Bury, HT PDHPE, requested money for new jerseys for the school’s AFL team. Current jerseys are 10 years old and are a thick, heavy, woollen material and very outdated. AFL is growing at the school, the current team made it to the last 16 in this year’s state knockout competition. Jerseys are reused each year. Ms Bury very good at making sure they all get returned! Request was for 24 jerseys at a cost of $1200. Moved Nick Potter. Seconded Lyndell Webster.

2/. Cath Sefton, parent and trivia night co-ordinator, requested the P&C buy 40 black tablecloths at a cost of $440 on ebay. Thought to be better than buying plastic ones every year and, being black, can be easily decorated. The school also welcome to use them. Moved Cath Sefton. Seconded Rachel Wang.

1. Matters Arising from Minutes:

1.1 BYOD:

Ms Bright: Still aiming for full BYOD week 5. Smart phones were thought to be ok for the start of BYOD but have now progressed beyond that. Concedes that the progression to compulsory BYOD may have been too fast for some but that it has been a very steep learning curve for all.

With respect to loss/damage of devices: the school only knows of one device being damaged in the 18 months BYOD has been in place. Research shows that ownership of devices encourages better care of them when compared to devices that are owned by the school.

WRT equity: the school is working very hard to address this issue and to continue to provide a bank of computers that families/students can borrow on a daily basis. The school had kept a bank of laptops from the last rollout of the digital education revolution but these are now in poor condition as have not been well looked after by students. This has contributed to the compulsory nature of BYOD coming on sooner than planned. A small number of disadvantaged students have been given computers.

WRT what device to purchase: please refer to the BYOD Hub on the school website.
Parent asked if students will continue to need the book packs that they get at the beginning of the year. Students will continue to need them as the HSC remains a written exam and students need to continue to be able to write. Need to find balance between computer use and writing skills. Parents need to be involved in this too i.e encouraging students to write and not just use their computers.

NAPLAN to be trialled online in 2 years. HSC may be online in the future but there are huge issues with ensuring reliable internet connection during exams and prevention of cheating.

Concerns for personal safety were raised by parents around students’ access to internet whilst at school. The DET has safeguards on the school’s wifi but cannot block students’ own internet providers. There are recent instances of year 7 and 8 students accessing adult content on their devices during lunch breaks. 10 suspension warnings were given to year 8 students in the last week and year 8 students were given advice about safe use of the internet in a special assembly.

The school is using a number of strategies to address this problem including:

- talking to students in school assembly.
- discussions with students around responsible use of devices.
- discussions around real and healthy relationships.
- suggestion to use school counsellor if parents feel this is needed.
- changing of classroom setup so that teachers can see computer screens e.g having desks facing centre of room so that teachers can easily walk behind students but still see most students.
- vigilance of staff on playground duty.

Request made by two parents for phones and laptops to be banned in lunch breaks. It was felt by most that a ban would be impossible to police, would cause too much aggravation amongst students and that bans don’t usually work in general.

Concern also raised that students using devices are not ‘playing’ or ‘running around’. It was pointed out that the sporting fields are completely full at lunch time and it was estimated that less that 100 students are using devices at these times and not being physically active.

2. Reports

2.1 Principal’s Report:

Ms. Bright thanked the teachers that relieved for her when she was away last term.

Parent-Teacher nights went well. Good turnout at year 10 night which is traditionally not as well attended as the younger years.
Year 7 had a stand alone P-T night this year which went well.
Year 10 ski trip very successful. only 2 injuries, a student’s knee and a teacher’s thumb!
Year 10 currently doing subject selection interviews in preparation for year 11/12.
School Drama Production coming up this term. Called ‘Peter Wendy’……All welcome.

Judy Kelly, College Principal, reported that College Art Show was a great success. Included a range of art from year 7-12, including HSC works. Keen to continue running this event. Looking for a new venue for next year. P&Cs pledge to contribute $2000 towards the Art show is yet to be paid.
The school’s annual Music In the Park event is coming up on the 12th Sept. This is a college event run by the IMP and all are welcome.

2.2 President’s Report
Nick to follow up on progress of lighting upgrade in the hall.

2.3 Treasurer’s Report
See attached financial report.

Operating authorities updated at Bendigo and CBA. Current signatories at both banks are Nick Potter, Siranda Torvaldsen, Lyndell Webster, and Rachel Wang.

Westpac accounts closing pending Vanessa Palfreeman's bank visit. Balances to be deposited into the Lostock account at Bendigo.

Six invoices for annual Lostock contributions ($500 each) will go out this week to each of SSC’s three campuses and respective P&C. RW moved to approve payment by SSCL P&C. Motion seconded by Belinda Fraser

Renewed P&C Federation membership and insurance cover for 2015-16.

Registered Trivia Night event notification and insurance with P&C Federation.

Judy Kelly referred the accountant who had performed the audit for SSC Balmain Campus, and RW will contact Ellie Poppitt at David Le Page Accountants in Rozelle.

RW announced decision to step down as Treasurer, effective by the end of Term 3--or sooner if a replacement can be identified. In the meantime, she will help reconcile Trivia Night accounting, as well as initiate the auditing process for P&C accounts.

2.4 Secretary’s Report
Nil to report

**2.5 Lostock Report**
Quote obtained from Hunter Valley Property Maintenance for work required. See attached.
Moved Belinda Fraser. Seconded Lyndell Webster

**4.0 General Business**
Nick Potter requested that parents be notified when class teachers are going to be away for an extended period, whether it be for personal leave or to work in another capacity in the school e.g relieving for another teacher. Ms. Bright to ensure this happens.

Vanessa Palfreeman has applied for a $20K Capital Grant for the school through the state government’s Community Building Partnerships programme. If successful, the grant will cover the cost of external lighting around the school, including front steps outside office and for the quadrangle and for an extension of ‘McMasters Park’, which is the area of artificial turf in the playground. VP also attended a talk by Jamie Parker about how to best apply for community grants. Applications are looked upon more favourably if the organisation applying contributes financially. This was reinforced by parent Carmel Tebbutt. This can be a cash contribution and/or contribution in kind. P&C agreed to contribute $5K (should the application be successful) in cash and $5K in kind through the work that has already been carried out by staff.
Moved Vanessa Palfreeman. Seconded Lyndell Webster

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Donations required for silent auction and live auction. Any help welcome and needed!
Requests to go out to school community via skoolbag, school bags and P&C email.
Please email sscltrivialnight@gmail.com if you can help before and/or on the night.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm.
Next Meeting Monday Sept 7th.