

## **Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus P&C Minutes of April 3rd 2017**

**Attendance** recorded in attendance book. 12 parents, 4 staff members  
Siranda Torvaldsen, Carmelina Oliveri, Malcolm Mills, Amanda Watkin, Robyn  
Bernstein, Wendy Richardson, Diane Adair, Rachel Beckett, Ann-Therese King, Lesley  
Beaumont-Cankaya, Belinda Smith, Vanessa Palfreeman  
Staff: Melinda Bright, Judy Kelly. Chris Matos, Trish Johnson.

Apologies: Belinda Fraser, Simon Harch, John Collyer

Welcome given by president Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending  
Minutes from previous meeting approved by Amanda Watkin and seconded by Belinda  
Smith.

### **Meeting commenced 7.20pm**

#### **General**

1. Amanda Watkin our treasurer advised there was \$57,904.84 in bank with  
\$26,000 committed leaving \$31,904 to spend.

Funding request from teachers Chris Matos and Trish Johnson who came along tonight  
to discuss funds for a Coffee Club at the school.

It would provide training and guidance for a group of 10 students in Year 10 to learn  
how to serve and prepare coffee to staff at SSCL. It would be for a couple of mornings a  
week and include opportunities for students to be linked with local businesses and  
possibly work experience whilst gaining a life skill.

Chris Matos proposed that it would involve 20 students a year, 10 per semester and the  
model will keep going and generate money: Events such as Music in the Park etc...

The industry standard coffee machine costs approximately \$10,000 with the Cart  
costing \$1,500. The cost to start the program would be \$20,000 which also includes  
training and ongoing supplies.

The P&C responded, could the Machine be leased or get a second hand one.

Melinda suggested that Chris and Trish go and get three quotes and bring them along  
to our next P&C meeting.

Another parent suggested contacting Variety as they had recently gifted a Coffee  
Machine for Support kids. We could try this for our Support Unit students.

Vanessa Palfreeman also suggested trying to access Council or Club Grants for this,  
she will look into applying.

P&C will approve \$5,000, proposed by Belinda Smith and seconded by Siranda .We  
would possibly obtain \$5,000 from the school and \$10,000 from the Club Grant.

## **2. West connex Tram Shed Dive Site Proposal**

A fabulous result with Ann-Therese King driving the campaign. We sent out a big message to Government that we mean business. It was so successful because of the number of individual letters written, banners, discussions in Federal and State parliament and a lot of momentum was gathered.

Siranda proposed a motion that approves anyone who has spent money on fighting the West Connex Dive Site Proposal (Sub Committee and others) to be reimbursed in full. The total is approximately \$4,276.41. Belinda Smith proposed that we approve \$5,000 for reimbursing people who spent their own money on this, Carmelina Oliveri seconded this.

The Sydney Motor Corporation (SMC) has asked us to apply for a grant. The P&C thought that the good name of the School is so important, we do not need to ask for Grant from the SMC now. We need to be mindful of how this proposal has upset and affected so many.

## **2. Principal's Report**

- Melinda advised the outcome of the West Connex Dive Site proposal next to the school was an outstanding outcome. Congratulations to all those involved.
- BYOD review is underway and parent input is very important. Check skoolbag for the link to the Survey.
- Head teacher Maths Panel not resolved as yet
- Interim school reports will be out this week.
- Great initiatives being set with the Aboriginal Education Homework Club on Thursday afternoons. It is a strong program making a difference.
- NAPLAN changes with Band 8 and above requirement for HSC was causing distress among students. One parent asked was there any provision for Children with Dyslexia? Melinda advised she would need to find out and get back to us on this.
- With 2017 enrolments, we had 112 local, 60 selective with around half coming from our enrolments. Melinda advised we propose to have a really good wait list next year.

## **3. President's report:**

- Siranda advised that at the Orientation Day last year, a few parents approached her asking for a Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Siranda checked with Vickie from School office and she advised they had a number of Uniforms in the Office which was used when students need one at school or parents who can't afford them. She encouraged all parents to donate unwanted uniforms to the School Office.

- Siranda advised that we need to look at the P&C Constitution (Prescribed Constitution for Incorporated Associations, available on the P&C Federation website: [www.pandc.org.au/pcfederationmembes/](http://www.pandc.org.au/pcfederationmembes/) ) to see if anything needs to be changed. Belinda Smith advised she would look into that. We may need to make changes including making P&C members financial. To be a financial P&C member, people would need to make a small contribution to membership (set at the AGM but a minimum of 50c). Siranda advised that Ian Cranwell also offered to assist.

### **3.1 Treasurer's Report:**

Amanda advised the Main account had \$57,904.84 with \$26,000.00 committed.

With \$5000 reimbursement for West Connex costs, that leaves \$21,904.87 to spend.

Lostock had approximately \$8,000 bank balance.

Amanda and Simon were going to the bank to add themselves as Signatories.

### **3.2 Fundraising report**

Siranda explained the 2017/18 Fundraising App was available to be downloaded to a smartphone. The price was still \$70 and there was a whole heap of things that it could be used for, so encourage people to purchase it. The P&C got \$14 per purchase.

Available from 1/4/2017.

The Trivia Night date had been set for Saturday September 16th. However it has to be changed as Music in The Park is on that Day. We suggest either the 9th September or 29th July, Melinda to check on this and get back to us.

Thursday 27th April is the first Trivia Night Meeting, details to follow.

### **3.3 Secretary's report**

The Secretary has added all New P&C member details to the P&C email distribution

### **3.5 Lostock:**

Ongoing not much to report. Minor maintenance program continuing.

### **General Business**

A parent advised that both Balmain and Leichhardt did exceptionally well at the District Regional swimming Carnival recently. Well done students.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Next P&C meeting will be Monday May 1st at 7.00 pm in the staffroom

