

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes of December 4th 2017

Attendance recorded in attendance book. 13 parents:

Siranda Torvaldsen, Carmelina Oliveri, Amanda Watkin, Malcolm Mills, Karen Korras, Ann-Therese King, Vanessa Palfreeman, Owen Murphy, Jane Crawford, Hugh Clark, John Collyer, Robyn Bernstein, Wendy Richardson

3 staff members: Melinda Bright, David Allen (relieving College Principal) and Stephanie Bendeich

Apologies: Belinda Fraser

Welcome given by President Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending our last meeting for the year

Meeting commenced 7.07pm

Funding requests

Siranda asked Amanda Watkins (treasurer) for the current bank balance available. Amanda advised it was \$33726.15.

Funding request 1

- Hugh Clark is making a promotional film for the school. He is a parent at the school and wanted to do something positive to promote the school, the theme being "Middle School". The name of the film is "**Launch Pad**" (To Blackwattle Bay and life)
- He has worked with Melinda and the film is telling good stories. It will be of benefit to show future primary schools. The school will retain the rights to the film.
- He is asking for \$2000.00 to give the film polish and professionalism for file footage, graphic design, sound tracking etc...
- **Siranda Torvaldsen proposed that we agree to fund up to \$2500.00. This was seconded by Malcolm Mills**

Funding Request 2

- Stephanie Bendeich is a Drama and English teacher at the school. The recent musical at the school was very well received. Stephanie advised, the parents helped with sound and lighting and props. She advised on behalf of the Drama department that they would like to ask for funds to increase their resources
- They currently have 6 wireless microphones and would like 10, they have 2

bodypacks and would like 6 ; they have 4 handheld microphones and would like 6

- Drama room has no storage or cupboard facilities and as a result is messy and hard to find things. Costumes are on racks that aren't durable. The room is 4 x 6 and is a good size but the space isn't being used effectively. They would like built in wardrobes with mirrored doors
- How much? Stephanie has a quote as follows: 4 additional headsets \$187 each . 2 bodypacks \$225 each and 2 dual receivers/beltpacks \$764.50 Total \$2728
- Built in wardrobe and shelving unit is quoted at \$11275
- Total request \$14003 (includes GST and installation)
- Melinda asked that Stephanie obtain 3 quotes and come back to us in our first meeting next year.
- **Siranda proposed we would approve the smaller funding request (not including wardrobes) of \$2728. Karen Korras seconded this.**

Funding request 3

Melinda advised that the iCentre (library) had some requests

- Replace 4 bayends with laminex \$1000
- 2 acrylic display spinners to shelve books \$690 for 2
- Wall spinner \$560
- Accessories \$200
- 10 Picture book buckets
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Siranda proposed that up to \$4000 be allocated to the iCentre. Robyn Bernstein seconded this.

Funding request 4

The Canteen requires maintenance. Painting, Tiling, more bubblers.

Siranda proposed up to \$10000 and Carmelina seconded.

James McMaster is overseeing the Canteen project. It will be completed in the school holidays

1. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Nothing to report.

2. Principal's Report

- David Allen was the relieving College Principal while Judy Kelly was on leave
- Head teacher HSIE has been being selected, Lisa Hartemink is our permanent Head teacher
- PDHPE teacher position. Sally Bury is running the panel for this
- Science classroom teacher position starting early next year
- Substantive head teacher position required. Sally Bury, Vince O'Donnell and Melinda Bright in discussions about learning a certain way from the BYOD Plan
- Teaching and learning head teacher. Teaching involves Curriculum design and getting to know learners and their needs. Learning involves Professional Learning, looking after accreditation and support teachers for HAT (Highly accredited) or LEAD (Literacy, numeracy, gifted and talented)
- Melinda advised that they would like to continue with consistent improvements in teaching practises
- The Department Assets have set aside some funds to replace our 2 chillers in the Air Conditioning system . This should be completed in the holidays.
- Orientation day for Year 7 2018 will be tomorrow
- Lawrence Furlong is organising the Year 10 recognition Ceremony for next Monday 11th December. The IMP is putting on a musical performance in what will be a memorable farewell to our Year Ten students
- Year Ten loved Taster week at Blackwattle Bay Campus. The staff at Blackwattle Bay advised they were the "Best Year Ten visitors ever"
- The 2018 Student leaders have been elected. There are 11 leaders and one representative from the Support Unit, so 12 in total.

3. President's report:

- Siranda advised that there was nothing to report

4. Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balances:

Main account \$73,076.25 Minus commitments \$44,127, leaves \$14,950 available

Commitments \$300 Year Ten Dux, \$10,000 Coffee cart, \$5,000 Painting, \$14,000 4 new picnic tables, \$5,000 Cube rider, \$5,000 for Spacemakers, \$2,277 microphones and \$2,500 film making. ICentre \$4,000 and Canteen \$10,000

Amanda asked that \$1,000 be approved to audit P&C Books

Vanessa Palfreeman suggested Amanda ask Balmain Campus treasurer to audit and they do a swap. In case this wasn't successful, Carmelina Oliveri proposed \$1,000 to get books audited and Vanessa Palfreeman seconded

4.1 Secretary's report

Nothing much to report. Various emails received and answered.

Owen Murphy reported back that Google Groups was the best option for email system for the P&C, Robyn Bernstein, secretary for 2018 said she would continue with this system and liaise with Owen early next year.

4.2 Lostock:

Lostock Bank Balance \$9641.93.

4.3 Masterplan Sub-committee report

Nothing to report yet as still at the early stage. More to report next year.

4.4 Tramsheds

Ian Cranwell has given no update.

4.5 West Connex report

Parents at Rozelle Public School P&C have organised regular meetings with Jamie Parker and other MP's. Ann-Therese has represented our P&C at these meetings. The issue is the unfiltered ventilation stacks being 35m high.. The P&C has authorised a letter to be written to these crossbenchers, Paul Green and Robert Brown regarding a health impact enquiry on these stacks on our children.

Ann-Therese will draft up a letter for Carmelina to circulate to our P&C distribution list.

General

- Discussed the date for 2018 P&C Welcome Night/First meeting date. The February 12th date was changed to February 5th 2017, being Week 2 of school.
- Jane Crawford has kindly offered to be P&C representative at the College Presentation Day on February 9th next year.
- Our outgoing parents Karen Korras and secretary Carmelina Oliveri as well as treasurer Amanda Watkin were thanked for their contributions to the P&C and wished well with their children going on to Blackwattle Bay Campus next year.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting was scheduled to follow the Welcome to New Parents Night on February 12, subject to Melinda checking the date.

Since this meeting the Welcome night and P&C meeting has been rescheduled to the usual first Monday of the month, ie February 5th. It will be at 7.30 pm in the staffroom, following the P&C Welcome night at 6pm in the Hall. The AGM will be held at this first meeting in 2018. All are welcome to attend our first meeting for the year.