

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes of Meeting February 13th 2017

Attendance recorded in attendance book. 20 parents, 3 staff members

Apologies: Belinda Fraser

Welcome given by president Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending

Minutes from previous meeting approved by Carmelina Oliveri and seconded by Jason Zhu.

Meeting commenced 7.40pm

1. General

John Livingstone - acting Head Teacher for Maths in Term 1 and formerly from Balmain Campus has come to the P&C meeting to discuss the various options for students to access the Maths textbook and wanted parent feedback.

Last year each student received a textbook kept at school and an electronic copy of the text.

John advised that this was breaching copyright by doing that. There were two options for this year. The Maths Department will cover the cost of one of the Options only:

Option 1 Responsibility of each student to bring textbook to class or keep it in the locker
Option 2 Get electronic copy of textbook only and the onus is on the student to have the device for class. They could be provided with a code to access the device with a lifespan of twelve months.

John advised that he got students to vote on which option they preferred and the results came out 50/50.

Alternatively, we could provide both textbook and electronic for an extra \$10 per student. The P&C agreed that this was reasonable. The general consensus from P&C parents was to provide both for an extra \$10.

2. Principal's Report

Melinda welcomed new parents and advised that the Year 7 students were very settled and calm. Any issues at all parents were advised to contact the Year 7 advisers Lauren Goritsas and Chris Matos.

Melinda advised the current Year 7's were at 235 numbers and there were no offers made to any students on the waitlist in 2017. In 2018 there may only be limited spaces available to out of area enrolments in year 7 only. All other years are closed to out of area enrolments. We are still taking in area enrolments, however the out of area

enrolments might have to be closed next year. Siblings may not get automatic enrolment anymore.

Melinda advised that Blackwattle Bay Campus have 2 demountables this year and the capacity is just not there at the Senior Campus.

The SRE has commenced smoothly with 2 classes, Catholic and interdenominational. It is run in the Library and there is enough for a class of each stage and both Christian groups.

The rest of the school attends Moomba or Assembly..

Staff Vacancy

- Head teacher PDHPE vacancy open merit selection
- Visual arts classroom teacher needed

The Presentation day was fabulous at Town Hall

Melinda also thanked the P&C catering team for their wonderful efforts at the Meet the Teachers event earlier tonight.

3. President's report:

A huge thank you to Vanessa, Belinda and Carmelina for catering the Event tonight. "Meet the Teachers" which had a great parent and teacher turnout.

The P&C was contacted by a parent concerned about the impact of BYOD and asked when the school would be evaluating the BYOD policy. The head of TAS and teacher David Springbett will be present at the March 6th meeting to discuss BYOD. Melinda stressed that the school is responsible for what they do at school but not at home.

We might have another EDMODO information session as it was asked by a parent to explain this. It was suggested that if parents contacted their child's science teacher, they could advise them of the EDMODO parent code.

3.1 Treasurer's Report:

Jason advised he had held the Treasurer's position for 18 months and work commitments had led him to relinquish the role. He would still be involved and perhaps could do the Audit of P&C Accounts from here on. The Financial Year Closed 31st January 2017. The Bank account had \$77800 and Lostock Bank account \$7700.

We have committed about \$46000 leaving a balance of around \$25000.

There is approximately \$32000 of parent contributions to come in.

A question was asked about Air conditioning at the school and whether we had it.

Melinda advised we did have it, however 3 of the 4 chillers were not working. It has to go through Dept of Education finance.

Sarah Foster, a parent on the P&C proposed to write on behalf of the P&C about the Air

Conditioner and the urgency of repairs needed. It was also noted that because of Aircraft noise there was no cross breezes.

3.2 Fundraising report

Siranda explained the Fundraising App was available to be downloaded to your phone. The price was still \$70 and there was a whole heap of things that it could be used for, so definately get your money's worth. The P&C got \$14 per purchase. Available from 1/4/2017.

The Trivia Night date had been set.for Saturday September 16th. We need to encourage parent participation through facebook, newsletter, fliers etc...

Belinda Smith spoke and said it worked so well because we had simple goals in place:

- To raise money
- To foster community spirit
- To have fun

It worked and we want it to continue that way for 2017.

A suggestion was made for a theme "Film Trivia Night"

3.3 Secretary's report

The Secretary has updated the School Website with all approved minutes of the Current 2016 year. New P&C member details had been added to the P&C email distribution

3.5 Lostock:

Ongoing not much to report. Minor maintenance program continuing.

A huge thank you to Belinda Fraser who does such a fantastic job of looking after Lostock.

General Business

SRE

- Robyn Bernstein came to talk about SRE. She advised that a lot of information is not known to parents and to look at the FIRIS website (Fairness in Religion in Schools).
- Robyn introduced Catherine Walsh who is a parent of students at Canterbury, Fort Street and Newtown to talk about her experience with SRE
- Catherine advised that The Department of Education suspends its own policies and Curriculum to run SRE. It is legislation and if a private provider contacts the school, they have to let them in.
- She encouraged parents to look at the website and advised that FIRIS Victoria have successfully moved SRE into out of school hours.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Next P&C meeting will be Monday March 6th at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.