

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus P&C Minutes of Meeting March 6th 2017

Attendance recorded in attendance book.

Parents Laura lee, Carmelina Oliveri, Graham Hall, Nicky Balmer, Amanda Watkin, Belinda Smith, Jason Zhu, Nikki Wedgwood, Osu Lilye, Tamara Ruicens, Ann-Therese King, Sunil and Anrti Sivarajat, John Collyer, Lesley Beaumont-Cankaya, Jacquie Teffer, Bronwyn Leece, Robyn Bernstein, Diane Adair, Gerard Doyle, Kate Ambrose, Simon Harch, Ian Cranwell, Siranda Torvaldsen

2 staff members Melinda Bright and Judy Kelly

Apologies: Belinda Fraser, Sarah Foster, Wendy Richardson, Belinda Fraser and Vanessa Palfreeman

Annual General Meeting

Melinda Bright took the Chair for the Elections to occur:

President: Belinda Smith nominated Siranda and Ann-Therese seconded
Siranda Torvaldsen elected President

Vice-President: Malcolm Mills nominated and Lilye Osu seconded.
Malcolm Mills elected Vice President

Secretary: Siranda nominated Carmelina and Robyn Bernstein seconded
Carmelina Oliveri elected Secretary

Treasurer: Amanda Watkin nominated by Siranda, seconded by Ann therese
Amanda Watkin elected treasurer

Lostock Coordinator: Belinda Smith nominated Belinda Fraser. Seconded by Carmelina

Belinda Fraser elected Lostock Coordinator

Assistant Treasurer: Simon Harch

Assistant Secretary: Robyn Bernstein

Trivia Night Coordinator: Belinda Smith nominated by Siranda and seconded by John

Assistant Trivia Night Coordinator: John Collyer

Welcome given by president Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending

Minutes from previous meeting approved by Belinda Smith and seconded by John Collyer.

Ordinary Meeting commenced 7.15pm

1. General

Kate Ambrose is a Teacher's Federation representative and a Parent at the school. She discussed a Planned Event on the 13th March at 3.30pm regarding celebrating the "Gonski" model and how it is working in our School. Local Politicians will attend. Parents are there to show support and it will be a strong and powerful afternoon.

All children should be given opportunity to reach their full potential. That is what Gonski is about.

Regardless of a child's postcode, disability or wallet size it doesn't affect a child's future. The school was featured in the Publication "Getting Results Vol 2" with the Article "The Leichhardt Story"

2. Principal's Report

- Interviews were being conducted for Head Teacher Maths
- Advertising for Head Teacher PDHPE . a male parent was needed for that Panel. Malcolm Mills and John Collyer have offered to be the parent representatives.
- Melinda advised that the Open Day was very successful. About 400 families with children of all ages from 2-14 years attended. The Hall was very packed.
- One concerning thing was people out of area could not be given a definitive answer.
- The West Connex Proposal was attracting attention and was a big issue for many parents at the school.

3. President's report:

Siranda advised there was nothing to report.

3.1 Treasurer's Report:

Jason advised that the Bank account had \$78000

We have committed about \$46000 leaving a balance of around \$32000.

Lostock had approximately \$8000 balance.

The Handover of Treasurer's role should be done ASAP with the 3, Jason, Amanda and Simon to get together and organise bank forms etc...

3.2 Secretary's report

The secretary has added Year 7 and new parent P&C member details to the P&C email distribution

3.3 Lostock:

Belinda Fraser will give us a report next meeting. There was extreme heat over Summer which led to the Raintank being empty. The Neighbour was kind enough to run a Pipe from his tank to assist us.

Solid bookings for April school holidays.

Minor maintenance program continuing.

3.4 Matters arising from Previous Meeting

- Uniform Ann-Therese advised the Girl's Summer skirt was ready. Louise from Pickles would like more open communication with the P&C. Next meeting parents should bring Uniform Issues. A huge thank you extended to Ann Therese for her outstanding efforts. Diane offered to be the liaison person with Pickles. Thank you Diane

4. West Connex Proposal Dive Site at SSCL

Ann-Therese King has offered to be the Coordinator of this for 2 months and is forming a sub-committee of P&C Opposition to this.

Anthony Albanese attended the meeting and addressed West Connex Proposal

- He advised it was a Breach of Faith. He said that any site was not great, however the school proposal was not just a bad site. It was a horrific site. The fact that the Government own the tram sheds was attractive so that they could use it as leverage with the Education Department and the School. He advised that he and his office would do whatever they could do to help fight the proposal.
- The traffic issues were a major concern as well the noise and truck movement 7am - 6pm 6 days per week.
- Anthony said it was now the time to create momentum, get people to come and physically have a look at how close the proposal is to the school - 20 metres. We as a school need that space
- It was for the P&C not to say where the Dive site should be but our role was to say that it should NOT be at our school.

Jamie Parker addressed the P&C regarding proposed West connex dive site at Tram Sheds adjacent to our school

- He said it was imperative that the P&C make a strong statement opposing the site.
- The constant truck movements was a major concern even more than the excavation noise
- Jamie asked for people not to fall in the trap of offering another location as an

- alternative, say Darley Road and put one side of Leichhardt against another
- He said it was not acceptable and would encourage us to get a handwritten petition of 500 names minimum to Parliament.
 - Get individuals writing letters against this for Our School
 - Jamie said he would give letters opposing the site to Minister for West Connex
 - He is meeting with WestConnex Minister, Stuart Ayres.
 - We need to get The Department of Education on Board
 - LAW (Leichhardt against West Connex) was advocating as well through Facebook

Ann-Therese King advised that now was the time to get our message out and send a Strong message to the Department of Education.

The most powerful directive for us as a P&C is to write a Statement for Our School leaders to give to the Minister for Education. This is for our Students Education, Safety and Community wellbeing.

The P&C formulated a Motion in respect of the recent proposal by SMC to construct on Derbyshire Road Leichhardt a mid tunnel dive site for Stage 3 West Connex M4-M5 Link for use by trucks for up to 4 years.

The Motion:

We, representing the Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt) school community, are appalled by and oppose the SMC proposal to construct and use Derbyshire Road land for a dive site.

This site is immediately next to the high school's only sports oval, which is used extensively by almost a thousand students at the College for recreation and class teaching. Over a period of four years this would affect an additional 900 students. We believe this proposal places no value on the education, health and safety of our children and the staff who will undoubtedly be negatively affected by the initial construction and subsequent long hours of constant, heavy truck movements at the site.

We demand that our school leaders do what they can to express our grave concerns and absolute and strident opposition to this proposal.

Other

- Judy Kelly advised that we have received support from Balmain Secondary College P&C in fighting this and they have our full support
- We need to form a Sub Committee to fight the proposal. Sub Committee formed by Motion of the P&C.
- The Sub committee is made up of Ann-Therese King, Robyn Bernstein, Diane, Nikki Wedgwood, John Collyer, Rachael Beckett
- Howard Charles a local solicitor is also happy to help
- Anthony Albanese also offered his Office for us to utilise Graphic Design and printing services

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Next P&C meeting will be Monday April 3rd at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.