

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus P&C Minutes of May 1st 2017

Attendance recorded in attendance book. 12 parents, 2 staff members
Siranda Torvaldsen, Carmelina Oliveri, Malcolm Mills, Simon Harch, John Collyer,
Karen Korras, Peter Szabolos, Ian Cranwell, Jane Crawford, Sarah Foster, Belinda
Smith, Jacqui Dehme
Staff: Vince O'Donnell, Judy Kelly.

Apologies: Melinda Bright, Belinda Fraser, Amanda Watkin, Ann-Therese King and
Robyn Bernstein

Welcome given by president Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending
Minutes from previous meeting approved by Siranda Torvaldsen and seconded by
Malcolm Mills.

Meeting commenced 7.05pm

Matters arising from Previous Minutes

1. Vanessa Palfreeman submitted the Community Grant application for the
Proposed Coffee Club. We will wait and see the outcome together with quotes
being obtained from Chris Matos before finalising decisions.

2. Principal's Report

Vince O'Donnell (Deputy) standing in for Melinda Bright delivered the report

- Staffing: 2 new Head teachers have been placed. John Livingstone is the Head
Teacher for Maths and Liz Jones is the Head Teacher for PDHPE. We are very
fortunate to have these Head Teachers on board. Also Lanie Gray has been
placed as the new Visual Arts teacher.
- There is a new Bell system in place where music is playing before recess and
lunch and the students love it.
- Siranda Torvaldsen and Vince O'Donnell are on the Selective Panel to have a
look at the next 60 selective students for 2018.
- NAPLAN is next week 10th and 11th May. there may be a slight disruption to Bell
times.
- Athletics Carnival is Wednesday 3rd May at warm Up Track Sydney Olympic
Park. Students and staff looking forward to a great day.
- Year 7 Social Media and Digital Safety Conference run for them by Optus.. Looks

at Cyber bullying. P&C might like to get guest speakers to complement this. A parent suggested ACMA as they do Cyber Bullying presentations for Primary schools.

- Judy Kelly advised that sessions at Balmain focused on “What you put up on social media can actually define you for life”
- **3. President’s report:**
- Siranda advised nothing much to report.
- We will look at David Springbett coming in to discuss BYOD as advised previously. It was suggested to have a separate information night on it like we did with Edmodo last year.
- There has been a strong local enrolment and siblings out of area are on a Waiting list.

3.1 Treasurer’s Report:

Simon read the Treasurer’s report in Amanda’s absence. He advised the Main account had just under \$55000 with \$31000.00 committed.(includes \$5000 for Coffee Cart committed at last meeting) that leaves \$22000.00 available to spend.

Lostock had approximately \$1400 in for holiday letting and \$890 out for Watertank leaving approximately \$8500 in Lostock bank account.

Simon was advised that the Prescribed Constitution does not allow Assistant treasurers to be bank signatories. It was proposed by Malcolm Mills that we elect Simon Harch as Vice President and this was seconded by Ian Cranwell. This will enable Simon Harch to be co bank signatory which is a more practical option.

3.2 Fundraising report

Siranda explained the 2017/18 Fundraising App was available to start using now. Only 2 have been sold to date. Vickie from school office is attaching information about the App on all newsletters and flyers.

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 receives \$14 each time purchased.

The Trivia Night date has been changed to Saturday 29th July. The first Trivia Night meeting occurred on 27th April. A theme of “ A night at the Oscars” had been chosen. Questions will be tailored around that theme. 3 Rounds of questions along with games. Pizzas will be available to be ordered as well as Petersham Bowling (Director parent Rob Chowdery) providing the Bar again.

Graphic design and lighting being looked after by James Powdich and John Collyer

1. Need someone to liase with “Made in Italy” for the pizzas.
2. Set up on the day in the hall
3. Prizes/Donations to be sourced Parent and local community
4. Graphic designer to design flyer and thank you cards

The next Trivia Night meeting is Thursday 18th May at Forest Lodge Hotel at 7pm.

3.3 Secretary’s report

The Secretary has added all New P&C member details to the P&C email distribution Dianne Adair had previously advised she was looking at a more user friendly email system and would report back.

3.4 Lostock:

Ongoing not much to report. Minor maintenance program continuing. The Water tank issues had now been resolved. A parent asked about a Lostock working Bee and Siranda thought to run it by Belinda Fraser as an idea.

Matters arising previously

- Siranda proposed that” Anyone that has reasonable expenses relating to the Trivia night that they can be reimbursed immediately” Simon Harch seconded the proposal..
- RE: West Connex Ann-Therese asked we minute who we sent thank you letters to. The Formal thank yous went out to:

Federal Member Anthony Albanese (ALP)

- **State Member Jamie Parker (Greens)**
- **NSW Shadow Minister for Education and former school principal Jihad Dib (ALP)**
- **Former Leichhardt Council Mayor before amalgamation Darcy Byrne (ALP)**
- **Inner West Council Administrator Richard Pearson**
- **Ex-Leichhardt Council Deputy Mayor before amalgamation and former teacher Vera-Ann Hannaford (Lib)**

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- **Former Leichhardt Councillor before amalgamation John Stamolis (Independent)**
- **NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes (Lib)**
- **NSW Minister for Westconnex Stuart Ayres (Lib)**

Forest Lodge Primary School P&C

Orange Grove Primary School P&C

Leichhardt Public P&C

- **Tramsheds.** We did not withdraw the GIPA Application. They were concerned about us bearing the \$30 fee, however we wanted it to go ahead.
- **Judy Kelly** advised that there were many groups that wanted the Tram Shed site, Police, Child Care Centre , School. We would love the land, however it has to be Community based as well.

- Jane Crawford, an Architect and Urban designer addressed the meeting. She has 2 children at the school. She met with Melinda Bright last week to discuss a proposed "Master Plan for the school. This would enable the school community to consider the School campus as a whole, identify needs and limitations.
- It was proposed to form a Masterplan Committee. The Committee would be formulated at the Next P&C Meeting.
- Ian Cranwell addressed the P&C about forming a Tramshed Committee. A \$30 fee to be paid and then form your committee.
- The Committee was Ian Cranwell, John Collyer and Sam Crawford.
- They were getting whatever information they could through the GIPA application.

General

Ann-Therese King had advised if we were ok to go with the Pickles Summer Skirt they had proposed. It wasn't the weight we had asked for.

It was suggested by Sarah Foster that we called it School Uniforms NOT boys or girls. Also go with Skorts instead of Skirts.

It was proposed by Siranda that Sarah Foster be the Uniform Liason person with Pickles and Carmelina Oliveri seconded that.

Belinda Smith and Ian Cranwell were looking at changing the rules for the Constitution.

Belinda Smith asked to discuss at next meeting: "How and when should we be spending P&C money. It should NOT be left in kitty ingoing and used for current students. Ask teachers, SRC, existing programs etc..."

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Next P&C meeting will be Monday June 5th at 7.00 pm in the staffroom