

## **Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus**

### **P&C Minutes of November 6th 2017**

**Attendance** recorded in attendance book. 9 parents:

Siranda Torvaldsen, Carmelina Oliveri, Simon Harch, Karen Korras, Ann-Therese King, Eoin Murphy, Susan Terravecchia, Owen Murphy, Jane Crawford

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

Apologies: Amanda Watkin. Malcolm Mills

Welcome given by President Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending

#### **Meeting commenced 7.05pm**

Minutes from previous meeting approved by Siranda Torvaldsen and seconded by Carmelina Oliveri

#### **1. Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

#### **BYOD evaluation session with David Springbett**

1. David Springbett addressed the meeting and handed out a BYOD Evaluation Summary sheet to P&C members

The main themes to come out of it are:

1. BYOD is being used at a substitution level
  2. Positives are Communication, collaboration and Digital theory skills
  3. Negatives are class distractions and technical issues
  4. Balance between pen and paper and BYOD
  5. Homework split between positive and negative
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2. The outcome is we have the technology in place, it is a tool, we now have to connect the Staff, Students and Community
  3. It has taken one year and over 130 pages of data gathering to come up with the BYOD summary
  4. Some classes have a nice balance and others have too much technology, the teacher determines the balance
  5. One concept being used in class is a journal at the beginning of each day where students either handwrite or use their device writing a piece in their journal for 5 mins

6. Next year they are recommending having total device free period during recess"Screen free recess"
7. David advised that over 20 different schools had enquired about our BYOD evaluation and were taken away by the work done at Leichhardt

### **Project Spacemakers**

- David Springbett discussed this Graphics technology Unit for Year 8 where data is collected and you measure and design space
- Real maths is applied to solve these design space problems
- Great ideas and core themes, vertical gardens above doors etc...
- David asked for \$5000 for completely redecorating the "A" block corridor
- Siranda asked our assistant treasurer Simon Harch for available funds and he said \$45600 approx. Siranda proposed the \$5000.00 be allocated from P&C funds to "Spacemakers" and Karen Korras approved.

### **New Syllabus Digital Technology**

- David Springbett advised that a company called "Cube rider" provide whole learning material to allow students to program the hardware
- Then send the program off to NASA and we launch it to an international space station
- Would like to have every Year 7 student and 30 year 10 students next year
- The whole unit costs \$10000. The faculty would fund \$5000 and he is asking P&C to contribute \$5000
- Siranda proposed \$5000.00 and Carmelina seconded this for Cube writer.

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

- David Allen was the relieving College Principal while Judy Kelly was on leave
- Head teacher HSIE was being selected, parent Jane Crawford has kindly offered to be on the panel
- Melinda advised there was the first GIPA request regarding unsuccessful 2018 enrolment. They had received 48 non local female applications, of which 17 were successful and 103 non local male applications of which 22 were successful
- Melinda advised there are 2 criteria, proximity and access to programs like IMP which they perhaps cannot access at the local high school
- There are 45 applicants on a waiting list and the situation is we do not have the capacity
- Our senior campus Blackwattle Bay is full and actually has 2 demountables on it
- Melinda also asked the P&C if we could fund a further 4 picnic tables for the oval They have been a huge success. The school will pay for the concrete, James

McMaster has kindly offered his assistance again.. Simon Harch proposed \$14000 for the 4 Picnic tables and Susan Terravecchia seconded this

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

- Siranda advised that the Year 7 2018 Orientation Day was on Tuesday December 5th. There will be a P&C table set up at the entrance to the hall. Jane Crawford has kindly offered to assist Siranda with manning this
- The Entertainment app raised \$308.00 this year which is up on 2016
- Tramsheds sub committee photo and article in Inner west Courier. Jamie Parker so positive and no opposition in Parliament to it going back to the School
- Tramsheds uses as a learning space, Cultural/Performance space. It was suggested it could even house the College Team who have expanded from 2 to 5 people

### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

#### **Bank Balances:**

\$72700 (after cashing Picnic tables from last year)

Minus commitments \$27100, leaves \$45600.00 available

Karen Korras moved to go ahead with \$5000.00 for painting in the toilets. Carmelina Oliveri seconded this

#### **4.1 Secretary's report**

Nothing much to report. Various emails received and answered promptly.

Owen Murphy kindly advised he would look at the options for a more user friendly email system...

#### **4.2 Lostock:**

Lostock Bank Balance \$9500.00. \$950.00 deposits in the last month

### **4.3 Masterplan Sub-committee report**

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

#### **General**

- Planning for 2018 P&C Welcome Night/First meeting date. Overwhelming success of our 2017 night. Siranda advised that Vanessa Palfreeman, Carmelina, Belinda Smith and others all stepped up with the catering which made it so much easier for the Welcome night held in the hall this year.
- Melinda advised if the P&C fund it, Vicki from the Office could take on the online catering side. Discuss the options at our December meeting
- Simon Harch brought up a concern with the HPV vaccination program and anomalies with the timing given out at the school. His GP advised it should be 3 over 6 months and the school may not have the correct schedule. Melinda to check, Simon to email her the information.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm. The next meeting will be Monday December 4th at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend our last meeting for the year.