

# Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

## P&C Minutes of September 4th 2017

**Attendance** recorded in attendance book. 9 parents, 1 staff member

Apologies: Sarah Foster, Belinda Smith, Vanessa Palfreeman, Robyn Bernstein, Simon Harch and Judy Smith

Welcome given by President Siranda Torvaldsen to all attending

### **Meeting commenced 7.05pm**

Minutes from previous meeting approved by Siranda Torvaldsen and seconded by Malcolm Mills

#### 1. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

##### **BYOD evaluation session with David Springbett and Tim Patterson**

1. David Springbett and Tim Patterson addressed the meeting and advised that they had been collecting information on the positive and negative effects of BYOD
2. They surveyed Year 7 parents and students and Collaboration, Reflection on own learning, Creative thinking and Problem solving are the skills being gained from BYOD. 44 samples out of 220 students
3. Some angst from students in group work collaboration
4. Concluded the BYOD is a distraction as well as a learning tool
5. Library has a collaboration learning space being set up
6. Parent Focus groups will be Term 4 4.30-5.30pm 10 Parents maximum
7. One concern is that handwriting and spelling are going backwards
8. Slow WiFi with BYOD, also games being played
9. NAPLAN showing similar results with BYOD
10. Kids are the best people to ask "Best Practise and BYOD" will be solidified
11. More in depth focus groups to be done later. Big look at Future of education. Horizon reports 51 Different lectures from "challenges of Education".
12. Focus strategies and core themes published in Nov. "Take it Forward" Professional development teaching and learning

#### 2. Principal's Report

- Melinda expressed thanks to Vince O'Donnell, Sally Bury and John Livingstone for doing such an amazing job while she was on Long Service Leave

- James McKew “Schools of the Future” with Liz Jones and David Springbatt
- More schools found working in partnerships, Leichhardt, illawong, Macarthur Girls and Liverpool boys. Focus on “what’s happening in the Classroom”. It is really crucial with a changing curriculum that we upskill teachers
- The College team in all 3 campuses are gathering information, feedback and data. Aiming to get the passion back in: “Creativity, Critical thinking, Communication and Innovation”
- Staffing: Stephanie Ward Drama teacher is on maternity leave  
Milla Markovich is relieving heat teacher English
- Music in the Park is on September 16th Great music extravaganza. All should come along. Transition activity for Primary students
- Melinda thanked teachers involved for the BYOD evaluation, It is a comprehensive evaluation and they should all be commended
- School Musical: Sept 6th and 7th “How to succeed in business without really trying”

### **3. President’s report:**

- Siranda advised that Annandale Public School was going ahead with Auction of Lostock at their Trivia Night. They would pay us \$50 per night as discussed previously.
- Encourage teachers to put in funding requests as still \$50000 approx available to spend

### **4. Treasurer’s Report:**

#### **Bank Balances:**

\$86450.25

Minus commitments \$50350.25

Lostock Bank Balance \$7478.50

Amanda advised that the exact profit of the Trivia night was \$18383.29 (LY \$14953.63)

Signatories to be changed to only Siranda Torvaldsen, Amanda Watkin, Simon Harch and Lostock only Belinda Fraser.

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

Nothing much to report. Amanda said she would look at the Subscribe/Unsubscribe and see if feasible. Amanda contacted IT Gmail business there is 12 month subscription fees or on an ongoing monthly basis

Also, the IMP use Chimp mail and Judy Kelly was attending a meeting for IMP and would ask how it was working.

All the Thank you certificates for the Trivia Night had been mailed or personally handed out

#### **4.2 Lostock:**

Ongoing not much to report. Balance \$7478.50.

#### **4.3 Tramsheds**

The issue in our area is that they won't do anything for us while the capacity at Marrickville is so low. Marrickville is such a great school and yet only 36 enrolled for Year 7 2018.

Ian advised he has sent in requests for information to Rob Stokes office at least 5 times.

Ian Cranwell advised a letter as recent as 2 weeks ago had been sent to the Minister. He has yet to deliver on the promise of having a meeting.

Siranda thanked Ian for his tireless efforts with this.

#### **General**

- Ann-Therese King advised that the Darley Road proposed west Connex site had SMC saying that 36 houses would be uninhabitable due to noise and they would buy back houses and relocate people. Ann-Therese noted it would have been so debilitating for our school if the West Connex proposal had gone ahead.
- Ann-Therese was invited to the Community meeting for this and asked to get petitions. Members of the P&C signed this petition. Solidarity was so important for this cause.
- With Uniforms, nothing has happened yet for this. Judy Kelly to report back on College jacket.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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

