Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus
P&C Minutes of General Meeting 6th August 2018

Attendance recorded in attendance book.
Staff members: Vince O’Donnell (Relieving Principal), Sally Bury (Relieving Deputy Principal), Michael Parker (Sports Co-ordinator)

GENERAL MEETING
Commenced 7.05pm.

Welcome given by President Jane Crawford to all attending.

1. Apologies
   Michael Zanardo, Eoin Murphy, Sarah Foster

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting
   Minutes from previous meeting approved by John Collyer, seconded by Siranda Torvaldsen.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes
   a. Sport
      Sally Bury (Relieving Deputy) and Michael Parker (Sports Co-ordinator) addressed issues raised in previous meeting.
      i. Competitions are capped at a certain age for safety reasons. For under 14s/15s the next step is Open. Under 14s/15s cannot play Year 11/12 students. Some Leichhardt students can try out for Black Wattle Open Teams.
      ii. Sometimes games are cancelled by other schools if a game clashes with their school program.
          ○ Parent questioned whether girls' ‘competitive’ sport soccer worthwhile? Limited competition and half sized field (due to Ramadan) for the majority of the term. Sally explained SSCLC is in ‘Bligh’ zone, many schools in this zone do not participate in girls' soccer inter-school sport (Dulwich, Newtown, Tempe, Marrickville).
      iii. Affordability, staff, and transport are taken into consideration. Financial assistance is available for some families.
      iv. Recreational sport - parents commented at meeting that there is a good choice of recreational sport for their kids who don't like competitive sport.
      v. With regards to soccer, SSCL concentrates on outdoor soccer. Indoor soccer is expensive.
      vi. Kayaking - not viable, not enough staff for 1-8 ratio.
      vii. Rowing - Sally will investigate possibilities with Blackwatte and Leichhardt rowing clubs. Transport could be an issue.
      viii. Year 10 ski camp - a parent asked could there be more alternatives for students who don't go to ski camp? eg. a Sydney camp, with bushwalks etc.
          ○ Action: Sally will look into other options. Work experience was offered - no takers.
b. **WestConnex Liaison coordinator report** (Ann-Therese King)
   i. **Public Accountability Committee impact of WestConnex Project**
      Ann-Therese briefed the P&C on key points of submission draft focusing on due accountability and process with respect of student health, safety, welfare and education.
      - Did they consider negative impacts regarding dive site adjacent to school, tunnel underneath school, 3 unfiltered stacks close to school, other disruptions eg. traffic jams, trucks, noise, pollution, vibration?
      - Dive site adjacent to school would have gone ahead if no one complained.
      - Is there consideration of school timetable, special events, timelines, relocation plan in case of emergency?
      - **Action:** Sub-group of P&C to read/approve draft: Anna Cody, Jack Hawkes, Vanessa Palfreeman, Kelly Stephens
   
   ii. **Air quality meters** - there is no baseline data of air quality
      - Rozelle Public School investing in air quality meter
      - What are the accumulative effects of air and ground traffic?
      - **Action:** Jack Hawkes to make enquiries into air quality meters

4. **Reports**
   a. **Principal's Report** (Vince O’Donnell, Relieving Principal)
      i. **General Report**
         - Student Progress Interviews - Year 7 strong attendance from parents, with a trial of student led conferencing that occurred. Years 8,9, there was a drop off in attendance from parents. Perhaps this is something that the P&C would like to collaborate with the school on, to evaluate this.
            - Jane Crawford suggested she could write something on the positives of student led conferencing in Highlights.
      ii. **Staffing Update**
         - Deputy Principal position (previously David Allen’s position) will be advertised very soon, as early as Wednesday 8th August.
         - HSIE job currently advertised, closing date August 15th.
         - Mark Kusmierski, new experienced permanent Math Teacher from Fairfield HS has started this term. Bryn Morgan has also started as a new Temporary Math Teacher.
         - We welcome back John Levingston as our substantive HT Math and Steph Ward as our substantive HT English.
         - Declan Coyte replaces Jesse Darwin as our temporary HSIE teacher. We welcome back Dominic Tintner who will be taking Huon Tran’s PDHPE classes. Kartika Brand has moved on to a new school, which means we have Gina Erakleous teaching her LOTE classes and Sophia Gois taking on the EAL/D role.
         - For term 3, Melinda Bright will remain as the relieving College Principal and I will continue in the role of Relieving Principal. David Springbett will continue to relieve as Stage 4 Deputy Principal and Tim Paterson as HT Learning and Engagement. Aron Lawford will relieve as the Boys Adviser in term 3.
            - Vince was asked if there was opportunities for SSCL teachers to teach at Blackwattle to encourage teachers to stay - Vince explained as part of the college model there are opportunities for teachers to transfer to Blackwattle, depending on size of faculty and other factors.
      iii. **Recent Events**
         - Student progress interviews July 5th for Year 8, Year 9 was July 26th.
Fempower' workshops for Year 9 and 10 July 2nd and 4th.
- College Professional Development Day Mon July 23rd - Jane Caro was the guest speaker, workshops and faculty planning time occurred - evaluations were positive and constructive.
- Year 10 Ski Trip last week - 31st July to August 3rd - positive trip, students represented the school well.

Future Events
- Student progress interview Tuesday August 7th for Year 10.
- Sydney East Athletics Carnival August 8/9th.
- 6C's + R - staff professional learning.
- Year 8 Gala Day Wed Aug 15th.
- Year 8 subject Selection Evening Thurs Aug 16th (6pm-7pm).
- Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews Mon Aug 20th - Fri Aug 22nd.
- Extended Professional Learning Evening Wed August 29th.
- “Wear it Purple Day” Friday August 31st.

b. President's Report (Jane Crawford)
  i. Big thank you from Liz Jones (HT PDHPE) - lines on outside courts for the multi-purpose courts and lines for quadrangle are finished!
  ii. Painting of upstairs A Block hallway completed.
  iii. Vanessa Palfreeman - parent representative on panel for Deputy Principal.
iv. John Collyer - parent representative on panel for HSIE teacher.

c. Treasurer's Report (Jonathan Hawkes)
  i. Robyn Bernstein proposed that the following people should be deleted from both the Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus P&C Association accounts (Account numbers 150040152 and 150321115): Patricia Ware, Nicholas Potter, Lyndell Webster, Rachel Wang, Jason Zhu, Amanda Watkin, Simon Harch. Seconded by John Collyer.
  ii. Jane Crawford proposed that Belinda Fraser should have full access as a signatory (ie. NO restrictions) to the Lostock account (account number 150321115). Seconded by Siranda Torvaldsen.
  iii. Current signatories are: Siranda Torvaldsen, Robyn Bernstein, Jane Crawford, Jonathan Hawkes
iv. Future signatories: when you go into Bendigo Bank with ID etc. to become a signatory, you need to ask for electronic access, it’s not automatic. You should also ask that they capture an electronic signature, as they will only recognise signatures on the minutes etc. if they have an electronic signature on record so that they can match it.
v. P&C contributions: $26,544.50 (as at end of April - still to be transferred from school account). Jack to meet with Michelle Cox.
vi. P&C Account balance: $72,521.00
  o Deposit: $3.00 membership fee
  o Expenses: $500.00 SSCL P&C Lostock contribution $31.25 Ian Cranwell DP 1016734
  o Committed funds: $70,602.00
  o Uncommitted: $36,373.75
vii. Lostock Account balance: $9,816.66
  o Income: $490.00 accommodation fees
  o Deposit: $500.00 SSCL P&C contribution
- Expenses: $1,980.00 Whitehead & Assts Envir Cons (environment report required before septic tank replaced)
  $501.48 Electricity Bill

viii. **Westpac Account Balance**: $130.26
Jonathan Hawkes will endeavour to close Westpac Account.

d. **Secretary’s Report**
   Only 3 more meetings this year. No meeting in October because of school holidays.

e. **Event Coordinator’s Report** - Mini Music Festival - Jane Crawford to follow up.

f. **Master Plan Sub-committee Report** - progressing.

5. **General Business**
   a. **Managing student workload over the term**
      Vince O’Donnell addressed concerns - there is a considered approach to assessments.
      The executive make sure assessments are spread out. Assessment schedule can be found in Skoolbag.
   b. **School website upgrade**
      Sally Bury has been working on school website upgrade. Sally explained why there is no calendar - part of the NSW DOE upgrade included removal of school calendar. The “Events” section is supposed to replace calendar.

6. **Next Meeting**: Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.00pm in the common staffroom.

7. **Meeting closed** 9.00pm