

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes of General Meeting 2nd July 2018

Attendance recorded in attendance book.

Parents & Carers: Kyong Choe, Cathy McMillan, Siranda Torvaldsen, Wendy Richardson, Susan Mercer, Sue Luburic, Michael Zanardo, Jonathan (Jack) Hawkes, John Collyer, Ann-Therese King, Jane Crawford, Robyn Bernstein

Staff members: Vince O'Donnell (Relieving Principal), Melinda Bright (Relieving College Principal)

GENERAL MEETING

Commenced 7.00pm.

Welcome given by President Jane Crawford to all attending.

1. Apologies

Eoin Murphy, Yvette Novak

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from previous meeting approved by Jane Crawford, seconded by Siranda Torvaldsen.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

a. Filling casual vacancies of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

- i. Ballot held to fill Position of Treasurer. Congratulations and big thank you to Jonathan (Jack) Hawkes accepting position of SSCL P&C Treasurer.
- ii. Position of Assistant Treasurer to be filled at later date.

b. WestConnex Liaison coordinator report (Ann-Therese King)

- i. Dan Murphy's not to be used as a Dive Site at Darley Road, Leichhardt - good news for SSLC students/staff using "Leichhardt North" Light Rail station.
- ii. NSW Parliamentary inquiry into the impacts of WestConnex "Public Accountability Committee inquire into and report on the impact of the WestConnex project" chaired by Fred Nile (CDP)
 1. Terms of reference:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/2497/Terms%20of%20Reference%20-%20WestConnex%20project.pdf>
 2. **The P&C and/or individuals can put in a submission**
 - o Doesn't have to be long
 - o Submission deadline: 6 weeks
 - o Issues raised by schools currently affected, like St Peters PS and Haberfield PS include air quality, noise and pollution.
 - o **ACTION:** P&C agreed to make a submission.
Ann-Therese will draft a submission for next meeting focusing on on due accountability and process with respect of student health, safety and welfare.
- iii. Statement of anticipated impacts from the consultative committee (June 4th minutes) is in draft form - response won't be until September meeting. SSCL anticipated issues regarding tunnel under school include - depth, noise, vibration.
- iv. A Haberfield PS parent referred to lessons learnt - "pressure on WestConnex gets results". Instead of having a Dive Site 150m from Haberfield PS the site in question will now be used as a car park and operational land.

- v. A meeting will be requested with Dept Of Ed rep to discuss possible impacts and appropriate preparations.
- vi. SSC Balmain have appointed a Westconnex liaison officer as well as their school community may be affected by the Iron Cove Link and/or Western Harbour Tunnel.

4. Reports

a. **Principal's Report** (Vince O'Donnell, Relieving Principal)

i. **General Report**

1. HSIE staffing - Matt Harris permanently appointed to HSIE - we are fortunate to have him full time. Another HSIE job will be up early next term, Lisa Hartemink will be running the panel.
2. MATHS staffing
 - o New Maths teacher Mark Kusmierski - hoping to start in term 3
 - o Starting 2019 - New Math/Science teacher - Julie Vuong
 - o Greg Wozniak (Relieving Head Teacher) - going on long service leave.
 - o John Levingston - substantive Head Maths teacher returning 3 days a week.
3. Tika Brand (EALD/LOTE teacher) leaving end term 2. Sad to see her go.
4. Until further notice, Melinda Bright will continue as Relieving College Principal into Term 3, with Vince O'Donnell continuing as Relieving Principal. David Springbett to continue as deputy/TAS teacher. Melinda reassured the P&C that the school is very fortunate in the depth and capacity of leadership at school.
5. Air conditioning project signed off
 - o One more scope of works - administration building and drama space, involving 2 refrigeration units not on the original scope.

ii. **Recent Events**

1. Staff extended professional learning evening occurred Wed 6th June.
2. IMP Camp was successful in week 6 and the subsequent IMP performance on June 12th was outstanding.
3. ACCORD "*Show what you know*" night June 25th - very positive
4. Year 7 Student progress interviews were held Wed June 27th - over 70% attendance.
5. Blackwattle Bay Subject Information Evening was successful. Parents at meeting agreed. Vast majority of Leichhardt and Balmain go on to Blackwattle.
6. Careers Expo for Year 10 Friday 29th June went well.

iii. **Future Events**

1. Year 8 Student progress interviews July 5th
2. Next term, Yr 9 Student progress interviews July 26th, Yr 10 - August 8th.
3. "Fempower" workshops for Year 9 and 10 - July 2nd and 4th.
4. Sally Bury working on new school website - opportunity to update P&C section if needed.

b. **President's Report** (Jane Crawford)

Jane was contacted by teacher Ashley O'Sullivan regarding approval for **painting the hallway** in holidays. **ACTION:** Jane and Vince O'Donnell to follow up with David Springbett. There is preapproval for up to \$5000.00.

c. **Treasurer's Report** (by incoming Treasurer Jack Hawkes)

Jack Hawkes has taken over as Treasurer effective immediately. All figures below are

based on information received at handover with Simon Harch. At August meeting all information will be verified in line with requirements for Audit.

- i. P&C contributions: \$26,544.50 (as at end of April)
- ii. Jack will meet with Michelle Cox to identify what needs to be invoiced by school for committed funds.
- iii. P&C Account balance: \$73,049.25
- iv. Committed funds: \$70,602.00
- v. Uncommitted: \$36,373.75 (available at end of 2nd July meeting).
- vi. Lostock Account balance: \$11,308.14
- vii. Jack to set up online access and become account signatory
- viii. Cathy McMillan (Accountant/Parent) doing Audit.

d. **Secretary's Report** Nothing to report

e. **Event Coordinator's Report** (Jane Crawford)

Mini Music Festival Fundraising - date to be confirmed asap. Yvette has been out and about listening to bands - 2 bands on board so far.

f. **Master Plan Sub-committee Report** (Jane Crawford)

Great site meeting with school executive and sub-committee. Melinda and Jane also met with Judy Kelly to brief her on work done so far and to seek advice on a recommended way to proceed. Judy Kelly's current position is Relieving Director Inner-City School Strategy. Judy Kelly can report back to the Department regarding the work done by P&C. The committee would like to work with the Department of Education as much as possible to include the adjacent Tramshed site.

- i. The sub-committee has been in touch with Ian Cranwell (soccer club representative) regarding adjacent Tramsheds. When the school oval was remediated there has always been a question mark as to whether they remediated the bit that remains fenced. The Lot and DP numbers have been changed. To investigate further sub-committee needs updated survey.
 - o Jane presented an invoice \$31.25 for 'NSW LRS - Copy of Plan - Deposited Plan 10106734'. Approved by Siranda Torvaldsen, seconded by John Collyer.

5. General Business

- a. **Sport:** Some year 9 boys are feeling that there is a lack of competitive opportunities, eg. "The Bill Turner Cup" soccer competition is for 15 years and under - there doesn't seem to be anything similar for older kids. Vince and Melinda addressed some of the issues faced for all sports, including venues, weather, coordinating with other schools, transport costs, increasing student numbers etc.

ACTION: Vince will ask Sport teachers if they can attend next P&C meeting to answer parent questions.

- b. **Year 10 Ski camp** - do students with season ski pass get a deduction from camp fees?

ACTION: Vince to follow up with organiser Lisa Hartemink.

- c. Student safety on Balmain Road - Master Plan includes designing safer area for students.

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday 6th August 2018 at 7.00pm in the common staffroom.

7. **Meeting closed** 8.10pm