

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes General Meeting 2nd December 2019

Attendance recorded in attendance book.

Parents & Carers , Gianina Olaru, Siranda Torvaldsen, Jane Crawford, Eoin Murphy, Ann-Therese King, Ling Chan, Sarah Foster, Susan Mercer

Staff members Belinda Conway (Acting Principal), Judy Kelly (College Principal)

Apologies None

GENERAL MEETING

Commenced 7.00pm

Welcome given by Jane Crawford to all attending.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

1. Approved by JC, seconded by ST

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. Lostock - Question from parent (SF): Why control being passed to Dept of Education?

- i. Not being used.
- ii. Not covered by existing P&C insurance.
- iii. Students and other members of the community not benefitting
- iv. BC: Got legal advice to stop renting immediately - too many open questions
- v. Too small as a camp site (230 kids on average in each year)
- vi. Too expensive to maintain, too far away
- vii. SF. As it's a big change it should have been broadcast a bit more widely
- viii. ST: For any large changes P&C should advise parents to allow feedback, and maybe not rely on P&C minutes as only means of communication

b. Senior campus subject selection

- i. AT spoke to Liza Lewis (Principal of BWB)
- ii. Subjects need to be in the top 3 preferences to be (almost?) guaranteed. From the 4th preference and below, an effort will be made to accommodate them, but the computer system which manages the prioritisation does treat them differently
- iii. AT: Could do more clarity about how the process works
- iv. Students are choosing 6 subjects

3. Reports

a. Principal's Report (Belinda Conway, Acting Principal)

1. Staffing: mostly status quo
2. Cecilia Bardech-Medina moving to Blackwattle for 1 yr

3. Busy year in general
 4. 5th in theatresports in Australia
 5. new Electives Ready to go for Yr 9
 6. Reviewing "gifted and talented" policy -> now known as "gifted and high potential learner" policy
 7. Car park - have access, being used - everyone very happy
 8. COLA- tender process begun (for design). Design and construct. Working with council. Handled by Dept. Ed. due to expense of project
 9. Aircon upgrade almost finished - air curtains being installed
 10. Thanks to P&C, particularly those leaving (ST, ATK). Thanks to Judy Kelly also
- b. College Principal's report (Judy Kelly)**
- i. Thank you!
 - ii. Has been a joy to work with you since 2003.
 - iii. JC: Thank you for your unrivalled attendance at P&C meetings
- c. President's Report (Jane Crawford)**
- i. Thanks to Judy Kelly
 - ii. Action: Needs to write Lostock letter (see previous minutes)
 - iii. Thanks also to Siranda Torvaldsen and Ann-Therese King
 - iv. Air pollution monitor - we think it's up an running
 1. Can read with phone - Jane to send details to EM for verification
- d. Fundraising report (Ann-Therese King)**
- i. Thanks to all for help with Trivia Night:
 1. Send thank you message to Vicky at admin for inclusion in highlights.
 2. Send a P&C email also
 3. Wanted to send to Skoolbag also - but is closing down - redundant, school is consolidating the many means of communicating electronically with parents
- e. WestConnex Report (Ann-Therese King)**
- i. Email - put in next Highlights. ATK to send to BC
 - ii. ATK: Advocacy for Campus in the future (Note: ATK will not be a parent at the school from next year).
 1. Don't have someone - need someone for both parts A and B.
 2. 8 meetings of 2 hrs each. Ideally one person for each part, plus a deputy. Affects all 3 campuses. Could have a cross-campus rep?
 3. ATK will go to first consultations in March.
 - iii. Traffic - crossing City West Link for example is v. difficult. Lots of people running red lights etc
 1. BC to write quick email to ATK about this (6 points)
 2. ATK has contacted RMS about a meeting

f. Treasurer's Report (Gianina Olaru)

11/1/2019	Bendigo Bank P&C Account balance	\$ 148,311.24
	Nov Total Deposits	\$ 6,892.40
12/1/2019	P&C Account Balance	\$ 155,203.64
	Nov Total Expense	\$0
	Committed funds	-\$ 68,570.00
	Total Expenses	-\$ 68,570.00
12/1/2019	Net Position on P&C Acc balance (Rev -Committed funds	\$ 86,633.64
11/1/2019	Bendigo Bank LOSTOCK Account balance	\$ 9,156.67
	Nov Income	\$0
	Nov Expenses	-\$ 161.78
12/1/2019	Bendigo Bank LOSTOCK Account balance	\$ 8,994.89
11/1/2019	Westpac Acc Balance	\$ 130.39

- i. Note: There will be some expenditure in February - e.g Spacemakers
- ii. Any other other items?
- iii. COLA. JC: Could we get professional landscapers etc?
- iv. GO to get on top of commitments etc over holidays
- v. LOSTOCK account - \$9156. Paid electricity bill from that (see previous minutes)
- vi. \$130 westpac
- vii. Need remove Jack Hawkes and others as signatories from a/c

g. Secretary's Report (Eoin Murphy)

- i. Nothing to report

4. General Business

- a. What is the standard uniform policy?
 - i. Shoes have to be close toed.
 - ii. TAS etc may require leather shoes for workshops etc, apart from that running shoes etc. are fine.
- b. "High Potential Learners" et al... Who diagnoses? A range of teachers.
 - i. New policy has a focus on this
 - ii. Increased anxiety in students in general
- c. ATK: Formally thank Jamie Parker for help with car park.
 - i. ATK to draft letter, send to EM for distribution
- d. Dec 3rd. Incoming Yr 7 Orientation day.
- e. P&C Welcome drinks - Feb 3rd or Feb 10th?
 - i. BC: Feb 10th there is a technology workshop for parents. Covers Edmodo, Microsoft OneNote etc. Can do an hour before welcome drinks.
 - ii. In summary:Feb 3rd P&C meeting, Feb 10th Welcome drinks, AGM Later

- f. Skype Meetings?
 - i. No people are unlikely to speak freely.
 - ii. Try to do email digest of minutes to make information more accessible?
- g. Charity status
 - i. ETA - end Feb 2020

5. Change in commitments resulting from this month's P&C Meeting: None

6. Next Meeting Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7pm in the common staffroom

7. Meeting closed 9:15pm