

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes General Meeting 2nd September 2019

Attendance recorded in attendance book.

Parents & Carers Susan Mercer, Gianina Olaru, Karen Korras, Siranda Torvaldsen, Jane Crawford, Eoin Murphy, Ann-Therese King, John Collyer, Ling Chang

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

Apologies Cathy McMillan, Jack Hawkes

GENERAL MEETING

Commenced 7.00pm

Welcome given by Jane Crawford to all attending.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

2. Trivia Night

- a. Big thanks to Ann-Therese King and Siranda Torvaldsen (the organisers) from Jane Crawford
- b. Ann-Therese has drafted formal thank you for Highlights. Should also mention you can still donate if you weren't able to make it on the night. Thanks esp to John C, Karen K, Gianina O and others
- c. The final amounts still need to be tallied and expenses deducted, but it is expected to be at least \$15,000. 291 tickets were sold and 98 pizzas ordered. The auctions raised \$6,100, the Liquor Locker \$1,000 and the raffle approximately \$1,300. The final amount will be known in the next week.
- d. Ordered same amount of alcohol as last Trivia Night. Annandale Cellars took left-over alcohol back. Some of this was bought at cost price by P&C members
- e. Thanks also to Mary Poynten for doing the ticketing etc
- f. Thank you to donors needs to go up on website. Thank you certificates need to be posted
- g. Some Lessons learnt:
 - i. Some people brought BYO alcohol - maybe we need to communicate it a bit better. We can't charge corkage.
 - ii. Need people helping in all subsections like PA, Lighting, pizza, prizes, decoration, auctions, Siranda T: need at least 9 people taking a role
 - iii. Get new people involved and committed BEFORE we agree to do the event.
 - iv. Get subcommittee organised early
 - v. Historical knowledge of how to run is very important - e.g people who have done this in Primary Schools
 - vi. Volunteer Register for Trivia Night - were there people who are not P&C members. Insurance not covered. Are people who pay P&C fees members? What about voting members? From now on we should have a register for volunteers

3. Reports

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

- i. **Trivia Night**
 1. Thank you to everyone involved
- ii. **New electives**
 1. Up and running - approx 10 - very diverse, deep-thinking (psychology, philosophy etc). 24 were offered. Students will find out later in the year if they have been accepted
- iii. **Fundraising request**
 1. Look at updating microphones in hall. There are no stage microphones for example. Could also be used by IMP.
 - a. Jane C: Stage monitors could be improved. Improving reverb/echo \$15k. Project will go to Finance committee for approval before official P&C request - will get the usual 3 quotes etc

b. President's Report (Jane Crawford)

- i. Jack Hawkes is unfortunately resigning as Treasurer. Would like to thank him for his dedication and hard work
- ii. Role of treasurer is now vacant. Gianina O is happy to nominate. Proposed by John C, seconded by Karen K
- iii. Vice-Treasurer's position open
- iv. Signatories to account currently - Gianina O, Siranda T, Jane C. Jack H needs to be taken off
- v. Need new blood in P&C.
- vi. Jack H has only hard copy documents. Jack H can meet up with Gianina O and hand over
- vii. Where can we store P&C documents longer term? What about cloud storage? Laptop?
- viii. COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) update. Belinda C: equivalent project at similar school 80k

b. WestConnex report (Ann-Therese King)

- i. Have put on Agenda of Part A and Part B - need to have a plan B if there are unexpected noise problems. Something in writing that the contractors can be held to. EPA. Example Fox Studios, stadium.
- ii. Have drawn attention to residents fears e.g property damage (being on top of an interchange with stubs etc)
- iii. School will get it's subsurface purchased in next 6 months. Can get a free property assessment from contractor, or council (Evidence of state of building before works began)
- iv. Cabling works are almost done and not close to school
- v. Condition of footpaths - loose gravel/asphalt etc. Were concrete, are now asphalt etc.
- vi. Belinda C: Talked to contractors about signage etc, pointed out various issues
- vii. Final tunnel depths will be published soon. Final minimal depth - can change at last minute. What are the current EIS that applies? What EPA guidelines apply?

c. Treasurer's report

- i. Nothing to report

d. Secretary's Report

- i. Nothing to report

4. General Business

- a. Question about Working with children - don't need it if your own child is involved. Not required as part of P&C as we are not in close contact with children
- b. Charity status - for ABN (Federal Gov Tax office) need to change name to SSCL P&C. Jane C and Gianina O are going to do that.
 - i. Motion - nominate Gianina O to be ABN authorised person (Jane C). Ann-Therese K seconded.
- c. Transition to Blackwattle Bay: Ann-Therese K: How do you find out about extracurricular activities etc? Judy K: There is a week in Term 4, "Taster week" which covers this. There are sessions from SRC etc
- d. Tramsheds Parking - in limbo. Still at ministerial level: Transport, Education etc
- e. Climate Strike 20th September. Kids need permission from parents
- f. No meeting October. Only November, December left
- g. Karen K: Heard there was a lockdown? No - was a medical emergency.
- h. Karen K: Propose that P&C buy own trestle tables to avoid borrowing from Wilkins etc..Belinda will look into storage space to accommodate

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

5. Next Meeting Monday 4th November at 7pm in the common staffroom (no meeting in October due to school holidays)

6. Meeting closed 9:00pm