

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus

P&C Minutes of AGM and General Meeting 4th March 2019

Attendance recorded in attendance book.

Parents & Carers: Jane Crawford, John Collyer, Ann-Therese King, Eoin Murphy, Siranda Torvaldsen, Jack Hawkes, Anna Cody, Sarah Nielsen, Ayxem Eli, Wendy Richardson

Staff members: Melinda Bright (Principal)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Commenced 7.05pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jane Crawford handed the meeting over to Melinda Bright, Principal SSCLC.

Melinda called for the nominations for the election of office bearers.

2. Apologies Cathy McMillan

3. Election of Office Bearers for 2019

- **President:** Jane Crawford nominated by Ann-Therese King, seconded by Siranda Torvaldsen. Jane Crawford elected President.
- **Vice-President (2):** Siranda Torvaldsen nominated by Jane Crawford, seconded by Eoin Murphy. John Collyer nominated by Ann-Therese King, seconded by Jack Hawkes. Siranda Torvaldsen & John Collyer elected Vice Presidents.
- **Secretary:** Eoin Murphy nominated by Jane Crawford,, seconded by Anna Cody. Eoin Murphy elected Secretary.
- **Treasurer:** Jack Hawkes nominated by Jane Crawford, seconded by Eoin Murphy. Jack Hawkes elected Treasurer.
- **Lostock Coordinator:** Belinda Fraser, current Lostock Coordinator, was not present at the meeting. Election of Lostock Coordinator deferred until next meeting
- **Event Coordinator:** Ann-Therese King nominated by Siranda Torvaldsen, seconded by Anna Cody. Ann-Therese King elected Event Coordinator
- **WestConnex Liaison:** Ann-Therese King nominated by Siranda Torvaldsen, seconded by Jane Crawford. Ann-Therese King elected WestConnex Liaison
- **Assistant Secretary:** Anna Cody
- **Assistant Treasurer:** position vacant

4. AGM closed 7.35pm

GENERAL MEETING

Commenced 7.35pm

Welcome given by Jane Crawford to all attending.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Jane Crawford approved minutes from previous meeting, seconded by Eoin Murphy.

2. Merit Selection Panels: Requires trained parent (can do training online). One coming up soon. Review ad with criteria, look through CVs, come for interviews (2 half days over a 2 week period).

- a. Some gender balance is required. Michael Zanardo has participated recently
- b. 3 attendees volunteered: Anna Cody, Wendy Richardson, Ayxem Eli

3. Funding Requests

- a. Librarian, Sunny South made 2 requests:
 - i. Improvement and expansion of the iCentre Indigenous collection. Request for \$3000 approved by Jane Crawford, seconded by Anna Cody
 - ii. Replacement of a 3D Printer for the iCentre. Current printer is no longer functioning, and has lasted for 3 years. Request for \$4138, \$2000 will be paid for by the school. P&C to pay remaining \$2138, approved by Jane Crawford, seconded by Siranda Torvaldsen
- b. Jack Hawkes noted that the iCentre made a request for \$4000 in 2017, nothing in 2018

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

- a. Review of commitment register
 - i. Review next month. Jack Hawkes to send list to Melinda Bright for review
- b. Lostock upcoming expenses
 - i. Immediate upcoming expenses - cover with what we have
 - o Septic tank replacement Total is \$33400 + GST
 - o Melinda Bright:
 - Lostock a/c currently has \$11000. Can we get \$10000 from Balmain and have Leichhardt put in \$10000?
 - Will table further discussion at College P+C president's meeting

5. Reports

a. Principal's Report (Melinda Bright, Principal)

- i. Welcome for new parents night was great. Colour coding of teachers was great. Can we colour code parents?
- ii. New cleaning contract – some teething problems
- iii. Staffing - Kasey Kacz has been made permanent (Science)
- iv. Staff toilets – Department will pay for renovation
- v. Open Night for Yr 7 parents coming up

- vi. Nice story involving the school on the loveyoursister facebook page (Samuel Johnson) - Boy found wallet, was offered \$50, said to donate it to cancer research – he was a yr 7 student, mum was cancer researcher
- vii. First teachers twilight learning session – Yr 9 electives based on enquiry based learning. Teachers writing material at the moment e.g “Leichhardt Hospital” dealing with science related to hospitals
- viii. Leichhardt TV and Media are back
- ix. All 100 hour electives. Only skills assessed are 4Cs – Critical thinking etc.
- x. How to write courses, curriculums etc – focus of learning for this year
- xi. Jane Crawford had some questions regarding staffing:
 - o Judy Kelly has been doing multiple roles, what is her current status? Melinda Bright: Judy Kelly now back at College 3 or 4 days a week
 - o Libby Campbell is relieving College Deputy Principal
 - o Status of Blackwattle Principal - can we be kept updated?

b. President’s Report (Jane Crawford)

- i. Attended College Presentation Day and presented Yr 10 dux and runners up award
 - o Always a very special occasion. Run by student school leaders of all of the campuses – with great support from the College staff.
 - o favourite part is always hearing about and seeing the returning yr 12s. Very moving speech by the Dux, Jonathon Skelton – available on BWB website.
 - o Other aspects of the ceremony somewhat concerning – could just be cohort – although number of students who chose not to attend and didn’t organise a replacement or RSVP the school was a lot greater than previous years – somewhat deflating experience. Surprised by the number of students who did not know or didn’t care to follow the dress code befitting this formal occasion.
- ii. I have been in touch with Judy Kelly re reinstating campus P&C President meetings – haven’t heard back but assume after the respective campus AGMs we will be able to pursue.
- iii. Open Night Wednesday 7th March - Jane will make brief presentation.
- iv. Have been in contact with Charity Commission – we do not need audits for missing years 2013 – 2016 can make statements instead (in progress) and when we have 2018 audit we can submit online and get Charity Status back.
- v. Briefed Mark Swaddling and awaiting invoices for new external power point for air control monitors.

c. Treasurer’s Report (Jack Hawkes)

- i. \$5000 committed tonight
- ii. \$33000 uncommitted
- iii. Lostock a/c – will reset to \$0 after payment of upcoming expenses (see “Lostock upcoming expenses” above)
- iv. P&C bank account (Bendigo Community Bank Balmain/Rozelle)
 - o Jane Crawford proposed a motion to have all new office bearers made signatories of the account

- Action: New office bearers need to fill out Bendigo Bank paperwork, and have it signed by 2 existing signatories
- Jane Crawford to test electronic approval

d. Secretary's Report (Eoin Murphy - Secretary)

- i. Nothing to report

e. West Connex Report (Ann-Therese King)

- i. RMS are splitting the community consultation groups (that our P&C sit on) in two this year. SSC Leichhardt are one of the fewer groups to have a stake in both Parts because of the fact that the Parts A and B of Stage 3 meet under the school at the Inner West Interchange.
- ii. Part A drilling is anticipated to start in Q2 2019 and take 2 years (though can run late in 2) start-up) with a further 2 years to lay down the road infrastructure. The school would be reached towards the end of this first 2 years as it is in the middle of the tunnel. (Portals being Camperdown and Haberfield). So Q1 (or term 1) 2021 is perhaps the best way to think about the first drilling occurring for now.
- iii. All property owners get two letters about the acquisition of their sub-service land at least 3 months before drilling can begin. So from the receipt of those letters, one can anticipate that it will be between 3-5 months before drilling. Offers of property condition assessments at the contractor's expense are also then issued. The school is likely to get an offer each from both contractors.
- iv. The contractor of Part A says that there is an abundance of good quality sandstone on this particular tunnel route, which defends against 'settlement' and property damage, as opposed to, say, shale.
- v. Appropriate time frames for meeting with school authorities including obviously the principal are still to be established
- vi. There are a range of telephone numbers that the school should have access to as drilling time approaches.
- vii. Part B contractor will be different and they will come under the school at a separate later date.
- viii. There could be at least 4 phases of work under the school (2 x drilling from 2 different contractors plus 2 x fit-outs) bwn Q1 2021 and mid 2023.
- ix. The tunnelling map on the WestConnex website is (according to RMS) "the most accurate tool" with respect of examining depths and It shows the inner west interchange", underneath the Leichhardt campus of SSC.
- x. RMS says " the depths vary between 40m below the surface (to the top of the tunnel) to around 50m at the deepest point. The tunnel spur the M4-M5 Link Tunnels contractor is building will branch off, then go above the main tunnels underneath the school, and then head off towards Rozelle. This is the section of tunnel that will be shallowest beneath the school, at around 40m. The Main tunnels which this "spur" will be going above, are around 10m below that."

- xi. There was an issue raised in the meeting by a community member that the EPA original approved depths for Stage 3 were different from depths shown in latest maps online. Keeping an eye on any shifts in stated depths is obviously important.
- xii. Utilities work beginning Rozelle Interchange and Iron Cove Portal in next 3 months
- xiii. Terry St will be blocked off for unspecified periods during construction. Concerns for a number of local schools including Balmain around choke points on Darling St and traffic congestion during construction. There will likely be implications, as earlier stated, for IMP bus travel times
- xiv. Haberfield air quality monitors have had concerning readings one community member at Consultation reported. He said Haberfield Public School parents should be concerned. It highlighted the importance of baseline readings – the P&C is installing a monitor to do this.
- xv. Stage 3 has introduced an independent appeals process if claims about subsidence damage is rejected by the contractor.

f. Trivia Subcommittee Report

- i. meeting next Monday 11th March
 - o Venue Nag's head Glebe at 7pm
 - o Need food, scoring, ticket volunteer
 - o Melinda Bright to organise Skoolbag call for any interested parents

6. General business

- a. Second hand uniform shop
 - i. SRC might be interested in running?
 - ii. Jane Crawford has communicated with Vince O'Donnell about the idea
 - iii. School currently gives away uniforms/sports shorts etc free
- b. Who administers Skoolbag? Contains very old material. Needs a cleanout

7. Next Meeting: Monday 1st April at 7pm in the common staffroom.

8. Meeting closed 9:05pm