Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus
P&C Minutes General Meeting 2nd March 2020

Attendance recorded in attendance book.
Parents & Carers Gianina Olaru, Eoin Murphy, John Collyer, Alison Ryan, Philippa Scott, Karen Korras, Ewan Samway
Staff members Belinda Conway (Acting Principal), Julianne Beek (Acting College Principal)
Apologies Jane Crawford, Ann-Therese King, Ling Chan

GENERAL MEETING
Commenced 7.00pm

Welcome given by Gianina Olaru to all attending.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting
   1. Approved by GO, seconded by ST

2. Matters arising from previous minutes
   Have added John Collyer as a Vice president for 2020

3. Reports
   a. Principal’s Report (Belinda Conway, Acting Principal)
      i. COLA (Covered outdoor learning area)
         1. Hoping to break ground mid-term 4
         2. Requested feedback from P&C re what do with surrounds (grass, “dirt bowl” area). Landscape architects have been consulted
         3. Some ideas:
            a. Put astroturf down in additional area (“dead zone”) instead of grass which is more all weather
            b. Create one large COLA by aligning basketball courts (would result in the loss of some trees either on the border with Balmain Road or the other side) to create extra space…. Possibly turn one basketball court into a space for e.g 5 a side soccer
            c. raised garden beds (grow fruit/veg) or add additional seating?
            d. Remove hurricane fencing, cricket nets?
         4. Will also consult with students
      ii. Staffing
         1. Chantelle Phair- current Deputy Principal will be joining Dept. Education in Professional Learning role for rest of 2020
         2. David Springbett - new Deputy Principal
         3. Head Teacher TAS - relieving until EOI process complete: Trish Johnson
4. Vincent O’Donnell - will go to Blackwattle Bay in Term 2, Mark Corbett (DP at Blackwattle Bay) to come to Leichhardt

iii. Panels
1. Support teacher and TAS teacher
2. Need parent representative, reasonably lengthy process. There is training etc. Interviews

iv. Open Night
1. Yr 5 and 6 parents/kids
2. This Wednesday (4th March)

b. President’s Report (Gianina Olaru)
i. Treasurer related
1. Added Ling Chan(Treasurer) to Bendigo A/C.
2. Removed Jack Hawkes/Siranda Torvaldsen
3. Commitments Register since 2017 - 90k, Jack Hawkes estimated 60k?
4. Some historical entries e.g Dux prize - cheques written but not cashed?
5. Have set up collaborative workspace with Ling for financial documents
6. Meeting with Michelle Cox about commitments process - use unique commitment ID.
7. Different campuses do prizes/awards different - vouchers, cheques. Kids don’t know how to use cheques. Do gift vouchers from now on?
8. Looking into different Gift Vouchers… A lot of kids don’t redeem them (e.g in the past with gleebooks)
9. Do table for commitments in minutes

ii. Trivia night
1. Still 29th August… still waiting to hear back if clashes with SSCB events.
   Music in park is 5th september
2. JB will ensure Balmain will not do 29th August for any events

iii. Charity Status etc
1. ABN - waiting on information to update -> has incorrect entity name, typo in trading name…need to fill in form, meeting minutes etc.
2. Financials need to be audited - need to extend 30 day post-AGM limit.
   (Whoever did SSCB audit has been recommended… JB to find out who.
   Can approve funds via email…)

c. WestConnex Report (Alison Ryan)
i. Went to meeting with AT last Monday
ii. Contractors, Government, Lobby Groups etc
iii. AR: Have we approached the contractors regarding community social responsibility programs? - BC- will discuss at College Management meeting. Has to be in kind
iv. Noted that it is very difficult to cross City West Link, either by car, now also on foot/by bike as pedestrian bridge near Anzac Bridge has been removed
v. 3 main items of note:
1. Hawthorne Parade basketball courts (used by school) will be ripped up - surfacing grouting due to a water issue. Will be 6 months work. Subcontractor etc happy to work out options to relocate etc. Who do we contact about this? Who pays?

2. Tunnelling from Annandale to Camperdown has begun. There is a number/email address… Lots of complaints about the help line

3. 25th March - extraordinary meeting to discuss traffic where Norton St crosses West Link. 1st meeting of 3. Still planning phase

d. Treasurer’s Report (Gianina Olaru on behalf of Ling Chan)
i. Final figures not available - will post separately for inclusion, prior to next meeting

e. Secretary’s Report (Eoin Murphy)
i. Nothing to report

4. General Business
a. Lostock - unavailable, no longer rented
b. Second hand uniform shop
i. Pickles (current supplier) would not want a full-time second hand shop… they give free uniforms to kids who cannot afford.
ii. SRC run (once per term) a gold coin donation 2nd hand uniform sale.
iii. School gives away items to students in need.
iv. Uniform - with Pickles has been difficult to update uniform in SSCB (JB)
v. School can promote the availability of second hand uniforms a bit more
c. Is there a Facebook page for the school? No, there is one for the College
d. Email/Communication
i. Working on the problem of single email per family for official school communications
ii. Sentral - does the mobile phone app work now? No…Maybe contact parentsapp@sentral.com.au
e. Tramshees
i. Ewan Samway - Can we do something to get a project going? He has experience aligning politicians etc. Jamie Parker supports
ii. JC- there is a file that discusses remediation, what’s been tried in the past etc - will meet with ES and share.
iii. These projects often done in 2 stages - a Stage 1 which is cheaper and brings good publicity, and a Stage 2 which is more involved but can be done later
f. Request from HSIE head teacher - any P&C reps with particular skills? E.g business/finance
i. Action: BC to send specific request to P&C
g. Request from Head Teacher PDHPE
i. Gym rowing machines are dilapidated. Can we buy 2 - $1600 each?
ii. Approved: GO/JC .. commitment ID: 200302_1
5. Change in commitments resulting from this month’s P&C Meeting:
   200302_1 2 x gym rowing machines at $3200

6. Meeting closed 8:30pm

7. Next Meeting Monday 4th May 2020 at 7pm in the common staffroom - April meeting has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis