

**SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE, BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20 May 2019, 6.30pm-8.30pm
at School Administration Block, Blackwattle Bay Campus**

Attending: *Parents:* Suzanne Kendall (Chair), Lisa Healy (Secretary), Danielle Stein Fairhurst (Treasurer), Ian Balcomb, Jane Crawford, Marguerite Hernage, Iftach Hyams, Karen Korras, Vanessa Palfreeman

Staff: Leiza Lewis (Principal) Jan Cuke (Deputy Principal), Judy Kelly (College Principal)

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** A welcome was given to those present and apologies were received from Siranda Torvaldsen & Ian Cramwell.
- 2. Adoption of previous minutes:** Minutes of meeting on 18 March 2019 were approved & adopted.
- 3. Business arising from previous meeting:** There was no business arising from the previous meeting.
- 4. Principal/Deputy Principal's Report**

As part of a 'meet the Principal' evening, new Principal Leiza Lewis introduced herself and gave an overview of herself and her experience. Attending P&C parents filled out a short survey which school staff had separately completed. LL also reported as follows.

- Students are participating in a performance of Macbeth at NIDA
- There are upcoming IMP performances
- Advised various staff movements to replace Chantelle Phair (Deputy Principal) who is away for 2 terms. It was noted that many teachers had long service leave owing, which usually gets taken in Term 4 after Y12 students have left.

LL then handed over to Jan Cuke to complete the Principal's Report and said that she will similarly be asking JC to report in future meetings. JC advised as follows.

- Year 12 students are encouraged to do UAC applications as soon as possible to give JC time to process.
- Careers fair on Wednesday 22 May for Years 11 & 12, 5-7pm.
- Splendour at the Bay on tomorrow, Tuesday 21 May.
- Year 10 into Year 11 2020 subject selection information evening on 18 June.
- Trip to East Timor in July 2020 - looking for donations of iPads for it.
- Investigating solar panels - Solar My School - current electricity bills high (\$6K per month). Half of the installation cost will come from Government, the other half from grants. Feasibility study is done by the City of Sydney Council. Sam Crawford, architect, was volunteered by Jane Crawford to work with Judy Kelly on this.
- Year 11 reports will be available in Week 8. Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 2 July and Thursday 4 July, and bookings for these will be via Sentral.

5. President's Report

- Suzanne Kendall expressed thanks to previous P&C committee members for handovers.
- Lisa Healy's appointment as P&C Secretary was formalised - Ian Balcome moved & Vanessa Palfreeman seconded.
- Ian Balcome (2018 President) reported:
 - Upgrade of basketball courts from a grant of about \$20K - basketball hoops have been replaced and fencing is being repaired. Need somebody to take this over.
 - IB met with Jamie Parker regarding Community Partnership Grants program. Jamie suggested P&C look at a bigger project of about \$30K, and to look at applying for \$60K-\$70K over 3 years. So now is a good time to think of a plan for a longer term project - perhaps entrance of school; lighting safety & security; and/or toilet block
- The Fish Markets proposed works & lines of communication were discussed. Judy Kelly & Jan Cuke previously met with a Fish Markets representative - mentioned higher hedging, removing the wire fence, and the importance of not being fenced out of the waterfront walkway. The submission process has since been extended and we need to establish a communication channel including someone from the P&C - Leiza Lewis will e-mail project manager accordingly.
- SK attended a meeting of college P&C Presidents last term - and also attended a meeting of P&C Presidents from across the Inner West who were interested in sharing knowledge and perhaps some joint events.
- SK attended the Campus ANZAC ceremony - whole event beautifully done.

6. Treasurer's Report

- See attached report (updated just prior to the meeting to include CBP grant of \$19K for the basketball court upgrade).
- Need an invoice from Leichhardt P&C for Lstock 2018-2019. Jan Cuke advised not sure if we can afford to maintain the property going forward which includes a cost around \$35K to replace the septic tank. Nature of school trips & excursions have changed over the years and use of the property is less. Will discuss further next meeting.
- Currently have \$10K for the year for our current future plans.
- Noted an external audit needs to be done for external grants.
- Will discuss future projects at the next meeting.

7. P&C Roles and Representations for 2019: Dealt with at the March P&C meeting.

8. Diary Dates: See Principal/Deputy Principal's report.

9. New Business

- Mentoring class: JC advised that every second week students go to the Hall for an information session etc. Possibly on alternate weeks they're doing homework instead of mentoring with teachers. LL will check with staff. Teacher consistency.
- Solar panel representative: arranged to attend next P&C meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Subsequent Meetings for 2019:

17 June

No July meeting due to holidays

19 August

16 September

21 October

18 November