Connells Point Public School
School Council

MINUTES
Meeting held Monday 6th June, 2011
6.00pm

Attendance:
Principal: Anne Hewson
Teacher Reps: Narelle McCain, Jo Crouch, Hendrika Green
Parent Reps: Poppy Kostantakis (President), Greg Ball, Diana Valmas
P&C Rep: Sue Szalay
Community Rep: Soula Tsilimos

Apologies:
Nil

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting were unanimously accepted.

2. Correspondence - Nil

3. Principals Report to the School Council

School Budget 2011

Mrs Hewson summarised the 2011 budget and gave out 2 handouts:
1. CPPS Annual Entitlement for 2011
2. CPPS Income Budget 2011

The Annual Entitlement 2011 gives the school its global figure $147,341.00 of which approximations of how much money will be spent on: general operations; casual relief teaching; special factors loading; utilities and other related items, plus funding for specific purpose grants in the form of: funding support; learning assistance programs; teacher support; student assistance scheme; teacher professional learning and computer coordinator allocation.

Discussion was held regarding Long Service leave and who paid for it. It was said that if Long Service Leave was less than 11 days – the school pays, but if it was greater than 11 days, the school does not.

Mrs Hewson explained the CPPS Income Budget 2011 and that some items found on the list are items that go into the income budget but also go out such as: excursion money; PSSA money.

It was also stated that the Department is looking at a new lease/licensing agreement with Before and After school care and that the money that is donated by them may need to be revised and costed more appropriately to cover the use of our facilities.
Staff Vacancies

The selection panel met with respect to the two positions advertised with the following outcome.

The two positions advertised have now been filled. Mr Cohen has been appointed Assistant Principal and has commenced in this role. Miss Julie Challenor will commence as class teacher from the 1st August 2011.

Mr Cohen’s position has become vacant and much thought is being put into the skills necessary to fill this position through merit selection or otherwise.

Mrs Poppy Kostantakis advised that she is now fully qualified to be on any future selection panels if required.

School Education Director (SED)

Our school has a new School Education Director – Ms Lynne Irvine. Lynne was previously SED of the Port Hacking Network and very experienced, prior to that she was Principal of Sydney Technical High School.

Lynne will be visiting our school on Wednesday 8th June 2011 for the first time to familiarise herself with our school and its setting and to meet with Mrs Hewson and the staff.

This will also be a good opportunity to make our interest of redeveloping the downstairs of Block D into 2 classrooms known to Ms Lynne Irvine so that she is aware of what our future plans are.

Draft Proposal – Refurbishment of Block D

Sue has drafted a proposal for the submission to refurbish Block D. This was sent to Poppy and Mrs Hewson and given to all at tonight’s meeting to read and discuss further.

It was a unanimous decision that the proposal be formally written on CPPS letterhead together with the plans drawn by BER and sent into the Department to start the process. A letter will be sent to Ms Cherrie Burton MP in the near future, once the Department have this submission on their file.

The estimated cost of the works as per the BER costing is between $200,000 - $250,000. Our submission is that the Department covers this refurbishment cost.

All the School Council members signed the proposal to be sent in to the Department on Monday 6th June 2011.

Sue is to have the letter ready by Wednesday 8th June 2011.
4. Other Business

Sue showed a brochure of a nicer new track suit – to modernise our current track suit.

It was decided that this would mean a change of uniform rather than a choice and many members stated that our current sports jacket looks very smart and it can be dressed up with the school uniform or dressed down when wearing the sports uniform.

If we would go down this path for the change to the sports uniform, the school policy would have to be followed and the school community would need to be surveyed.

A majority of the members felt that the new sports jacket would not look as neat and tidy as the current jacket does over the school uniform.

The teachers felt that when our students are out on excursions, they are the best dressed. At this stage nothing is to be done.

Thank you to Mrs McCain for the nibbies, they were great.

Next meeting 8th August, 2011
Meeting closed at 7.20pm