

Xavier College Parents & Friends

General Meeting – Minutes

(Subject to acceptance at the next general meeting)

5 April 2016

Meeting opened: 7.04pm

Attendance and Apologies:

Opening prayer” Read by Patrick Finnerty

Previous Minutes: Accepted: Fiona Bax
2nd: Belinda

Business arising from previous meeting:-

Behaviour in the classroom surveys completed by Teachers from 7-10. This was re-explained from previous meeting to parents by Mr Pate. Kids liked idea of survey, having rules etc. Aligned student management policy for school. Christine will pick up where there are any weaknesses in the school. There are several teachers in the school who are not as highly affective as the others. If Mr Pate feels if a teacher is not affective in a classroom he will remove them (year 12 only) – if teachers are not getting results for Year 11 then they will not be allowed to teach in Year 12. Newer members of staff are finding things difficult and can be moved around. Behaviour survey is assisting with teacher position as well as students behaviour. Suspensions are very low in the school.

Correspondence in/out: Flyer on seating – cannot afford, very expensive. Mr Pate advised maybe this is a good idea for the walkathon money being raised this year.

Principal’s report: -

- Year 12-10 Information Night has been done. Year 8 done next term.
- Parent forum on 1st May Cyber Wellbeing. How to make our kids safe using technology. Kids don’t realise their cyber footprint and they need to be made aware
- New Year 12 report has been sent out. Good feedback has been received. It assists parents to see where their children are at in terms of HSC.
- Year 7-10 – school wants to report as much information as possible, this is being developed by Andrew and Narelle. In Year 12 there is an additional part of where children have contributed to school.
- Current Maths Co-Ordinator – Phil has now taken a position with Maths OnLine and his resignation has been accepted with a heavy heart. Only 1 new applicant was received, but this was a fantastic interview and Mr Geoff Sherry has been appointed.
- Ben is going to McCarthy as English co-ordinator till end of 2016. McCarthy have advertised for a new co-ordinator, in the meantime a inhouse staff member has taken roll till end of the year.
- New debating co-ordinator – Edward Brincat. He is absolutely excellent and he is an x-student of the College. The debating teams are really benefitting from his contribution to the school.
- Year 7 enrolments are getting a bit tight – we currently have 215 enrolments and will only accept maximum 230 students. We have current waiting lists for years 7-9.

- Mr Pate went to Singapore and presented at International Conference on Technology. Mr Pate spoke about what Xavier has done in regards to technology and learning. Mr Pate has been invited to re-attend this next year.
- Parents and Principal meeting held on Monday. Fiona Bax was the only one who attended. Next time hopefully we will get more parents interested in attending. It is a chance for the parents to walk around the school and see the learning.
- Matthew Mallows – Fiona Bax has put in a lot of work in regards to this fundraising. Trust fund has been set up and they are currently looking into a motorised wheelchair. Matthew may come out to visit the school shortly.
- Xavier has just received the top audit mark in the Diocese for spending.
- Principal: - senior girls skirt will be removed at end of 2016, as it does not look nice. For consistency reasons the seniors will now wear the same skirt as the junior school. Cost factor also. Looking at putting a pocket on inside of girl's skirt. Senior girl's shirt will still remain. Donate any old stock to the Philippines.

Assistant Principal's Report – presented by Patrick Finnerty

- Matthew Mallows – he is coming in on Friday, 8 April 2016 with a team of physio's etc. Matthew is looking to return to the school at the beginning of Term 3 2016.
- Behaviour of school – there are things going on such as bullying, but the school is trying to address that. Mr Finnerty is unaware of any stolen phones etc. at the school, he is only aware of kids putting phones in the wrong bag and these have all been recovered. There has only been 1 hands on event for this whole term and that is all. Xavier's biggest problem is social media problems happening on weekends but the kids don't seem to be bringing this back to school.
- Stupid group of males came in with red car. Kids from Cranebrook High. They damaged 3 cars, 1 student and 2 teachers. They posted the images on Facebook and these offenders have now been caught.

Presidents Report – Laura Muller

- School Badges have been given out to P&F.
- Laura was at DOMS uniform shop. The lady works every day and their only form of fundraising is selling \$1 chocolates every day to raise funds for school. Only to be sold in the uniform shop to raise funds.
- Question was posed to open uniform shop more than 1 day per week to make it easier for parents. They are looking at this as well as making an online order system available to parents. **Uniform shop is opened for first 2 days of next term and it is also being done on the last week of the term. Trial period to open uniform shop for first month of next term 2 days per week.**
- Motion raised to spend money to buy chocolates to sell in uniform shop. Motion seconded by Fiona Bax and Suzie Baran.
- Motion raised to provide \$500 from P & F funds to Bradley Shaylor to assist him to pay for his trip to represent Australia in Columbia in the BMX championships. He is trying to raise funds to assist with the cost of representing Australia. Motion seconded by Suzie Baran and Lauren Muller. Voted and approved unanimously.
- Matthew – 3 June 2016 will be the date of the Trivia Night. – Ron Mullock Room at Panthers from 7pm to midnight. Panthers are not charging for this room. No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought into the club. Cranebrook Cricket will be donating prizes to the club. Request for Xavier Parents to donate prizes for the night. Room fits 300. Xavier will have 10 tables with 10 people at \$20 per head. We need to get more people to donate more prizes.

Fiona has organised many local businesses to donate prizes. Fiona provided letters to see if anyone can get anyone else to donate prizes for the night. These donations should be made to the school and will be held securely by Mr Pate.

- The account will be made available to donate funds directly into same.

Treasury report: Finances – 1 cheque in – funds currently \$3,532.65

PRC – NIL

NIL email for General business.

General Business:

- Parking – he completed a survey and there was 127 cars parked inside and around the school. 1/3 of the cars that come to this school. 28 of these cars were parked in Terrybrook Road. Concern about the dangers of kids walking into the school from these side streets. Request made for spots to be made available for the P platers to park in the school. Mr Pate advised that there may be parking available at the back of the school with the new development. There is no room for this, the school needs to be able to come up with something to get these kids cars parked in the school. There will be a cement pathway being put in for the kids and the school is looking at parking issues. This a major issue and school has asked Council for assistance but they have been told no assistance will be provided. Possibility to open area at back of school at Mary Mac centre.

Meeting closed @ 8.20pm.

Next meeting: 3 May 2016.