

Xavier College Parents & Friends
General Meeting – Minutes
7th February 2012

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Attendance and Apologies: See attendance book

Opening prayer: Read by all

Previous Minutes: Accepted: Rod Pringle

2nd Lorrae Green

Business arising from previous minutes: Questions asked about sports uniform – what shoes are expected to be worn. Predominately white (no skater shoes). As of this year there will be transitioning to mandatory wearing of the tracksuit during the winter months with Year 7 required to wear it this year. Transitioning will occur as a result of each Year 7 commencing with full graduation to the tracksuit in place over the next 4 years. For Years 11 & 12, the house colours can be worn for any sporting events.

Correspondence in/out: Nil

Principal Report – Tricia Maidens

- Welcome back for the New Year. Interesting beginning which the weather hasn't helped. Excited to visit most classrooms and see lots of attentive students.
- Eight new staff members with feedback received from them commenting on how friendly and responsive the students have been.
- SRC inducted last week. With David Bradbury attended the presentation – pleased to see that the students were well presented.
- Dux assembly this week also which will be followed up with last year's students addressing the current seniors in a Q&A session
- School has taken on the feedback from the parent body last year and correct wearing of the uniform will be a focus during the year. The current challenge is with the changeover of senior boys into their new uniform and ensuring they have shirts tucked in.
- Opinion of the meeting sought around the issue of tattoos – becoming a reality for young students. Feedback needed in relation to the parent expectations in this regard. During discussion it was revealed that teaching staff are required to not have any visible body art. Discussed potential positions/consequences for the school to consider. Discussion resulted in the group maintaining a position of support for the school to continue with a policy of 'non visible' body art.
- Generally things within the school are running well. Year 7 are all very excited with the meet and greet for parents scheduled for 20th February. Parent teacher night for Year 7 will be held in late March.
- Discussion around some classroom changes that have had to occur.
- Introduction of a college scarf this year which is unisex. There will be an amnesty this year with the scarf to enable students with existing scarves to progressively change over to the new scarf.

Assistant Principal Report – John Ley

- Moved to the new house structure with 8 homegroups per house.

- Points will be allocated for things people do well to ensure recognition of kids doing a good job (including house points for things like wearing the uniform correctly)
- Points for involvement in committees
- Houses currently don't have equal numbers but scaling factor is being applied to even the 'playing' field.
- Time has been allocated for the teachers who are house leaders to enable fulfilment of this role.
- Communications re the points tally is to be shown via an electronic board in the library. This will also show details of any room changes as well as the points' allocations etc.

Presidents Report – Mandy Marshall – no report for this month

Treasurers Report – Not available as Darren Lackey not in attendance

General business –

- Blazers – are they able to be ordered throughout the year? Yes
- Buses – Parent group from South Penrith to Glenmore Park are being contacted to request attendance/support for the school to work toward getting a bus service to the area. For the service to be achieved it is critical that parents are involved in lobbying for the service. Must be able to provide numbers that require the service and then support from this same group to ensure the service is used.
- Car Park – question asked about the rules for senior students in relation to using the car park. Year 12 have permission to park in the bottom car park with remaining seniors required to park outside school grounds.

Next meeting – AGM 6th March, 2012

Meeting closed – 8.30pm