

Xavier College Parents & Friends

General Meeting – Minutes

1st June 2010

Meeting opened: 7.06pm

Attendance and Apologies: See attendance book

Welcome and opening prayer: see attached

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Donna Paton

2nd Mandy Marshall

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Shade Canopies - Cool Shade Company provided best price
Two different sizes available; 3x6 \$1635 – may present difficulties in transporting while getting 2 of the 3x3 shades would be about \$700 more than the 3x6 price. Discussed quality and package details provided to the school by various providers. Suggestion made that collapsible trolleys could be purchased to help with transporting between venues. School recommended Cool Shade Coy to P&F. Try to order next week.
- Yr 7 information night – applications closed last Friday. 180 positions offered however applications exceed this number so short listing will be required. Applicants are being assessed against enrolment criteria. Sibling applications discussed. Interview will occur in a couple of weeks – letters of offer to be sent by the end of term to all applicants
- Yr11 information night – held last night and was well attended

Correspondence in:

- MedEntry UMAT preparation

- Fundraising directory 2010

- Cancer Council

- Parents Council – primary school flyer for Franklin portable knowledge items

Correspondence out: Cards – 2 sympathy cards (Gilbert and Loveridge families) and 1 get well card (Ms Hartfield)

Acting Assistant Principal Report:

- Students required to wear blazers now as part of uniform (adherence to this part of uniform is improving). Still have a problem with students not reporting to office when they arrive late in the mornings.
- Buses – 5569 has been cancelled due to no students utilising this bus. Discussions are still continuing with Michael Pruss from Westbus. He has approached Dept of Transport to get another North Cranebrook bus to loop around via Corpus Christi following check of numbers of legitimate Cranebrook students requiring travel. There have also been a couple of bus drivers replaced due to their behaviour to the students.

Acting Principal Report:

- Deb Hartfield will be on leave for the rest of term and is unlikely to return due to ill health. Care hamper has been put together by staff including the card on behalf of the P&F. Interviews have happened for the Acting Curriculum Co-ordinator role. Paul Hocking will be taking on this role from next term. Mentioned attendance at funeral for the father of Yr9 student (Loveridge family) and discussed the support that students and staff have shown at this difficult time.
- College musical – Grease – outstanding show that created excellent school spirit. School is considering producing another show (possibly 1 every two years). Show did run at a loss due to the difficulties with venue and unexpected costs. Overall a very positive experience with thanks to the P&F for assisting with lighting costs.
- Walk-a-thon – discussions are ongoing. School executive have decided to hold the walk-a-thon on Friday, 3rd September. Need to check a few more things around this date.
- Catholic Education funding flyer shown to meeting. Flyer explains some facts regarding Catholic education and the funding they receive. Reflects that on average, Catholic schools run on total funding that is about 85% of the resourcing received in government schools (this 85% also includes parent contributions).

Treasurers Report: Still awaiting statement for May

- Balance estimate@ 31/5/2010 = \$15666.21

Presidents and Fundraising Report:

- Discussed tragedies being experienced by a couple of Xavier families with the recent loss of fathers. Mandy asked all attending the meeting to give our thoughts and prayers to other families in need. Paul mentioned the excellent work that home groups have also been doing to fundraise and provide support to these families.
- Hoyts – discount tickets flyer has gone out and is due back Wednesday, week 9.
- Bingo – previous newsletter had some key information missing. Mandy discussed this with Teresa in the office. School will put a separate flyer together to promote this event. Regular Bingo caller, Lindsay has advised he isn't available now for the 19th so we need to see if we can get someone to take on this role. Lindsay is to lend the bingo software to the school to assist with the night. Need to check numbers to determine if the night will proceed as interest at this stage is low.

PRC Report – presented by Margaret Dine

PRC meeting was attended on 24/5/2010 – New PRC President is Hamilton Frail.

- PRC website will be completed by the end of term. All parents will be able to access information such as upcoming events and newsletters.
- Parent Forum Wednesday 1st September is on agile learning or open planned classrooms. Speakers – Greg Whitby CEO Parramatta Diocese as well as Principals from schools in Parramatta and Wollongong Diocese. Much discussion throughout Diocese about this type of learning and this will be an opportunity for discussions, questions and feedback. There will also be a speaker on setting up and building Dynamic Parent committees and meetings.
- Meeting finished with a video on raising boys (Steven Biddoff)

General business:

- Buses – Issue discussed for students travelling to and from Shane Park via Llandilo. Students are the first to arrive at school in the morning and last to leave in the afternoon. Parent explained timing of buses and concerns over changeover of buses that occurs at Llandilo. School has undertaken to discuss with Westbus and pass on concerns. Concerned parent(s) are to send a letter to the school detailing issues. School can then pass these onto Westbus with their additional support.

Parent asked to clarify the procedure followed if a bus breaks down. Responsibility lies with Westbus to arrange a replacement bus – only problem is that this can take some time as they have to wait until a bus is available to get to where the bus is stranded.

Meeting closed – 8.27pm

Next meeting – 3rd August, 2010