

**Xavier College**

**P&F Meeting** – Draft Minutes

(Subject to acceptance at next meeting)

**4th June 2013**

**Meeting opened: Attendance and apologies:** See attendance book

**Opening prayer:** See attached

**Previous minutes:** Accepted – Rod Pringle

2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen McGann

**Business arising from previous minute**

- Tricia thanked Karen for attending the Year 11 information night, she was wonderful and very much appreciated.
- Year 12 students could not attend tonight with further information on the memorial garden

due to their exam block the next day. Karen asked is it possible for the remaining pavers with family names be

included in the design.

**Correspondence in/out:** None

**Principals report:**

- The college has received very positive feedback from the community praising Xavier students regarding their appearance and behaviour. Students have been involved in supporting the 65 Roses Campaign ( Cystic Fibrosis) at Penrith Station as well as Years 7,8,9 and 10 walking to Corpus Christi to attend mass.
- Tricia along with other Principals attended a meeting with Local Police for an update on problems in the local area involving schools. Vandalism was a main topic but this is not really an issue we have at Xavier.
- The main problem facing schools today would be the mental health of our young people and them valuing themselves. Mr King has been appointed Well Being Coordinator for the College. As Head space has opened a branch in High St Penrith Tricia had Flyers about the organisation to hand out. It was also suggested that it could be arranged for representatives of Head Space to come to the College and speak with students.
- Tricia asked the P&F what our thoughts were on retreats in both years 11 and 12. Are they a loss of valuable school hours for both students and teachers? Are both needed?

Also the costs involved. Some students also need to attend work placement. These subjects were discussed with most parents agreeing that students are missing a lot of school hours but it is also important to have these experiences to have the chance to bond with their peers and teachers as it is all a learning experience. It was suggested that the year 12 retreat is the more important one. Tricia to discuss further with staff to find out their thoughts.

#### **Assistant principals report:**

- School Diary- Patrick asked the P&F whether the school diary should go electronic or stay as it is now in book form. The committee felt it should stay as it is, as it is a lot easier to check and not all parents have the skills to use electronic diary's, also an electronic diary could tampered with much easier than with pen and paper.
- Newsletter- There is an error in the latest newsletter regarding a Graphics excursion, there isn't one.

#### **Presidents report:**

- Bunning's BBQ- 3 Raffle prizes have been put together for the BBQ on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Bunning's North Penrith. In the last newsletter a flyer has gone out asking to volunteers to help out. Year 12 students have also volunteered to help on the day, Tracy to forward details of students to Karen. Exec committee to get together to arrange final details before the BBQ.

#### **PRC Report-**

- David attended the PRC parent conference on behalf of the Xavier P&F on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May at the Novatel in Parramatta. David shared his experiences with the committee saying the Greg Whitby was a highlight speaking about technology and where it is going, saying that all parents need to be on top of technology.  
Please see attached for David's notes on the conference.  
The next PRC meeting will be at Blacktown on the 3/6/13, Peter Garrett will be a guest speaker.

**Treasurers report:** See attached report. Balance @ 31/5/13 = \$10,148.84

#### **Fundraising-**

- - All the large prizes that we still have will be used for a Christmas raffle. The smaller bits and pieces will be put together for another 3 prizes for the second Bunning's BBQ in September.
- Apart from a contribution to assist year 12 with the memorial garden we would still like to purchase outdoor furniture.

- Shelter- Is there the possibility of more shelter for rainy days? Possibly more sails although these are expensive and in what area would they go?

### **General business-**

- Technology- As next year will be the first year of “bring your own device” Parents have some concerns that their children are going from primary school to high school and suddenly have technology. Could there be an information night on this technology and how to use moodle, facebook and other skills needed to assist their children. Tricia said she will arrange for Andrew Wonson to attend the next staff meeting to show parents and talk them through it.  
Karen suggested that parents could email any questions regarding technology to the P&F email address ahead of a P&F meeting and a small section of the meeting can be used to address these questions.
- Buses- Buses have not been stopping to pick up students especially in the Cambridge Gardens area, parents have contacted Westbus it was also suggested that any emails regarding buses etc have a cc to all local councillors. Parental lobbying may be more successful than the College contacting them.
- Scarves- The College has a school scarf that is now the only scarf to be worn in winter. But it is ok for Year 12 to wear a plain black scarf for the really cold few weeks before they Graduate.
- Calender- Parents have requested more advance notice for College events, excursions, retreats etc. Is it possible for this information at the beginning of the year and approximate costs? It was also asked is it a possibility for these fees to be added to school fees but it was explained that if school fees are not paid the College is then in debt as the events still have to be paid for. This has happened in the past so now it is not an option.
- Photos- Proofs have been checked so they should be available soon.
- Japanese Students- Xavier will host Japanese students, they stay with host families and attend classes.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.45pm

**Next Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013