

Xavier College Parents & Friends

General Meeting – Minutes

2nd March 2010

Meeting opened: 7.08pm

Attendance and Apologies: See attendance book

Welcome and opening prayer: see attached

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Abdool Outim

2nd Donna Paton

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Buses – This continues to be a problem; the Werrington routes are very overcrowded and Westbus have been no help. One possible solution is for the P&F and any other parents concerned to write to our local members and the Minister for Transport. Another suggestion is for parent representatives to contact the local paper with our concerns.

Correspondence in:

- Kiranari & Gamarda students – Thankyou letter
- Above and Below Adventure Company Pty Ltd – Mobile Climbing Wall
- Hoyts Fundraising (email)
- Rides and Entertainment
- Smart Fundraising – Sunblock
- Response emails in regards to Sun shelters – see attached list

Correspondence out:

- Emails Hoyts – fundraising
 Sunshades and canopies – see attached list

Presidents Report: See attached report

Treasurers Report: Thankyou to Mandy for all that she has done for the P&F in 2009.

- Balance @ 28/3/10 = \$16082.24
- See attached reports

General Meeting suspended 7.45pm for Annual General Meeting

General Meeting resumed 7.58pm

Acting Principal Report:

- Welcome to new exec
- Tricia Maidens to receive John Taylor award. It is hoped that our new bishop will be able to present the award on 29/7/2010.
- Yr 10 information night held 1/3/10 – good attendance. Discussed information supplied around assessment plans and the decision to remove the Yr10 Formal. Explanation given regarding Social night for Yr10 students on 10/12/10 is to be held to allow students leaving the college to be farewelled. Proposed to be held at the Paceway, finger food only; attire left to student discretion.
- Reminder about electronic newsletter (The Companion) being available – spread the word. Text message is sent when each one is published as a prompt.
- Discussed senior parent/teacher night and strategies being implemented to assist in focus on and student/teacher engagement with senior course. Feedback from students has reflected positively on the support they are receiving. Some feedback received from parent(s) that combined Yr 11 & Yr12 parent/teacher night was hectic. Timing with teachers varied with majority only needing 5 minutes. (Teachers did have the option to vary length of meeting time for students where it was recognised there would be a greater need.) Positive feedback provided from parents on the discussion between teachers and the student about individual needs.

Acting Assistant Principal Report:

- Discussed role the school exec have in welcoming student body in the morning and at close of day. Cars are parking in 'No Parking' zones which are problematic. Local police will be approached to monitor traffic flow and abiding to road rules; re 'No Parking', 'Stop' sign.
- Queue for late arrivals at 8-30am into the college grounds is being experienced. At present up to 50 to 70 students are reporting late with parents dropping them off. This led to further discussion around the issues with the buses and with it being cited as a possible cause for a percentage of these late arrivals.

General business:

- Question asked about why the school doesn't have any lockers – discussed costs and the problems associated with having them; location, cleanliness issues, costs to install and ongoing upkeep. Significant expense involved that can be better resourced elsewhere. To alleviate issues around lack of lockers; student bag is ergonomically sound (when worn correctly), access to text books in classrooms, CDs available to borrow, minimised changeover times between classrooms.
- Change in sport days discussed – levels of participation (both students and teachers) seems good. No trouble experienced at venues as we are only school present.

- Uniform – general discussion regarding shorts and blazers. Size up for blazers completed. School looking into the availability of shorts; believe that Lowes still have a plain grey short available which would be suitable
- Problem with the digital scanner (re; student identification for late arrivals/early departures). All student scans will be re-done once fixed.
- Portable school shade canopies (for use during sports galas etc) – P&F exec have researched options/costs. Details handed to school to look into further as they will be better placed to determine usage and suitability re size/transporting etc. School exec may wish to approach P&F if a suitable option is identified and assistance with funding is required.
- Air conditioning – Troy advised early costs for art rooms and science block (not including prep room) \$50K; 11 rooms in total. Looking to obtain 2 more quotes with consideration for loan through DDF. School and P&F would need to look at a fundraising campaign over a minimum of 2 years to cover the cost. It was suggested that getting feedback from students on fundraising options may help to get greater engagement/take up on drives.
- Fundraising – Term 1; Hoyts fundraising tickets – 3 different packs available

5 tickets in each pack; General admission (only for use Mon/Thurs), Child unrestricted or Adult unrestricted. Minimum 20 packs have to be purchased.

Thanks expressed to Teresa and Abdool for their help on the exec over the last few years.

Meeting closed – 9.05pm

Next meeting – 4th May, 2010