

Xavier College Parents & Friends

General Meeting – Minutes

1st March 2011

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Attendance and Apologies: See attendance book

Opening prayer: See attached, read by David Rose

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Lorrae Green

2nd Margaret Dine

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Can we advertise 2nd hand uniform store hours? Mrs Maidens has confirmed this will be ok
- Future newsletters to show the starting time for P&F when advertised
- School term dates for the whole year to be updated to the school website.
- School has been dealing with some silly behaviour on buses, community complaints also received in relation to one bus route. Student rights and responsibilities have been reinforced in relation to bus travel (Including appropriate behaviours)
- Obtaining quotes for air conditioning – cheapest so far has been \$60K to complete remaining classrooms in the school. Parent (Belinda Villettri) to see if family member involved in air conditioning can provide a quote or advice regarding a suitable price range.

Correspondence in: Fundraising correspondence

- Best Legenz Pty Ltd – complete publishing services; proposal for school recipe book
- Cutting Edge Adventures
- RSPCA – Cup cake day
- Fundraising directory
- Ken Duncan calendars

Correspondence out: Nil

Principal Report: Tricia Maidens; busy couple of weeks –

- Dux Assembly – very affirming and inspirational event with Year 12 graduates speaking to the current Year 12. The event included an opportunity for Q&A's; grads provided realistic advice to reinforce lessons they learnt from last year.
- SRC induction
- Opening Mass – kids were spectacular with outstanding displays of reverence. Father George also confirmed this in his feedback.
- Year 9 camp – leave tomorrow morning and kids are all looking forward to it.
- Successful swimming carnival
- Buses – Mr Hocking is still working through some issues
- Uniform – kids have been very good with uniforms and they look good
- RTA advice received that college has been included in next rollout of school zone flashing lights; anticipated these will be installed around June 2011.

Assistant Principal Report – (Curriculum) Patrick Finnerty

- Discussed the distinction that has been made between curriculum for the junior and senior school. Assessment blocks are carried out for senior students. Junior students have their assessment tasks spaced out a little more; updates will be included in the newsletter. Recommended parents monitor diary use and contact homegroup if you have any concerns over the records being maintained.
- Moodle application for all years discussed. Mrs Maidens discussed arranging a guest speaker to show the application to the P&F (looking to arrange for April). Moodle provides ability to submit assignments, use for feedback and have students think differently when it comes to their education. Provides an avenue for 24/7 teaching. School looking at creating assessment booklets for all years.
- NAPLAN preparation – putting together some family packs with prior papers etc to explain what preparation can be done at home to assist students preparing for the assessments.
- Friday 4th March – My Schools website to go live with additional information – Mrs Maidens expects media debate to start again around ‘public v’s private’ education when the cost figures are included on the site.
- College looking to have 2 award ceremonies over the year to assist in affirming student achievements.

Presidents Report – Mandy Marshall

Thanked all attendees for their involvement in the P&F and the time they give up to enable attendance at meetings. In terms of the year just gone we have been successful because we have parents and a school executive who are interested and involved in working together. Reflected on the year:

- Lows for the year – Cancellation of a fundraising event (Bingo night) due to lack of attendance. Disappointing to advise parents who were prepared to attend and hopefully they will not have been discouraged for next time. Limited support from across the school with only a small number of parents who regularly provide support. Not having all the positions on the P&F committee filled last year.
- Highs for the year – Kids response to the walk-a-thon; Year 12 rallied and encouraged support, including a presentation being made to the P&F. Most successful walk-a-thon in the schools history – results were nearly 3 times better than the previous year. Credit must go to Mr Borg for his provision of a ‘one stop shop’ in relation to organisation of the event.
Continue to have a good relationship with the school. Most schools’ don’t have an active P&F body to support the school. We are an exception to the rule and this in itself is a positive achievement. Thanked current co-execs for the year with congratulations for the work we have undertaken.
- Presentation of flowers made to Donna Paton (outgoing treasurer) as a thank you for her time and commitment to the P&F.
- Thanks expressed also to the school for the regular staff support that we get during fundraising events.

Treasurers Report – Donna Paton

See attached report for December, January & February. Current balance = \$5571.31

Fundraising Report – Mandy Marshall

- Need to check for a date with Bunnings regarding availability of BBQ for fundraising in term 4.

General Business

- Discussion around Primary school fundraising v’s Secondary school. Any suggestions on how more parental involvement can be encouraged at meetings and with fundraising are welcome. Discussed trying an email notification as well as SMS message to advertise meetings. Mrs Maidens will look into this as a possibility.

General Meeting closed – 8.32pm for commencement of AGM.

Next meeting – 5th April, 2011