

**St. Paul School**  
**Parish Education Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 7th, 2021**

<b>Present:</b>	Fr. Thomas Smith	Mrs. Louveign Secord
	Dr. John Yun	Mr. Ricky Bravo
	Ms. Maureen Moorehead	Ms. Clarissa Guevara
	Mr. Joseph Lo	Mr. Mark Acosta
	Mr. Kelsey Mah	Mrs. Carolyn Law

Meeting began at 7:06 pm with an opening prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

**Chairperson's Report**

An update regarding PEC nominations/election for this school year of 2021/2022. To date, there are four positions up for nomination. Mrs. Carolyn Law shared that by September 10th, if there are more than four nominations handed into the parish centre, there will be an election. So far, there have been three nomination forms handed in.

**Principal's Report**

Ms. Maureen Moorehead reported on the following events:

- **Recent/Upcoming Events:**
  - Faith Development Day:** occurred over Zoom; speaker Mr. David Wells from England spoke of our Archdiocese theme this year "One Family, One Hope in Christ."
  - School First Assembly: to take place on Wednesday, and out of an abundance of caution, parents will not be attending.
  - Meet the Teacher Nights (AGM):** will take place over two nights, two parents permitted per family. AGM to take place some time later into the year.
  - Walkathon:** to take place on Friday, October 1st, 2021. We will require less volunteers than previous years due to some changes. No refreshments will be offered to adults at the Garden City Park.
- Communicable Disease Plan: replaces the School Safety Plan. It is generalized to include all communicable diseases (flu, etc.) not just COVID-19 specific. The plan is available on the school website.
- Archdiocese theme for this year: *One Family, One Hope in Christ*
- Truth and Reconciliation: increased priority for this year. The staff at St. Paul School are, and already have been, doing a great job in bringing the matter of residential schools to the forefront with full transparency for our students. It has been a priority in our curriculum, with the First Peoples incorporated into daily teaching. Our CISVA Networking professional day in November will focus on

Truth and Reconciliation. The Archdiocese has also issued a response as to what financial support is being done, what new agreements have been reached, and what new services the RCAV are providing. More information can be found in a Q&A document from the Archdiocese at

<https://rcav.org/first-nations/questions-answers>

- Library: it has been completed over the summer through the hard work of staff and volunteers, led by Mrs. Nicole Kelly. Mrs. Nicole Kelly will be making a video highlighting what is new in the library in the near future.

### **Pastor's Report**

Fr. Thomas Smith is looking forward to having the Altar Servers back in Mass. Training will begin taking place to eventually have Altar Servers back for daily Mass.

### **Member Reports**

#### **Staff**

Ms. Clarissa Guevara shared that the staff is glad to be back to school and added that all staff will be wearing their masks all day.

#### **Maintenance**

An entire brand new roof of the school and one portable has been completed.

#### **Treasurer**

The new budget for the school year will be available to the committee in early October. Ms. Maureen Moorehead shared that there are currently 245 enrolled in school (248 is full enrollment).

#### **IT**

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that the Smartboards on order are on back-order due to a chip shortage. The new ETA for the Smartboards are in late September. Mr. Joseph Lo added that each board is approx. 200 lbs.; therefore, Mr. Eddie Lim will need assistance to reinforce the walls with plywood and then the mounting. The Grade 6 class have received all of their Chromebooks. There are currently four new ones which will be kept for back-up. The 27 used Chromebooks are still operational but cannot be updated. Mr. Joseph Lo and Ms. Maureen Moorehead suggest that these can be offered to be purchased by the IT team and staff then parents. Mr. Joseph Lo also reported that some of the staff Macbooks will be due for replacement this year, so we should replace them with Macbook Airs as needed. Also, some teachers are requesting App purchases for the students for the new school year. The teachers' licenses for the iPads for ToDo Math are no longer required. The teachers decided the free version is fine so we will not need to get bulk licensing. We will only need a single paid license for \$99 USD/year for the learning resource.

### **Parent Participation**

Mrs. Louveign Secord reported that so far, bingo is set to begin in October. Mr. Mark Acosta shared that the current Stage 3 health order is still in place and will not be considered to be lifted until October 24th. Therefore, bingo will begin the earliest on October 24th. Ms. Maureen Moorehead suggested that a letter be written to inform parent volunteers of the current situation with bingo with a possible contingency plan.

### **Parish Council Update**

No report

### **New Business**

Mrs. Carolyn Law reported that the memorial bench ordered for Justice Guno is estimated to be completed on September 10th. Mr. Kelsey Mah added that if we want to mount the bench into the ground, we need to be mindful of any underground sprinklers.

Dr. John Yun addressed that we need to discuss the amendment to a student's uniform request. Ms. Maureen Moorehead suggested that the policy can be amended to allow for girls to wear pants up until the May long weekend.

**Dr. John Yun issued a motion to amend the uniform policy to permit pants to be worn by girls between Thanksgiving and the May long weekend. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelsey Mah. The motion passed with the PEC all in favour.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm with a closing prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**