

**St. Paul School
Parish Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022**

Present:	Father Thomas Smith	Ms. Clarissa Guevara
	Dr. John Yun	Mrs. Louveign Secord
	Ms. Maureen Moorehead	Mr. Mark Acosta
	Mrs. Mar Tinsay	Mrs. Carolyn Law
	Mr. Ricky Bravo	Mr. Joseph Lo

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

A motion for the approval of the last meeting's minutes was put forth by Mr. Joseph Lo and seconded by Mrs. Louveign Secord. Motion was passed with unanimous approval by all members.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Moorehead reported on the following events:

- **Recent/Upcoming Events:**
 - CEC:** Virtual meeting on school site. Speakers included Mr. Brad Baker from the Ministry of Education and Mr. Frank DeAngeles from Columbine High School.
 - Pink Shirt Day:** Anti-bullying day on February 23rd.
 - Fire Drill:** February 25th.
 - Kindergarten Interviews:** Full day interviews on March 1st.
 - Lenten Morning Masses:** Began after Ash Wednesday. Every morning at 8:15 am prior to the start of class. Ms. Maureen Moorehead would like to encourage more student attendance.
 - Grades 5 & 6 Ski Program finished:** Two minor safety incidents occurred.
 - Grade 7 Spirit Day:** To take place virtually on Saturday, March 12th at the Parish Centre, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation..
 - Sacrament of Confirmation:** Will take place on June 14th.
- **COVID-19 Update:** Covid-related illness among staff and students has dropped dramatically in the last three weeks. The school is well within normal absentee rates for this time of year. Possible changes by the PHO to mask/vaccine mandate are expected in the next week or so – we will see if the same changes apply to schools. Rapid tests were distributed to families on March 2nd. One box of 5 testes per child.

- **Kindergarten Intake Update:** New family interviews were completed on February 1st. Special thanks to Mrs. Louveign Secord, Mr. Mark Acosta, and Father Thomas Smith for attending. There are **21 spots in kindergarten to fill**. We are in the process of hearing back from all families.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is planned for April 30th. The Sacrament of Confirmation is planned for June 14th. Fr. Thomas Smith is hopeful that everything will be close to normal by then. Fr. Thomas Smith shared that the Lenten Morning Masses are going well and that the children are the Temples of God. We are “building a church” within the church, starting with the pillars→walls→roof→shingles. Fr. Thomas Smith also shared that the parish council and school staff Senate should complete their questions to be sent to CISVA by the end of March.

Member Reports

Staff

No report

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta reported that one parent will be leaving the Work Party team by the end of the school year. Fr. Thomas Smith added that the school's downspout pipe has been fixed.

Treasurer

No report

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that the IT consultant has found a deal and we will be installing new routers in a few weeks. Also, the SmartBoard trainer will need to be booked for staff training.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Louveign Secord and Mrs. Mar Tinsay reported that Bingo had started up on February 24th and is now ongoing. However, the trainers who were supposed to train the new parents on the 24th were a no-show. Presently, there are some shortages in specific positions. Mrs. Louveign Secord and Mrs. Mar Tinsay will be at Thursday evening Bingo, alternating every other week. They will also be taking over scheduling, which they will then pass along to Angela where she can make changes when necessary. This is to ensure that all positions are covered properly. Mrs. Louveign Secord shared that some parents are very happy to be doing Bingo.

Mr. Mark Acosta added that one parent from his Work Party team can be moved over to Bingo if needed.

Parish Council Update

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that there was a Senate meeting.

New Business

Mr. Mark Acosta would like to bring back the Parent Uniform Swap that we used to have prior to Covid-19 restrictions. This was run by Mrs. Angelica Revillosa in the past. Mr. Mark Acosta will take the lead on this. Mrs. Carolyn Law has offered to assist him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.