

**St. Paul School
Parish Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, June 7th, 2022**

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

Absent: Ms. Clarissa Guevara

Meeting began at 7:10 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. Mark Acosta 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:**

Staff Retreat: May 20th at The Chinese Bunkhouse in Steveston Village. Mr. Andrew Neufeld was the guest speaker. He is a clinical counsellor who specializes in family mental health and relationships. The focus was on "*One Family, One Hope in Christ.*" We discussed mental health, our connection with ourselves, each other, and God. Father Smith joined us and celebrated Mass.

Planning Day: June 3rd. The staff gathered to plan for the next year, with the new staff also joining us. Next year's theme is "***Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation.***"

Kindergarten Orientation: New families came yesterday to meet the Kindergarten teachers, Ms. Clarissa Guevara and Ms. Aoife Maye, to pick up the welcome packages and to hear about the program.

Confirmation: June 14th. Archbishop Miller to attend, with a reception hosted by the Grade 5 families and PREP families.

Grade 7 Farewell Celebration: June 21st. The new format is a sit-down catered buffet dinner hosted by the Grade 6 families, followed by a recognition ceremony with immediate families joining.

Grade 7 Fundraiser: Mr. Rob Kirkham is leading the Grade 7s in hosting a fundraiser to support humanitarian efforts for the war in Ukraine. It will be a dress-down day with everyone coming to school in blue and yellow colours.

Step Up Day: June 20th. The classes will spend 45 minutes in the morning visiting the classes and teachers for next year.

Primary/Intermediate Year End Party: Primary grades will go to Garden City Park on June 27th. Intermediate grades will go to Watermania on June 22nd.

Fun Day/Appreciation Breakfast: June 24th. There are some changes to the format for this year. There will be no cheers this year due to lack of group practices because students still have staggered recesses.

Last Day of School for students: Tuesday, June 28th.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that Archbishop Miller will be here for our Grade 7s Confirmation. In the time that he is here, he will also witness 15 wedding marriages in the church. The students are becoming more and more comfortable with Confession. Fr. Thomas Smith is hoping for an even more normal year to come.

Member Reports

Staff

Ms. Clarissa Guevara reported that there are now only three weeks of school left.

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta thanked the PEC members for approval of the new sprinklers and they will be done soon. Fr. Thomas Smith would like to mention that there may be some red bark mulch in the flower beds, but any mulch added to the playground area should be of the same type. Mr. Mark Acosta mentioned that he will ask our former Maintenance Mr. Kelsey Mah the exact type of mulch that is currently in the playground.

Treasurer

Mr. Ricky Bravo reported that the school's preliminary budget has been approved and the current financial statements have been circulated via email, indicating the YTD budget is at a surplus of \$177, 590.57.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that Staples cannot sell the Chromebooks to us at the sale price. He will keep an eye out on possible sales over the summer. The training for staff for the Smartboards should be booked in late August or early September.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Louveign Secord reported that the Bingo schedule is out, but they may need to make a few last minute changes, as there may be one open position they will need to fill. They reported that some parents have been requesting changes that differ from what they indicated in their parent participation forms.

Parish Council Update

Fr. Thomas Smith hopes that the parish is actively working on the Parish Picnic.

New Business

Mrs. Mar Tinsay reported that it has passed the deadline and no new nominations were submitted for the PEC. All members should actively recruit possible members to fill our one open position. Ms. Maureen Moorehead said that she can put it in the Thursday bulletin if it is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.