

New Parent Information Night: Tuesday, January 31st for new incoming families. One or two PEC members will also be in attendance.

Communicating Student Learning: reports will go out on Friday, February 3rd.

- **Staff Attendance at the LA Religious Education Congress request:** to take place February 23-26, 2023. The last congress was three years ago. This is a four-day event held by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. It is the largest annual gathering of Catholics in the US, with approx. 40, 000 people attending. During the course of the four days, there will be 300 workshops presented by 200+ speakers, professional and personal opportunities for spiritual growth, 529 free exhibits providing educational and faith resources, etc. CISVA schools typically send staff members each year.

Proposal: to send 4 staff members to attend. This expense has already been budgeted in the “Conference and Workshops” budget for this year (\$15, 500). The estimated cost for 4 staff members is \$5000, including airfare, hotel for 3 nights, and conference registration fee. Food expenses and others are at the cost of the staff member.

The cost of a Teacher-On-Call coverage is \$1000 (we only need 2 TOCs to cover for the 4 absent staff members).

Staff who will be attending: Mrs. Nicole Kelly, Ms. Jennifer Wu, Ms. Clarissa Guevara, and Ms. Myriam Boily.

The PEC would like Ms. Maureen Moorehead to look into whether food expenses for the staff members can be covered. Ms. Maureen Moorehead will speak with the accountant to see what the budget can cover.

The PEC has voted all in favour to authorize the request to send four staff members to attend the LA Religious Education Congress.

- **Tuition Fees 2022/23:** the school is to raise the tuition to \$353/month for Category 1 to meet the minimum requirements as outlined by CISVA. Tuition in all other subsequent categories will also be raised accordingly.
- **New CISVA Superintendent:** Ms. Sandra Marshall.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that Christmas Masses went well. There were large numbers of parishioners present for the Christmas Masses. Confessions for children and parishioners during Christmas went well. Fr. Thomas Smith has goals for the parish: 1) Mandate from Christ Evangelization: we can reach out to Bingo community on Thursdays. 2) Alpha Program:

parishioners to know what the ministries are, announce the Gospels of the Lord, and speak about opportunities through the Archdiocese Fr. Thomas Smith would also like to start having the children make Christmas cards to bring to the seniors in nursing homes.

Member Reports

Staff

Ms. Clarissa Guevara spoke about the Foundations Retreat for teachers. Catholic educators must attend within their first years with CISVA, which was cancelled due to Covid the last few years. This is an overnight retreat of workshops out at Jude Lake in Maple Ridge. The idea is to disconnect and focus on prayer and your vocation as a teacher. Ms. Clarissa Guevara also reported that the January school year is starting well. The CSL report will add an “extending” option on the scale. For the New Parent Info Night, Ms. Clarissa Guevara has a slideshow prepared. Ms. Maureen Moorehead added that 1-2 members of the PEC will attend.

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta reported that one more shipment of mulch for the playground is coming. He reported that the Workparty team will meet twice in January and February, and plans to keep that ongoing. Fr. Thomas Smith reported that there are leaks on the parish centre flat roof. These will need to be fixed. Fr. Thomas Smith also reported that during the snow-storm, the grounds were shovelled with the tractor and salted. Some other parishes were charged upwards of \$15, 000 for shovelling.

Treasurer

Mr. Ricky Bravo reported that \$3, 642 of the Affordability Fund has been deposited into the school account. These funds need to be spent by June 2023. Ms. Maureen Moorehead added that she will consult with CISVA for more guidance regarding how to proceed (who qualifies, how to fairly and justly distribute the funds, what the funds can be used for, etc.)

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported via email that new computers were purchased for Ms. Boily and Ms. Carroll. Other than occasional support issues, there is nothing else to report.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that Angela has informed them that PEC members do not need to be there on Thursday Bingo evenings. Also, one particular family cannot fulfill their lunchtime supervision volunteer hours, and so this family will be participating in Bingo.

Parish Council

Fr. Thomas Smith reiterated the mission of the parish in regards to Evangelization

New Business

Next PEC meeting lands on February 14th, Valentine's Day. Fr. Thomas Smith is open to moving the meeting if the PEC members have plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.