

St. Paul School
Parish Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

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

Meeting began at 7:02 pm with an opening prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

A motion was put forth for the approval of the minutes from the last meeting by Mrs. Kitty Estrella and seconded by Mr. Ricky Bravo. The PEC is all in favour. The motion was passed.

Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Louveign Secord reported that there has so far been no response from anyone regarding the Community Builder event. If there aren't any volunteers, we may have to look at having this event next year. Mrs. Louveign Secord clarified with Mr. James Donner that this event will be parent-led, with the PEC acting as a liaison and overseeing the event; the PEC will not be leading this event. Mr. James Donner is happy to find other parents together to organize a free car wash for the community. The Grade 7 students can get involved for volunteer hours. The event can also be advertised on social media, such as Instagram.

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Moorehead reported on the following events:

- **Recent/Upcoming Events:**
 - Pastor Principal Forum:** took place 2 weeks ago. Ms. Maureen Moorehead attended this forum with Fr. Thomas Smith. The CISVA pastors and principals discussed the new mission statement.
 - Class Photo Day:** on Friday, March 31st, 2023
 - Holy Week:** The Grade 7s did a fantastic job with *The Last Supper* on Holy Thursday morning and *The Stations of the Cross* in the church on Holy Thursday afternoon.
 - Badminton:** Badminton season went well. Big thanks to Mr. Gregory Kelly, the director of the CISVA badminton tournaments.
 - Scholastic Book Fair:** will take place in the library from Tuesday, April 18th to Friday, April 21st.
 - Student-led Conferences:** will be held in the classrooms on Friday, April 21st. There are no classes that day. Students will be in full uniform.

Confirmation Pep Rally: this Saturday, April 15th, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Tuesday, May 2nd. The Grade 5 families will host a reception in the gym afterwards. Fr. Thomas Smith will be confirming the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- **First Holy Communion:** Saturday, May 6th for the Grade 2s.
- **Affordability Grant:** St. Paul School has received \$3642 in funds from the government to be given to families to address inflation challenges. The school will use the money to deduct \$15 from each child's school supplies cost for next year. (Each child normally pays \$60 for supplies, either from EduPak or the teachers' purchases, which will now be reduced to \$45 per child).

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that he was pleased with the good turnout at morning Mass during Lent. Also, Confession attendance has been way up this year. The church has been very busy: attendance for Holy Thursday was 1000+, Good Friday was 700+. On Easter Sunday, Fr. Thomas Smith baptized 9 children. Fr. Thomas Smith is now preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Migrant Mass will begin in September at the parish.

Member Reports

Staff

No report

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta reported that the application of the third shipment of wood chips for the playground will be on the day of the student-led conferences (Friday, April 21st).

Treasurer

No report

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Mr. Joseph Lo reported that he is still researching the prices for the replacement iPads. There was an issue with the large printer, but that has been resolved by restarting the router. .

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that the new Bingo schedule is almost complete. There are two new Grade 1 families to bingo. The bingo assembly is planned for the end of May. This will allow for shadow training in June for the July bingo shift.

Parish Council

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that there will be a service board at the back of the church to direct people for questions, volunteer opportunities, etc. There are now three people at the parish centre: Helen, Mercie, and Anna.

New Business

- Mrs. Carolyn Law reported that we need to prepare for PEC nominations and elections for the upcoming school year. The election committee will consist of Mrs. Carolyn Law, Mrs. Kitty Estrella, and Mr. Joseph Lo. Mrs. Christine Ong will have the current cycles of all of the members, and who is up for re-nomination. If an election is required, this will happen on the last Sunday in May.
- Mrs. Louveign Secord mentioned that some parents have raised the concern regarding the school drop-off lane near the covered area. Some parents may take longer than is accepted and will even exit the car and walk their children to the school while parked in this lane. The pick-up/drop-off lane should be quick: quick assistance for unbuckling is ok, no walking to portable. This message should be shared with grandparents who help with pick-up/drop-off. Ms. Maureen Moorehead will send an email to the school reminding everyone of this in the Thursday letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.