St. Paul School Parish Education Committee Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

Present: Father Thomas Smith Ms. Clarissa Guevara

Ms. Maureen Moorehead Mrs. Carolyn Law
Mrs. Kitty Estrella Mrs. Mar Tinsay
Mr. Mark Acosta Mr. Joseph Lo

Mr. Ricky Bravo

Absent: Mrs. Louveign Secord

Meeting began at 7:05 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 Mrs. Mar Tinsay. The PEC is all in favour. The motion was passed.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Mark Acosta addressed the upcoming Community Builder Event. Mrs. Carolyn Law reported that the Car Wash is going ahead for June 17th, between 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. Mr. James Donner has organized the event well, with approximately 23 cars already signed up to be washed.

Mr. Mark Acosta addressed the Uniform Swap Meet that took place on Wednesday, May 17th. Mrs. Carolyn Law reported that the Swap Meet was highly successful, with most uniforms sold within half an hour. A few things to change for the next swap meet: 1) no sales or exchanges between the sellers prior to the doors opening and 2) remind sellers to be prepared with price tags prior to coming to the swap meet. If there are a lot of merchandise to sell, the seller may want to consider getting extra people to help.

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Moorehead reported on the following events:

Recent/Upcoming Events:

Planning Day: Pro-D Day on Friday, June 2nd. The staff planned for the next school year. The school calendar has been mostly updated for the next year.

Kinder Orientation: on Monday, June 5th.

Uniform Fitting: on Wednesday, June 7th with Top Marks.

Grade 7 Fundraiser: on Thursday, June 15th. Annual fundraiser put on by the Grade 7 class to raise funds for charity. This year, the funds are going to the Turkey & Syrian refugees, the BC Children's Hospital, and to a Catholic charity.

Step Up Day: on Monday, June 19th, where the current grades get to visit the next years' classrooms.

Final School Mass: on Tuesday, June 20th. The Grade 7 students will pass the Light of Leadership to the Grade 6 students.

Farewell Celebration: on Tuesday, June 20th. The Grade 6 class hosts the celebration for the graduating class of 2023. This includes two guests per Gr. 7 student for the sit-down dinner, followed by the awards recognition in which extended family are invited to, finishing with dessert for everyone.

Appreciation Breakfast: on Friday, June 23rd in the morning right before Fun Day begins.

Fun Day: on Friday, June 23rd. Early dismissal this day at 12:30 pm.

Primary & Intermediate year-end activities: on Monday, June 26th and Tuesday, June 27th, respectively.

Final Assembly: on Wednesday, June 28th at 9:15 am.

CSL final progress report: to be sent home on Wednesday, June 28th.

Last day of school: on Wednesday, June 28th.

Hiring Update:

- 1. Two EAs have been hired Mr. Ryan McCallan and Ms. Rosemary Chittilapilli.
- 2. We still need to secure a teacher for Grade 6

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that Fr. Felix Min is currently in Korea. We will have a new Assistant Pastor as of July 13th.

Member Reports

Staff

Ms. Clarissa Guevara reported that the Kindergarten Orientation went very well. Ms. Guevara, Ms. Maye, Mrs. Imoo and the school nurse were all in attendance. The new parents had many good questions. The families were given their early learning packages to work on over the summer. The children were all given bubbles and chalk. The gradual entry schedule is ready for September. Ms. Clarissa Guevara also reported that the staff is currently writing their student progress reports.

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta reported that three new families joined the Work Party on Saturday, while four families are leaving.

Treasurer

Mr. Ricky Bravo reported:

- 1. Our preliminary budget for the school year 2023/24 of \$2, 544, 190 has been sent to CISVA.
- Spoken with and cleared with Mr. Nick Schneider at CISVA regarding the restricted funds. We didn't have to use it because the budget was able to cover all IT costs.
- 3. The school has paid the catch up salary increase for all staff categories of approximately \$20, 000 in May, which represents a 1.25% increase. An additional 3.75% increase is expected for the next school year.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that Shaw has contacted him regarding renewal of our contract with them in November. Some questions they asked were: 1) Are we satisfied with their service? 2) Do we need more access points? No, these have already been installed in the classrooms.

The Grade 7 class is down 2-3 laptops. Mr. Joseph Lo will connect with Mr. Robert Kirkham to determine whether to replace them with MacBooks or with ChromeBooks. Mr. Robert Kirkham mentioned that there is now more editing software available online.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay & Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that the Bingo Assembly went well. There was a good turnout of participants. Some last minute changes to the Bingo schedule need to be made.

Parish Council

No report

New Business

Mrs. Kitty Estrella asked for clarification regarding the start day of the St. Paul School summer camps. The first day of camp is indeed on Monday, July 3rd.

PEC Positions

As there were no additional nominations this year, an election did not take place. These are the positions for the school year of 2023/24:

Chairperson & Society Delegate: Mrs. Louveign Secord

Vice-Chairperson & Maintenance: Mr. Mark Acosta through acclamatio

Treasurer: Mr. Ricky Bravo, through acclamation and as appointed by Father Thomas Smith

Secretary: Mrs. Carolyn Law

IT: Mr. Joseph Lo

Parent Participation: Mrs. Mar Tinsay through acclamation and Mrs. Kitty Estrella

The meeting ended at 8:26 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.