# St. Paul School Parish Education Committee Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

**Present:** Father Thomas Smith Mrs. Mar Tinsay

Ms. Maureen Griffin Mr. Joseph Lo
Mr. Ricky Bravo Mrs. Carolyn Law
Mrs. Louveign Secord Mrs. Kitty Estrella

Ms. Clarissa Guevara

**Absent:** Mr. Mark Acosta

Meeting began at 7:03 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. Joseph Lo. The motion passed with PEC is all in favour.

## Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Louveign Secord reported that the parent who organized and spearheaded the parish community event car wash in June would like to hold the event again next year in May/June. Several volunteers have already committed to this event. More will be discussed regarding this event in the new year.

## **Principal's Report**

Ms. Maureen Griffin reported on the following events:

## Recent/Upcoming Events:

**Volleyball season ended:** the season went well. The school assembly recognized all of the teams and their coaches. Congratulations to the Grade 5 boys who took home the Gold Medal at the CISVA finals!

**CEL/Harrison Leadership Days:** this was a 3 day retreat for all of the CISVA school principals. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ray Grundy.

**Class Advent Celebrations:** all classes have or are celebrating before the winter break

Collections for and visit to Luke 15 House: all donation gift bags have been packed up and ready to bring to Luke 15 House. The Grade 4 class has made personalized cards to go with the gift bags. The staff will be delivering the gift bags after school on December 13th and will also be spending time there preparing and sharing a meal, cookie decorating, games, crafts, and singing Christmas carols.

**Christmas Concert:** on Tuesday, December 19th. Like before, there will be a 1:00 pm matinee showing and a 6:45 pm evening showing. All classes and

staff have been busy preparing for the concert for the last five weeks.

# Monitoring Inspection on December 11th

This is done with the Ministry of Education. The evaluation went very well, with two items for attention: 1) Revise anti-smoking/vaping policy relating to the current provincial code and 2) complete the correct CRC for both Ed and Catalino.

# Principal Evaluation Report

This was a formal evaluation from the CISVA Superintendent's Office. Ms. Maureen Griffin to share the results of the summative evaluation with the PEC and staff.

## Tuition Rates for 2024/25 & 2025/26

In order to meet the minimum range of tuition as required by CISVA for the next two years, there is a proposal to increase tuition by \$30/month for next year, and then an additional \$33/month for the following year.

CISVA Tuition range: 2024/25 - \$383 to \$426 / month 2025/26 - \$416 to \$463 / month

St. Paul tuition proposal for Category 1, one child as follows:

2024/25 - \$383/month (up \$30 from this year) 2025/26 - \$416/month (up \$33 from previous year)

\*The increases would apply to each category, and for each grouping of children (1, 2, or 3 children).

A motion was put forth by Mrs. Louveign Secord to increase the tuition by \$30/month for next year and then by \$33/month for the year after as required to meet the minimum tuition range set by CISVA. This would equate to \$383/month in 2024/25 and \$416/month in 2025/26, with increases applying to each category and for each grouping of children. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carolyn Law. The motion was passed with all PEC members in favour.

## Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that the student confessions are going well. Fr. Smith would like to think of ways to encourage parents to also go to confession. It is a good role model for children to see their parents also going to confession. Fr. Smith reported that between January last year and now, there have been 8000+ confessions witnessed at the parish. The Opportunities to Serve bulletin board currently has over 30 different postings, and is a very useful place for parishioners to refer to for volunteer service.

# **Member Reports**

## Staff

Ms. Clarissa Guevara reported that the staff Networking Day went well. St. Paul staff were joined by staff from St. Anthony of Padua and St. Joseph the Worker where they discussed how to make online portfolios and changes in assessments and reporting. The staff is excited about the upcoming winter break.

## Maintenance

No report

## **Treasurer**

Current November revenue = \$258, 328 Current November expenditures = \$220, 512.62 Current Surplus = \$37, 815.38

## IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that:

- 1. The new iPads have been purchased. Thanks to Mrs. Kitty Estrella for letting us know about the discount on iPads.
- 2. The older MacBooks (10+ years old) can be sold to staff for personal use
- 3. Mr. Joseph Lo and Mr. Ricky Bravo have discussed the need to replace some equipment to make the network run faster. The switch behind Mrs. Christine Ong's desk will eventually need to be replaced. Mr. Joseph Lo will need to look into the cost of the replacement.

## **Parent Participation**

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Kitty Estrella have all of the Christmas baskets ready for the Christmas Bingo on December 14th. The new Bingo schedule will be ready for next year. There is currently a waitlist for those who would like to volunteer at Bingo.

## **Parish Council**

No report

The meeting ended at 8:07 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.