St. Paul School Parish Education Committee Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

Present: Father Thomas Smith Ms. Clarissa Guevara

Ms. Maureen Griffin Mr. Mark Acosta
Mr. Joseph Lo Mrs. Carolyn Law
Mrs. Louveign Secord Mrs. Kitty Estrella

Mr. Ricky Bravo

Absent: Mrs. Mar Tinsay

Meeting began at 7:00 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. Mark Acosta. The motion passed with PEC is all in favour.

Chairperson's Report

No report

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Griffin reported on the following events:

Recent/Upcoming Events:

Grouse ski trips: completed now and was a success!

Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying: dress-down day on Wed, February 28th. The funds raised will go to the Catholic organization, Chalice

Archbishop's visit: Archbishop Miller visited the school and met with Ms. Griffin

and Mrs. Imoo, and joined our school assembly.

Grade 2 First Confession: on Thurs, March 7th

Grade 7 Whistler Ski Trip: on Thurs, March 7th

Holy Week: the week of March 25th after spring break.

Fatima Statue visit: the custodian of the Fatima Statue will be speaking to the

students on Tues, April 2nd.

DARE program: drug awareness and resistance education from the RCMP for Grades 5 & 6 students, beginning on Tues, April 9th.

Ongoing Staff initiatives:

K to 7 Mathematics scope and sequence; New Reporting Order collaboration meetings led by Ms. Clarissa Guevara and Mr. Robert Kirkham.

• Kindergarten 2024/25 Update:

All new family spots have been confirmed except for one. The deadline is March 6th.

• Top Marks uniform price increase approval:

Top Marks has seen an increase in their primary costs with direct labour, materials, and embellishments. This will equate to an average increase in the 3% to 6% range, with St. Paul's uniform items averaged between an increase of 3% to 4%.

Mrs. Carolyn Law proposed a motion to approve Top Marks increase of 3% to 4% for uniform prices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ricky Bravo. The PEC is all in favour.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported:

- Grade 2 First Communion will be on Sat, April 20th and Grade 7 Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Wed, May 8th
- First Reconciliation for Grade 2 is this Thurs, March 7th
- Archbishop Miller suggests that St. Paul should set up a separate account to plan for the building of a new school

Member Reports

Staff

No report

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta suggests that we order more mulch for the playground. Maintenance will be replacing the tennis balls on the school chairs; he has 2 boxes of tennis balls but will need more.

Treasurer

Mr. Ricky Bravo reported that he is still waiting for the February school budget. He will reach out to Mr. Rick Schneider from CISVA regarding creating a separate building fund.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that the networking company is going to install the switch by Mrs. Christine Ong's desk. We will only pay for the switch if it works (\$300).

Parent Participation

Ms. Maureen Griffin confirmed that the school has accepted a family for Grade 2. Mrs. Kitty Estrella will be ready to have the family fill out the purple volunteer sheet for bingo parent participation.

Parish Council

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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