

**St. Paul School
Parish Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, March 11th, 2025**

Present: Father Thomas Smith Mrs. Kitty Estrella
 Ms. Maureen Griffin Mrs. Mar Tinsay
 Mrs. Louveign Secord Mrs. Sarah Bravo
 Mr. Robert Kirkham Mr. Mark Acosta
 Mrs. Carolyn Law

Absent: Mr. Joseph Lo

Meeting began at 7:02 pm with an opening prayer.

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 the PEC all in favour.

Chairperson's Report

No report

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Griffin reported on the following events:

- **Recent/Upcoming Events:**
 - Catholic Leadership Days:** Elementary school educators attended the conference at the Italian Cultural Centre, with keynote speaker, Katie White, speaking about school assessment and evaluation.
 - Ash Wednesday:** 11:00 am school Mass on Wednesday, March 5th.
 - Lenten Masses:** Morning Masses at 8:15 am.
 - Pink Shirt Day:** On Wednesday, February 26th. Dress-down Day in recognition of Anti-Bullying Day.
 - Earthquake Drill:** On Friday, March 7th.
 - DARE Graduation:** On Tuesday, March 11th. The Grade 5 class has completed the program which took place every Tuesday morning with Constable Walker.
 - Learning Updates:** Updates are going home on Friday, March 14th. This is the second out of third report for the school year.

- **Earthquake Response Update:**
 - Part 1: There was a mock drill with the staff and Grade 7s in October 2024.
 - Part 2: On Friday, April 4th. The plan is to have the parents come to the school at an assigned time for student pick-up (three different pick up times).

- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** On Tuesday, April 29th. The Grade 5 families will be hosting a reception with light refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment:** Complete with 22 spots filled. For the next school year, enrollment will be moving up to January instead of February.

Pastor's Report

Father Thomas Smith reported that Ash Wednesday went well. The students were very happy to wear the cross on their foreheads. Lenten Masses are proceeding very well. The parishioners enjoy the morning Masses with the children. Fr. Smith is getting ready for First Communion and confession.

Member Reports

Staff

Mr. Robert Kirkham reported that the staff is preparing the Learning Updates to go out on Friday, March 14th. The Grade 7s ski trip to Whistler went well. The Grade 7s are preparing for the Last Supper before Easter.

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta asked if the pooling of the grass and bumpy concrete need to be addressed. Fr. Smith suggested that we can put sechelt sand on top to level the ground and allow the grass to grow through. The concrete appears fine so far.

Treasurer

Mrs. Sarah Bravo reported that the budget is at a surplus of \$99,325.83.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported via email that he has received the estimate for the SmartBoard and will be proceeding with the purchase for the Kindergarten classroom.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that there was a family who didn't come in for their Thursday bingo shift and are unable to complete the rest of their shifts. The family will be paying a prorated fee to account for the missed shifts. There are not enough parents to fill the shifts, as the kitchen crew is already slim. Someone is needed for this upcoming Thursday shift to cover. The Bingo assembly is on Tuesday, June 3rd.

Parish Council

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that the council is working on evangelizing and building up the parish with leadership, liturgy, etc. The bible study is searching the Passion of Christ during Lent.

New Business

This year's Uniform Swap Meet will be on Wednesday, May 21st from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.