

St. Paul School
Parish Education Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Present: Father Thomas Smith Mrs. Kitty Estrella
 Ms. Maureen Griffin Mrs. Sarah Bravo
 Mrs. Louveign Secord Mr. Joseph Lo
 Mr. Robert Kirkham

Absent: Mr. Mark Acosta, Mrs. Mar Tinsay, Mrs. Carolyn Law

Meeting began at 7:05 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. Joseph Lo. 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:

- **Kindergarten Renovation:**
No update at the moment. The request for the third quote has been sent out. We've already received quotes from both Clint and Michael for flooring only, not inclusive of the plumbing and bathroom. A decision will be made in the May meeting.
- **Holy Week:**
Morning Masses will end on Wednesday, April 16th.
 ~**Holy Thursday:** Last Supper Presentation at 10:45 am open to families. The Stations of the Cross is for the school only. Mr. Kirkham has been mentoring Mr. Mayer for the Last Supper Play with the Grade 7s.
- **Recent/Upcoming Events:**
 Confirmation Retreat: On Saturday, April 5th.
 Photo Day: School panoramic photo on Wednesday, April 2nd. This is the first one of the whole school since Covid.
 Britannia Mines Field Trip: On Monday, April 7th for Grades 4, 5, & 6.
 First Reconciliation: On Thursday, April 10th for the Grade 2 class.
 Spirit Wear Sale: The sale is going on this week with the last day of sales on Thursday, April 10th.

Badminton: Badminton is going well. Mr. Kelly is the director for all of CISVA Badminton and will be away for a few days to help several schools with their tournaments.

Vancouver College Jazz Band: The band will be coming to perform at the school on Tuesday, April 15th.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Book Fair will be running from Tuesday, April 22nd to Friday, April 25th in the library.

Student Led Conferences: On Friday, April 25th.

Sacrament of Confirmation: On Tuesday, April 29th.

Pastor's Report

Father Thomas Smith reported that Confessions are going well; just this past weekend, he had done 54 Confessions. Fr. Smith continues to be impressed with the high turnout at Mass.

Member Reports

Staff

Mr. Robert Kirkham reported:

- The children really enjoyed the Britannia Mines Field Trip. It was highly educational, and the students had a great time panning for gold. They had a different program based on the kids' ages and grades (4, 5, & 6).
- Primary Field Trip: Going to watch a Play in Granville Island on April 29th.
- Student Led Conferences are coming up on Friday, April 25th.
- Learning Updates: the last one will be coming out at the end of June. Mr. Kirkham is interested to know how parents are liking the new reporting. Ms. Clarissa Guevara will look into putting together a survey to gather parents' feedback.

Maintenance

No report.

Treasurer

Mrs. Sarah Bravo reported that the budget is at a surplus of \$185,992, with less than projected expenditures. We have a pending grant of \$1400.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported:

- The new SmartBoard has arrived and will be installed this weekend. We will keep the whiteboard in case we can reuse it.
- We should consider purchasing the Apple iPads now before the potential price hike for devices due to the tariffs.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that we need 111 volunteers but only 108 purple volunteer forms were submitted. Angela, Kitty, and Mar will be working on finishing the Bingo schedule. Continue the parish bulletin for Bingo volunteers.

Parish Council

No report.

New Business

We are still actively recruiting people to fill the two open positions on the PEC. Mrs. Christine Ong is helping to talk to people.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.