

**St. Paul School  
Parish Education Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Tuesday, January 9th, 2024**

<b>Present:</b>	Father Thomas Smith	Mrs. Mar Tinsay
	Ms. Maureen Griffin	Mr. Mark Acosta
	Mr. Ricky Bravo	Mrs. Carolyn Law
	Mrs. Louveign Secord	Mrs. Kitty Estrella
	Ms. Clarissa Guevara	Mr. Joseph Lo

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 Mr. Ricky Bravo. 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:**
  - St. Paul's Feast Day:** on Thursday, January 25th. Mass will take place in the morning at 9:15 am followed by a family lunch in the gym. Early dismissal at 12:45 pm.
  - Black Excellence Day:** on Monday, January 15th. Dress down day by wearing black shirts to recognize African history in Canada.
  - Grade 5 & 6 ski program:** first day on Tuesday, January 16th.
  - Grade 2 Sacramental Prep begins:** first parent meeting on Wednesday, January 24th in the gym.
  - CSL:** this will be the school's first official report to go out to families on February 2nd.
  - New Parent Info Night:** on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 pm. Meeting for new parents.
  - CEC:** Catholic Educators' Conference taking place on February 15th & 16th downtown. There will be no school on those days.
- **Kindergarten 2024/25**
  - 11 spots for kindergarten available (20 siblings have indicated interest).
  - Applications are available on January 30th, and interviews will take place on Tuesday, February 27th.

- **Staffing**

- Education Assistant Analia Rimland has returned from her Leave of Absence, after completing her EA Certification.
- We have also hired a new EA, Ms. Orlagh McCarthy
- EA Ryan McCallan will be leaving us on March 1st to return to Ireland

## **Pastor's Report**

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that:

- Christmas Mass was a large attendance. A lot of kids were present. All other Masses were also well attended.
- In 2023, there were approx 8200 confessions witnessed between Father Smith himself and Father Saji.
- Grade 2 Sacramental prep is beginning
- Father Smith explained how he really likes the Grade 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation Gold Books; the books show the child's growth.

## **Member Reports**

### **Staff**

No report

### **Maintenance**

Mr. Mark Acosta reported that two families are leaving the maintenance team by the end of this school year and the spots will need to be filled by parents who are interested in staying long term.

Father Smith reported that he will be working with a neighbour to change the fence behind the portable buildings. He is in the process of receiving quotes.

### **Treasurer**

No report

### **IT**

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that:

1. Telus gave a quote to install fibre optics. This will cost \$700/month, 10 access points (\$3000/access point) and a signed 3-year contract. We will need a quote from Rogers to replace current access points.
2. All new intermediate iPads are here. He spoke with Mrs. Gail Imoo and at this time, we won't need the new MacBooks yet.

**Parent Participation**

No report

**Parish Council**

No report

The meeting ended at 7:51 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**