St. Paul School Parish Education Committee Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

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

Absent: Mr. Mark Acosta

Meeting began at 7:02 pm with an opening prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith .

Chairperson's Report

No report

Principal's Report

Ms. Maureen Griffin reported on the following events:

• Recent/Upcoming Events:

Staff retreat: on August 27th, the staff went to Luke 15 House for their second year to spend a day making meals, crafting, singing, and playing games. The staff will continue to visit for Christmas and Easter.

Faith Development Day: All CISVA schools met on August 28th in Surrey, with a special keynote speaker, Mr. Brett Salkeld, who focused on faith based education.

AGM/Meet the Teacher: on Tuesday, September 3rd evening. This is the first time we planned this on the first day of school. The turnout was very successful. **Classmate/Seesaw:** All staff have had two training sessions, with a third session set. Training includes how-to-use and troubleshooting for all teachers.

Volleyball & Cross Country: Volleyball has begun, with six teams and eight coaches. Cross country training is set to begin soon.

Outdoor Ed: The Grade 7s left this Tuesday morning and will return this Friday. **Confessions:** First confession for students begins on September 19th at 10:30. **Mass:** school masses every Thursday.

Assemblies: school assemblies every other Friday.

• New Grade One to Seven Math Program:

Mr. Robert Kirkham and Mrs. Nicole Kelly will be piloting a new math program by Nelson's called "My Math Plan."

• Walkathon: on Friday, September 27th.

• Staffing Update:

Ms. Michelle Carroll will be with St. Paul until January 15th, 2025, in which case the school will need a new hire after she leaves.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Thomas Smith reported that school confessions will begin and regular school mass will begin on Thursday mornings. Fr. Smith will discuss with the new Grade 7 teacher, Mr. Meyer, to continue the "Credible Catholic" through the Magi Centre with the Grade 7 students.

Member Reports

Staff

Mr. Robert Kirkham discussed "My Math Plan" pilot program which will outline a consistent math plan for all of the staff. This new plan is based off of the Singaporean style math; a scope and sequence to move math from Grade One to Seven. Mr. Kirkham has an online copy with one student handbook at the moment. The cost per teacher per year for each grade is approx. \$219.

Maintenance

Mr. Mark Acosta reported via email that the school needs new tennis balls for the classroom chairs.

Treasurer

Mrs. Sarah Bravo reported that the final budget for the school year 2024/25 will be prepared and ready for October 2024.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported that he and his team are getting ready for the school year. The older iPads are starting to breakdown and if they can't be fixed (or are too expensive to fix) or can't be updated, they will need to be replaced. A new iPad costs approx. \$350.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Mar Tinsay and Mrs. Kitty Estrella reported that bingo currently has two open positions in sales and the kitchen which need to be filled. One new family will take one, which leaves one more open position.

Parish Council

No report

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer led by Fr. Thomas Smith at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.