



AGENDA

St. Francis de Sales School
Parish Education Committee
PEC Meeting 2025-7

Date:	February 25, 2026	Chair:	Ms. Joselyn Navarro
Time:	6:30pm	Recorder:	Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan
Location:	SFdS Staff Room	Guests:	
Attendees:	Father Mark McGuckin Mrs. Irene Wihak Mrs. Naomi Panganiban Ms. Joselyn Navarro Ms. Rossa Sung Ms. Leah Canete Ms. Paula Ramor Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan	Regrets:	Mr. Anthony Tillman Mr. Jonathan Geronimo

Meeting opened at 6:32 pm by Ms. Joselyn Navarro.

1	<p>Opening Prayer & Reflections Faith Development: Living, Celebrating and <i>Proclaiming our Faith!</i></p> <p>[Part 2] An excerpt from his MEETING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME - ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER, Pope LEO XIV</p> <p>Dear young people, welcome!</p> <p>[...] Do not expect the world to welcome you with open arms: advertising, which must sell something to consume, has more visibility than witness, which seeks to build sincere friendships. Therefore act with joy and perseverance, knowing that in order to change society, we must first change ourselves. And you have already shown me that you are capable of changing yourselves and building these relationships of friendship. In this way, we can change the world; in this way, we can build a world of peace!</p> <p>You have asked me what I desire for you: in my prayers I ask for each of you a good and true life, according to God’s will. In short, I hope for everyone a holy life. I will tell you something here: did you know that the word “holy” shares the same root as the word “healthy,” and that if we truly want to be holy, we must begin with a healthy life? And we must help one another to avoid those things—such as addictions—that sadly affect so many young people. We are witnesses, and true friends are those who accompany others, those who can truly offer a healthy life, because we are all called to holiness. And this depends also on you. Do not be afraid to accept this responsibility. I desire nothing less, because I love you: for one truly lives who lives with God, the author and savior of life. This is how</p>	Fr. Mark	10 min
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	<p>we can all be holy in this life! The Lord makes life good not by teaching abstract ideals, but by giving His life for us (cf. Jn 10:10).</p> <p>[...] The ray that pierces us—that enters the fissures of the soul—is not an intermittent light that rises and then sets, but the Sun of justice, the sun that is Christ! He warms our hearts and inflames them with His love.</p> <p>It is from this encounter with Jesus that the strength comes to change our lives and transform society. As Francesca and Michela noted, the light of the Gospel truly illuminates our relationships: through everyday words and gestures it expands, drawing everyone into its warmth. Then a grey and anonymous world becomes a hospitable place, suited to humanity, precisely because it is inhabited by God.</p>		
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2	Adoption / Review of Agenda MOTION to accept agenda (<i>Ms. Rossa Sung, Ms. Leah Canete</i>)	Joselyn	2 min
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3	Adoption / Review of Minutes MOTION to adopt minutes (<i>Ms. Paula Ramor, Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan</i>)	Joselyn	2 min
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4	Reports Pastor – Father Mark McGuckin (6:45 pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As per report sent out in advance ● Lenten Confessions for students are being scheduled. ● The Altar Servers Ministry is strengthening under Nathan Cabalfin, with strong student participation. ● The Share Lent Campaign with Development and Peace Canada is underway, including a student-led craft project after Masses on March 8. ● Youth and Young Adult Ministry is expanding under Catherine Dwan, forming Core Teams, splitting into two age groups (12–19 and 20+), hosting monthly events, and receiving \$6,000 from the Archbishop’s Parish Enhancement Fund for leadership development. ● Consider advertising to the Gr. 7’s at SFdS before they graduate and have current youth leaders come to the Gr. 7 class to advertise ● Consider having the 19year olds in the older youth group ● Posters to put up at SFdS school or a video with short clips ● Side-room renovations in the hall will take place throughout March. ● Alpha and RCIA continue with 9 catechumens, 8 candidates, and 11 school parents participating; several Alpha participants plan to join RCIA in the fall. ● Meetings with school families regarding categories and tuition subsidies. 	All	45 min
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- The parish vision, “*Together with Him,*” centered on Family, Worship, and Mission, has been launched.
- Ongoing collaboration with parish groups to build on strengths and identify areas for growth.
- Working toward consistent language and visuals across parish ministries and the school.
- Consider ways to connect the new parish vision to the school FLAMES core values

Principal - Mrs. Irene Wihak (6:55 pm)

- As per report shared in advance
- Monthly virtue focus continues (February: Cheerfulness); parent resources shared.
- Gr. 4 students proclaim faith weekly; ongoing school Masses and St. Francis de Sales feast activities.
- Staff faith formation discussions continue (modeling faith-sharing).
- GIVERS Club fundraising/awareness for Archbishop’s charity (Lapu Lapu tragedy) and Development and Peace Canada campaign.
- Parenting for Purity presentation with Jason Evert (~30 attendees).
- Lockdown and playground drills completed; no concerning incidents.
- VP inservice on CISVA Financial Stewardship Policy 200.
- Staff updated Social Studies planning (Nelson resources).
- Staff attended the Catholic Educators Conference.
- Reporting timeline shared (Oct–June updates).
- Ongoing Seesaw and Google Classroom communication.
- MyEdBC training underway; March reports printed, moving to online-only next year.
- Intermediate Choir attending Kiwanis Music Festival (Mar. 10). Primary choir (Gr. 2–3) formed.
- Basketball season concluding; Gr. 6/7 reached playoffs.
- Fire & Ice tournament champions (over St. Mary’s School).
- Gr. 5 teams attending tournaments; strong finishes at St. Matthew’s School and St. Helen’s School.
- Hosting Gr. 6 boys’ and girls’ tournament.

VP/Teachers’ Representative - Mrs. Naomi Panganiban (7:03 pm)

- Threat Assessment safety workshop completed
- Trying to start girls soccer season up and running with coaches and players

Chair – Ms. Joselyn Navarro (7:06 pm)

- Thank you to PEC members who participated in the CISVA survey that was sent out

Treasurer - Mr. Anthony Tillman; Mr. Jonathan Geronimo

- Monthly and YTD balance sheets shared

Vice Chair – Ms. Rossa Sung

- Nothing to report

Parish-School Community Building Initiative – Ms. Rossa Sung

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Secretary - Mrs. Jacqueline Lamasan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Facility and Maintenance/Tech - Mrs. Leah Canete (7:13 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball backboards and hoist system: original installer had a site visit; no vendor can guarantee that the existing system can support a new backboard; full system replacement may be \$50,000; no vendors are currently interested, so formal quotes; this project will be deferred • Gym scissor lift: feedback from vendor is that the floor cannot support the weight of a scissor lift; mast lift option suggested however it is not recommended due to stability – ladder option is the safest; this item is deferred • 8 damaged window screens need to be replaced, Mr. Bencze is waiting on a quote, looking to see if he can buy them and install them on his own; voted to move forward on this quote • Security Cameras at the exterior entrance doors: recurring concerns regarding weekend use; Leah will ask for clarification (which doors, what lights) • New water fountain was installed in the lower gym and has been well received; 4 older units remain; recommendation to get two more on the lower floor and two upstairs (Action: look into cost) • Gr. 1 playground area wood chips, 3 quotes have been received; PEC voted in favour of hiring Mr. Chaho for this job • Spring Break recruitment for Mr. Bencze: volunteers may have signed up. Action: put in newsletter for next week <p>Community Engagement - Ms. Paula Ramor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for On Volunteers Platform: Rossa, Joselyn, Leah, Jacqueline (Paula will aim to organize for mid April) • Gerald will also do the training (confidentiality signing?) 		
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New/Ongoing Business

5	Preschool Enrolment Update	Mrs. Wihak	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After advertising and a Google Form, 19 families indicated interest for next year • Clarifying questions will be asked around number of hours for each family • Goal is to have 13 students full time (9am - 3pm) • Suggestion is for the school to stop subsidizing preschool for utilities etc. 			

6	Parish Visioning	Fr. Mark	10 min
<p>Together with Him - Family, Worship, Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring how God is already working in our parish (ex. Swahili Mass and Choir) • Identifying gifts and talents in our parish; lifting up others to share their gifts • Pillars: family, worship, mission • Consider having similar visuals and imagery in both school and parish – perhaps similar colour scheme and font • The flame image could be carried to the parish (worship pillar) • Suggestion of flame with three layers, one for each pillar 			

- Approximate timeline is end of 2026
- Suggestion: display key words and ask the staff to place stickers by the words that resonate the most; look for patterns and invite feedback; can have a focus group of staff and students
- Catholic Schools Week and Pentecost are suggested time frames for delivering new imagery

7	Grade 1 Playground Project	Leah	10 min
Updates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above: Facilities and Maintenance 			
8	Incamera	Mrs. Wihak	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing updates discussed 			

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 6:30PM






OUR MISSION

We are a Christ-centered parish school that seeks to serve the whole child (intellectually, academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally) through the development of faith, family and community. We use dynamic learning opportunities to produce resilient Catholics who lead by example and thrive in a global community.

OUR VISION

We are a Catholic school, instilling the knowledge of Christ's love and mercy in our community. Our students ignite their passion and potential to love and serve others as Jesus would, in our safe and inspiring learning environment.

OUR VALUES

FAITH: Confidence and trust in the love of God

LEARN: Developing creative and critical thinkers

ACHIEVE: Commitment and focus

MERCY: Love and forgiveness of Jesus with one another

ENGAGE: Choosing to be actively involved

SERVE: Seeking and accepting the call to act

IGNITING THE SAINT WITHIN

Our Core Values

- F – Faith:** Living actions that show confidence and trust in the love of God
- L – Learn:** Developing creative and critical thinkers whose actions contribute to a better world
- A – Achieve:** Committing and focusing on reaching your goals
- M – Mercy:** Demonstrating the love and forgiveness of Jesus with one another every day
- E – Engage:** Choosing to be actively involved in the life of our school
- S – Serve:** Seeking and accepting the call to act for the greater good