



AGENDA

St. Francis de Sales School
Parish Education Committee
PEC Meeting 2025-9

Date:	15/Apr/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 Mr. Anthony Tillman / Mr. Jonathan Geronimo Ms. Rossa Sung Ms. Leah Canete Ms. Paula Ramor Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan	Regrets:	Ms. Paula Ramor Ms. Rossa Sung

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 style="text-align: center;"><u>APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE LEO XIV TO ALGERIA, CAMEROON, ANGOLA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA</u> (13–23 April 2026)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VISIT TO THE NGUL ZAMBA ORPHANAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ngul Zamba Orphanage (Yaoundé)</i> <i>Wednesday, 15 April 2026</i></p> <p><i>Dear children, dear friends,</i></p> <p>I am very happy to visit this orphanage, which has become your home. Here, above all, it is our Heavenly Father who welcomes you with love as his children. He wants to show you his tenderness and to draw you close to his heart. In his name, I too wish to do the same. Indeed, you form a true family here, with brothers and sisters who all share a similar history marked by suffering. In this family, your eldest brother is Jesus! It is living as brothers and sisters gathered around him that makes you strong, helps you to carry life's burdens together and allows you to experience true joy.</p> <p>In a world often marked by indifference and selfishness, this home reminds us that we are the ones who need to look after our brothers and sisters, and that, in God's great family, no one is ever a stranger or forgotten, no matter how small he or she may be.</p> <p>Dear children, I know that many of you have endured difficult trials. Some of you have known the pain of loss through the death of parents or loved ones. Others have experienced fear, rejection, abandonment, deprivation and uncertainty. Yet, you are called to a future that is greater than your</p>	Fr. Mark	10 min
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	<p>wounds. You are bearers of a promise. For wherever there is misery, suffering or injustice, God is present; and he knows each of your faces and is very close to you. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus cares especially for children like you, and he would often place them at the center of a gathering. Know that he looks upon each one of you today with that same affection.</p> <p>I would also like to greet with gratitude all those who take care of these children: the directors, educators, staff, volunteers and, of course, the Sisters. Your faithful dedication is a beautiful testimony of love. By caring for these children, you are getting a foretaste of the joy that the Lord has promised to those who serve the little ones (cf. <i>Mt 25:40</i>). Your patience reflects the face of divine mercy. Through your patience and dedication, you offer much more than mere material support: you offer these children a presence, a listening ear, a family and a future. Through you, God's tenderness is made manifest — a faithful tenderness that does not falter in times of trial and never disappoints. I thank you for all that you do, and I encourage you to persevere courageously in this beautiful work that you have undertaken.</p> <p>As I impart my heartfelt blessing, I entrust each of you to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. May she always watch over you, console you in moments of sadness and help you to grow as true friends of her son, Jesus.</p>		
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2	Adoption / Review of Minutes MOTION to accept minutes (<i>Mr. Jonathan Geronimo, Mr. Anthony Tillmann</i>)	Joselyn	2 min
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3	Adoption / Review of Agenda MOTION to adopt agenda (<i>Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan, Ms. Leah Canete</i>)	Joselyn	2 min
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4	Reports Pastor – Father Mark McGuckin (6:48 pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special tuition subsidy is still receiving applications (CWL and St. Vincent de Paul Society are supporting as well) ● Upcoming: First Holy Communion (Apr 26, 3pm) and Confirmation (May 1, 7pm) ● Alpha Series #5 concluded (Apr 9); 11 interested in RCIA; 11 adult baptisms at Easter Vigil ● Alpha included 12 parent groups; ~75 weekly attendance ● Adult faith formation expanding: Life in the Spirit (Apr 22), Intro to Scripture, CCO studies (Discovery, Source) ● Parish promotion at Spring Fair: tent, raffle (supports school), hospitality team staffing ● Tent to be reused at June 28 L'Arche BBQ (David Grey Park) ● Strong Lenten engagement via Share Lent Campaign ("On Track for Justice") 	All	45 min
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- Youth/YA ministry active: monthly Holy Hour/Happy Hour; The Search series (~35 attendees)
- Project Advance launching late April; video features 2 parishioners; funds for roof + evangelization
- High Easter Mass attendance; traffic team planned for next year
- Noted global increase in adult conversions
- Prayers requested for Fr. Jack Dias (leg amputation; recovering well)
- Parish hall side-room renovation nearly complete; open for viewing at pancake breakfast

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

- **IT for next year:** Chromebook replacement recommended; backup internet advised (Motion to pass on back up internet)
- **Spiritual/Faith Formation:** Monthly virtues (Mar: temperance; Apr: obedience); Wed school Mass ongoing
- **Saint focus by grades:** K-2, 3-5, 6-7 assigned saints
- **Lent activities:** almsgiving (mite boxes), fasting (Hunger Lunch), prayer for seminarians
- **Parent session:** "Talking to Kids about Sex" (~40 attendees total)
- **Sacraments:** Gr. 2 First Penance; Gr. 7 Confirmation retreat (~80 attendees)
- **Events prep:** FHC & Confirmation receptions in planning
- **Staff faith formation:** Holy Thursday session; focus on accompanying suffering
- **Lent prayer practices:** sharing homily reflections; worship/prayer Wednesdays
- **Outreach:** Hunger Lunch raised \$953; GIVERS led "On Track for Justice"; planning Mission Day + Operation Baby Bottle
- **Safety:** Lockdown + playground drills; no incidents
- **Learning updates:** March reports sent; shift to online (MyEdBC) by Dec
- **PD/Staffing:** Workshop attendance; contracts in progress
- **Fine Arts:** Choir (Kiwani silver); visual arts intensive Artist in Residence is focusing on the theme of new life, resurrection, inspired by the works of painter Henri Matisse amongst others and receiving very positive feedback from students and staff
- **Sports:** Basketball tournament + banquet; soccer season ongoing; track starting
- **CISVA** policy updates shared: #108, 303, 319, 437

Teachers' Representative - Mrs. Naomi Panganiban (7:06 pm)

- Gr. 5 Ski Club has received very positive feedback
- Many classroom field trips have provided a wealth of diverse knowledge and experiences to students
- Soccer and Track seasons have started with strong participation from numerous students

Chair – Ms. Joselyn Navarro

- Nothing to report

Treasurer - Mr. Anthony Tillman; Mr. Jonathan Geronimo (7:11 pm)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial report shared ● Overall financial position remains strong ● \$58, 700 in Fundraising, which is below goal (waiting for Readathon fundraising total) ● Financial wishlist will be discussed <p>Vice Chair – Ms. Rossa Sung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regrets <p>Parish-School Community Building Initiative – Ms. Rossa Sung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regrets <p>Secretary - Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report, no correspondence <p>Facility and Maintenance/Tech - Mrs. Leah Canete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 1 area outdoor wood chips have been installed ● Strong parent volunteer support over Spring Break ● Water fountain quotes have been shared for installation of 4 water fountain units. Filtered water stations would require a new backflow system with annual testing. ● Motion to purchase two new filtered water stations and backflow devices (for current lower gym device and new water stations). No backflow needed for the staffroom. ● *PEC will wait for the third quote to be delivered, <p>Community Engagement - Paula Ramor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regrets 		
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New Business

5	Next year's PEC members		
6	Incamera: staffing discussed		

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 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