



# AGENDA

St. Francis de Sales School  
Parish Education Committee  
PEC Meeting 2026-2

Meeting called to order at 6:11 pm by Ms. Joselyn Navarro.

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| <b>Date:</b>      | 16/September/2026                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Chair:</b>    | Ms. Joselyn Navarro    |
| <b>Time:</b>      | 6:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Recorder:</b> | Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan |
| <b>Location:</b>  | SFdS Staff Room                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Guests:</b>   |                        |
| <b>Attendees:</b> | Father Mark McGuckin<br>Mrs. Irene Wihak<br>Mrs. Naomi Panganiban<br>Ms. Joselyn Navarro<br>Mr. Jonathan Geronimo<br>Mrs. Kate Laferriere<br>Ms. Rossa Sung<br>Ms. Leah Canete<br>Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan | <b>Regrets:</b>  |                        |

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| <b>1</b> | <p><b>Opening Prayer &amp; Reflections</b><br/>Faith Development:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENCYCLICAL LETTER: <i>MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS</i><br/>OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV<br/>ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON<br/>IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE</b></p> <p>An excerpt from the letter:</p> <p>143. School is the place where new generations can learn to seek and love the truth, to reflect on the meaning of life and to recognize the dignity of every person. For this reason, many parents, who want their children to grow in the capacity to form relationships, develop critical thinking skills and embrace solid values, place great expectations on schools as valuable partners in their children's education. Yet parents have the primary and inalienable right to choose the kind of education and formation for their children, in a manner consistent with their moral, cultural and religious convictions.</p> <p>165. The family is a primary social good. Founded on the enduring union between a man and a woman, it is the first environment in which all persons develop their potential, become aware of their dignity and learn the earliest forms of</p> | Fr. Mark | 10 min |
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|   | <p>truth and goodness, internalizing the habits that prepare them for life in society. As the first natural society, endowed with foundational rights, the family is the fundamental and irreplaceable cell of every community organization. Consequently, when political projects and major economic decisions relegate the family to a marginal or secondary role, the authentic growth of the entire social body is compromised.</p> <p>167. For young people, job insecurity is particularly devastating. [...] work is not merely a source of income but a crucial sphere in which identity is formed, friendships and relationships are forged, practical responsibilities are learned and one's vocation is discerned. When access to work is hindered by high levels of unemployment, inadequate systems of training or structural barriers, many young people find the path to their human and professional fulfilment blocked.</p> <p>168. This gives rise to a specific public responsibility. The State has the duty to support business activity by fostering conditions favorable to employment, promoting work where it is lacking and defending it in times of crisis, since it is a primary good for families and for society. Particularly in an age of continuous technological transformation, we need a political creativity that will promote "work" and place the family and coming generations at the center; otherwise our economic progress will translate into new forms of insecurity and exclusion.</p> |         |        |
| 2 | <b>Adoption / Review of Minutes</b><br>MOTION to accept minutes ( <i>first: Mr. Jon Geronimo, second: Ms. Leah Canete</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Joselyn | 2 min  |
| 3 | <b>Adoption / Review of Agenda</b><br>MOTION to adopt agenda ( <i>first: Ms. Kate Laferriere, second: Ms. Rossa Sung</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Joselyn | 2 min  |
| 4 | <b>Reports</b><br>Pastor – Father Mark McGuckin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ShareLent campaign is upcoming</li> <li>• St. Vincent de Paul is working on hampers, the school prepares Christmas cards for each hamper</li> <li>• SFDS Youth Group launches Sept. 21, focusing on faith, fellowship, service, and alumni connection.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | All     | 45 min |

- Parish vision of Family, Worship, and Mission continues to be integrated with school life.
- Marriage Alpha begins Oct. 1; broader Alpha opportunities being explored.
- Men's Retreat was well attended; Women's Retreat and Upper Room Conference upcoming.
- Sacramental preparation underway for 2027 First Communion and Confirmation.
- Parish and school collaboration continues, including vocations, L'Arche, and service initiatives.
- Tuition assistance continues; Project Advance has met the Archdiocesan goal and surpassed half of the parish goal.
- Swahili community celebration planned for Jan. 17, 2027.
- New CISVA Policy 325 introduces a five-year cycle for Pastoral Reference Letters.

Principal - Mrs. Irene Wihak

- School Mass held Sept. 8; staff Commissioning Mass scheduled for Sept. 20.
- Staff Faith Development and ongoing professional development continuing; highlight was the August Faith Development Day in Langley – a passionate and enthusiastic way to begin the school year
- Terry Fox event and G.I.V.E.R.S. Club preparations underway.
- Fire, lockdown, playground, and earthquake drills scheduled; RCMP safety presentation being planned.
- Parent morning playground sweeps beginning next week.
- Recent CISVA policy updates noted, including teacher evaluations, experience recognition, graduation requirements, and athletics.
- Ongoing staff IT support and ADST development.
- Student reporting schedule confirmed with five parent communication points throughout the year.
- Choirs and *James and the Giant Peach* musical preparations underway.
- Soccer, cross-country, and volleyball programs underway.
- Walkathon planning underway for Oct. 9, with a \$45,000 goal and theme "ROOT DOWN, STEP UP!"
- Preschool is at capacity

Teachers' Representative - Mrs. Naomi Panganiban

- Fall sports have begun: cross country, volleyball, soccer
- New teachers are being welcomed into the SFdS community
- ClassMate is supporting teachers with incorporating technology in their practice
- School Wide Baseline Assessments are underway

Chair – Ms. Joselyn Navarro

- CISVA PEC Conference is upcoming on Sept. 19

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|  | <p>Treasurer - Mr. Jonathan Geronimo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated financials shared and discussed</li> <li>• Fundraising will be highlighted at the AGM</li> </ul> <p>Vice Chair – Ms. Rossa Sung</p> <p>Parish-School Community Building Initiative – Ms. Rossa Sung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p>Secretary - Mrs. Jacqueline Lamasan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p>Facility and Maintenance/Tech - Mrs. Leah Canete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer cleaning, repairs, classroom preparation, and building maintenance completed.</li> <li>• Two new water fountains and upper classroom air conditioners installed.</li> <li>• Gym sound system installation underway; final installation date pending.</li> <li>• Annual safety inspections and maintenance completed or scheduled.</li> <li>• Four portable-building Exit light batteries failed inspection; replacements ordered.</li> <li>• Exterior repairs, painting, washroom updates, and projector maintenance completed.</li> <li>• Leak in gym due to freezer being left open; ceiling tile has been repaired</li> </ul> <p>Community Engagement - Mrs. Kate Laferriere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Community Engagement PEC trained; 2026–27 Catalogue and Portal completed and submitted for website.</li> <li>• OnVolunteer publishing issues identified and resolved.</li> <li>• Some activities remain unpublished pending coordinators or final information.</li> <li>• Parent access issues over Labour Day weekend were resolved.</li> <li>• Volunteer activity information is being reviewed and updated, including Walk-a-thon needs.</li> <li>• Fundraising figures to be obtained from the school bookkeeper.</li> </ul> |  |  |
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| 5 | <b>Finalizing the September AGM presentation</b><br>-Doors open at 6:00 pm, presentations beginning at 6:30 pm<br>-New men's group incorporating physical activity and connections among school fathers | Mrs. Wihak | 45 min |
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| 6 | <b>Volunteer Catalogue Updates</b><br>-see report above | Kate | 15 min |
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| 7 | <b>In camera: family volunteer situation</b><br>-discussed | Mrs. Wihak |  |
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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**



| OUR MISSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | OUR VISION                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | OUR VALUES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 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. | 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. | <b>FAITH:</b> Confidence and trust in the love of God<br><b>LEARN:</b> Developing creative and critical thinkers<br><b>ACHIEVE:</b> Commitment and focus<br><b>MERCY:</b> Love and forgiveness of Jesus with one another<br><b>ENGAGE:</b> Choosing to be actively involved<br><b>SERVE:</b> Seeking and accepting the call to act |

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### Our Core Values

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