

St. Paul's Convent School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Chairman Report 2022-2023

by Mrs. May HAU

This Chairman's report covers the period from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023.

Striding into the 16th year of PTA, we will continue to uphold the core values of PTA: to promote collaboration and partnership between Home and School and support the School in developing a pleasant and safe learning environment for our girls.

We are pleased to report that we have 460 PTA members, of which 170 enrolled as parent volunteers (PVs) and 29 serve as executive committee (ExCo), Co-opt members and team leaders. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our members for their continued support, and gratitude to the School, Parent Volunteers, Teachers and Staff for their endless contribution in organizing the activities.



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| Advisor | : Rev. Sr. Margaret WONG (Principal) |
| Chairperson | : Mrs. May HAU |
| Vice-Chairs | : Ms. Jennifer LAM
: Mrs. Lydia KO (Ex-officio) |
| Treasurers | : Ms. Joanna LAM
: Mr. YAM Tze Kay (Ex-officio) |
| Secretaries | : Dr. Tony CHEONG
: Mrs. Catherine LI (Ex-officio) |
| General Officers | : Mrs. Irene LUK (Ex-officio)
: Ms. Bonnie CHAN
: Ms. Athena CHONG
: Ms. Maria HUI
: Ms. May HO
: Ms. Candy LUK
: Ms. Carey TSUI
: Dr. Joanne Chow OWYANG
: Dr. Bryan WONG |
| Co-opt | : Mr. Stanley CHEUNG
: Mrs. Faith CHOI
: Ms. Karen LAW |
| Honorary Legal Advisor | : Ms. Gigi MAK |

PTA's Highlights of the year:

16th Annual General Meeting (15.10.2022)

The 2022-23 Executive Committee (ExCo) Members were elected uncontested in the 16th Annual General Meeting at school. The special resolution of the constitution amendments was passed by 94.5% PTA members present at the AGM. An enlightening talk "From Love to Resilience" was delivered by Ms. Tang Yuen Yee, Social Worker and Counsellor, Caritas Family Service – HEAT.



Green Campaign and Help the Needy (18.02.2023)

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of the parents, 43 packs of recycled items were collected and donated to the Caritas Rehabilitation Service. This project aims to serve the dual purposes of instilling environmental consciousness in our daughters, to learn to share and giving back to the underprivileged in the community. We earnestly express our heartfelt thanks to the parents, School and school ambassadors of the Conservancy Club, and parent volunteers for their tremendous support in making this meaningful event a success.



SPCS PTA AI & Cyber Security Seminar (29.04.2023)

After three years of COVID-19 pandemic period, the face-to-face seminar received the highest record of online registration totaling 290. Parents and daughters gathered at the school hall on Saturday 29th April 2023 to attend the seminar presented by our distinguished speakers:-

Prof. Francis Chin, Emeritus and Honorary Professor of the University of Hong Kong delivered a talk on “How Deep Learning (Artificial Intelligence) Affects Our Live” by using a simple model to illustrate how AI & ChatGPT work. Deep Learning was introduced and he briefed on how breakthroughs in deep learning have driven the AI boom recently. It involves billions of coding and big data to build up ChatGPT’s responses. Nowadays, many jobs may possibly be supported by AI.

“Strengthening Parent’s Awareness on Cyber Security and how social media trends influence teenagers” were introduced by Mr. Jimmy Lam of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) in the second part of the seminar. He commented on common social media platforms used by teenagers and elaborated on cyber pitfalls and the potential hazards. He encouraged parents to give proper guidance and appropriate measures to their children on cyber surfing.

Big thanks to all parents and daughters for joining this Seminar!



SPCS and PTA Community Service Programme – Visit to Elderly Homes (08.07.2023)

Over 65 teachers, parents and students participated as volunteers in a visit to the Little Sisters of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Sheung Shui and the Little Sisters of St. Mary's Home for the Aged in Aberdeen. We are delighted that this meaningful community service programme co-organized by SPCS and PTA could take place again after the pandemic and thankful to all the teachers, parents and students who made this happen.

The visits were most enjoyable and memorable. With the active participation of over 70 seniors residing in the elderly homes, we had a fun-filled morning with singing, games, and laughter. Thanks to the generosity of our parents, we have received donations totalling HK\$2,400. All the money was used to prepare gifts for the elderly. The elderly enjoyed the programme very much and we are very grateful for having this opportunity to promulgate the message of love, respect and care.

The PTA earnestly extends our heartfelt thanks again to School and all the parent and student volunteers for their dedication and support in making this event memorable and successful.



Sightseeing Program for Mainland China Teachers (10-11.07.2023 and 20-21.07.2023)

PTA is honoured to have accompanied 129 teachers from Mainland China in a journey witnessing Hong Kong's oldest and most iconic attractions. We went to Golden Bauhinia Square, the Peak and eventually Lugard Road, where we looked down on the world-renowned spectacular view of Victoria Harbour. After a tram tour and a ferry ride to Tsim Sha Tsui, we arrived at the Hong Kong Clock Tower. Some teachers had the chance to enjoy the Symphony of Lights show.

PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpful and caring parent volunteers. Thanks to your efforts, we all had such a lovely time together.



Celebrating Student Entrepreneurship: The Second Annual Vending Machine Project (29.07.2023)

We are jubilant to renew our commitment towards fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among our students. We are sponsoring two vending machines on campus as part of our continued endeavour to embrace the school's focal theme of SMART CITIES.

In line with this initiative, we invited our students to form teams and participate in a competition designed to showcase their entrepreneurial prowess. Our talented students rose to the occasion, forming impressive teams across all the houses.

On July 29th, we witnessed a riveting display of creativity and strategic thinking as the teams presented their proposals for managing the vending machines in the coming academic year. Each team had 5 minutes to present their ideas, followed by a Q&A session with our esteemed panel of judges. We were honoured to participate with Ms. Gisa Chan, Project Director at Solomon Learning Group, as our lead judge. Additionally, our PTA chairperson, Mrs. May Hau, and Dr. Tony Cheong, a PTA executive member, also joined the panel. The enthusiasm, creativity, and business acumen displayed by all our students were truly inspiring. We were equally impressed by the high-quality presentations and the students' ability to handle their incisive questions. After much deliberation, Cavell House was named the winner. Their hard work and innovative approach have earned them the responsibility of operating the vending machines in the coming academic year.

We are confident this experience will serve them well in their future endeavour and we look forward to witnessing their success in managing the vending machines.



Parent Volunteer Work:

Team Leader: (in alphabetical order)

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| Eliza CHEUNG | Stanley HO | NG Hiu Ling |
| Stanley CHENG | Karen LAW | Abby SHEK |
| Judy CHU | Vicky LAW | Liza WONG |
| Faith DEL ROSARIO | Grace LAM | Selina WONG |
| Lin GUO | Sharon LEE | Jovy YEUNG |
| Jackie HO | | YIP Oi Kiu |



Support from parent volunteers are vital to the success of the school and PTA activities. We are pleased to have 17 Team Leaders joining our PTA this year. PTA values collaboration, communication and cooperation with members.

In particular, parent volunteers, team leaders and co-opt participants actively to brainstorm, share and suggest ideas to identify options in PTA events and activities. PTA sees this partnership as the key to success. We are confident to have another successful year with the support from them.

Mask Distribution

To uphold the mission: “We Connect with love and care”, each member was given a box of masks, not only symbolizing the solidarity among teachers, parents and students, but also our care and love.



Rooftop Garden - Our Green Corner (year-round)

We support the school’s undertaking and efforts to maintain environmental-friendly school grounds and to reinforce awareness of the importance of the environment.



Dress Casual Day
“Together we support the community”

