

School Council Minutes

Date	March 11, 2019
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Erin Huculak, Erin Crawley Kyla Norris, Kristy Chamulke, Brenda Watmough, Fiona Nyuli, Shannon Blyth, Melissa Damur, Aoife Cahill
Guests	None
General Business	
Start Time	6:39 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Colette Lastiwka
Committee Reports	None
Old Business	
Shrove Tuesday <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrove Tuesday was held on March 5, 2019. Staff and students enjoyed and appreciated the free pancake and sausage lunch. • Thank you to Kim Laakso for organizing the lunch and to all the volunteers who came out to mix, flip, and serve the pancakes.
Open House <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. • <i>Advertising – (Aoife Cahill)</i> Most families visiting the school found out about the open house from advertising on the South Cooking Lake Greenhouse sign along highway 14. And from postcards that were distributed throughout the community. • <i>Mail out</i> – A couple years ago we did a mail out through Canada Post to all addresses within our boundary area. We may look into doing this again next year if needed to advertise the open house. • <i>School Fees Draw</i> – Congratulations to Teresa Bodker who won the draw for \$200 towards her children's 2019/2020 PowerSchool account. 44 entries went into the draw. • <i>Menu</i> – The junior high students made cookies and Monica Fehr put out a lovely spread advertising our nutritional program. • <i>2019/2020 Registrations – (Aoife Cahill)</i> We had three new students register since the open house. We have around 12 students registered between pre K and kindergarten. • <i>Sherwood Park Reconfiguration – (Aoife Cahill)</i> With the reconfiguration in Sherwood Park Holy Spirit will now be a K-4 school starting in September. Students are being redirected to either St. Teresa or OLPH. We have around 7 families that live within our boundary that have been attending school in Sherwood Park and will now have to be redirected. The students do have the option to attend these schools but they may not be accepted due to space. I spoke directly with one of these families at the open house. Though this family lives within our boundary area they were unaware of our school. • <i>(Aoife Cahill)</i> I would like to thank all the families that came out and to the staff and students who did a great job showcasing our wonderful school.

New Business	
School Council Documents Colette Lastwika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Marson went through the school council filing cabinet and removed old documents. Documents seven years and older will be stored at the school in a box and will go for shredding at the end of the year.
Important Upcoming Dates Colette Lastiwka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track and Field for grades 3-8 will be held at the Strathcona Athletic Park on Monday May 6.
School Report Aoife Cahill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Three Way Conferences</i> – Will be held on Wednesday March 20. Booking will open this Friday. • <i>School Sign</i> – Three mock-ups of our school sign have been created and will be on display during three way conferences. Parents will be able to vote on their favorite one. Staff and students will vote as well. Once the design is chosen a sub committee will be formed and they will decide if any tweaks need to be made to the design. The sign will be visible to traffic east and westbound along highway 14. There will be an area on the sign where school events like the open house and plant sale can be advertised. • <i>Face 2 Face Ministries</i> – Student's enjoyed the liveliness that Face 2 Face Ministries brought to our school last Monday March 4. EICS covered the cost of this year's school retreat. (<i>Colette Lastiwka</i>) If the school plans to book again next year a decision will be made at the budget meeting in October if school council will offer their financial support. • <i>Rooney & Punyi</i> – (<i>Melissa Damur</i>) We are looking at the possibility of bringing Rooney & Punyi to the school September 9-20, 2019. Rooney & Punyi are a local husband and wife duo that offer an artist in residency program (http://www.interviewhistory.ca/). They will come to the school and work with all students in grades pre K-8 for 56 sessions over a two week period. At the end the of sessions a school wide production will be put on. The total cost is \$9600 we can apply for a grant from the AFA (Alberta Foundation for the Arts) that will cover half the cost. <i>Discussion</i> – different options for supporting this were discussed including parent council funding the full amount of \$4800, or parent council funds some of the money and the rest will be added to student's field trip fees at \$10 or \$15 per student, or parent council doesn't support it and it is added to student's field trip fees at \$32 per student. Other things discussed was the time of the year that they would be booked there were concerns over it being a lot for students and teachers just beginning a new school year. The school will look at seeing if they are able to book sometime in the spring if possible. Further discussion and voting will be done once this information is received. • <i>Celebrating Catholic Education</i> – We're continuing to share stories from staff members in the weekly memo about what Catholic Education means to them. We would love for parents to share their stories with us about what they value about Catholic Education. • <i>Budget</i> – The School's Budget and Student Generated Funds can be found on the school's website at https://stl.eics.ab.ca/parents/school-finances Information is updated monthly. Information was shared with those in attendance. • <i>Morning drop off and afternoon pickup</i> – A reminder for everyone's safety

only buses are allowed on the parking pad in front of the school. We remind parents not to park on the pad or in front of the buses and block their exit.

- *PD day* – Last Friday the school district gathered for mass and had Dr. Jody Carrington come speak to us. One of the big points she made is that we need to be bottom hands for different people. She spoke about being the bottom hands for staff who are the bottom hands for our students. Melissa and I are cognizant of supporting our staff members. During three way conferences we'll have a couple stations set up where parents can share their gratitude in a note for their children's teachers.
- *4 x 4* – The first round of the census was done in Tofield and area. There is a small group of people going out this Saturday to get to the homes they didn't get to the first time. The second part of the census will be done on Saturday March 30.
- *Accountability Pillar Survey Results* – We have a binder compiled of results from the accountability pillar surveys. A spread sheet shows the areas that we improved on, stayed the same, or decreased in. The results were shared with the staff and they were asked to answer three questions about what stands out, what are the successes, and what is an area they have further questions about. We'll meet as a committee on Monday April 8 and decide what our focus (assurance plan) will be for next year. Parents are welcome to join this committee. Themes we noticed from parent surveys for strengths were staff, faith, sense of community, small school, class sizes, activity level/healthy school focus. Areas of concern from parent surveys were communication and diverse programming (option classes). Themes from student survey results showed strengths for physical education, snacks from our nutritional program, and RPG (role playing games) run by Mr. Driedger, the junior high students also enjoy being included in school wide activities. Areas of concern from student surveys were cleanliness and conflict resolution. Results from staff surveys showed strengths in sense of community, relationships and connections, collaboration, and faith. Areas of concern from staff surveys were workload and cleanliness. We will work on how to maintain the areas of strength and how to we can improve the areas of concern. The results will be in the staff room and are available for anyone to review.
- *Ski Trip* – Grades 4-8 ski trip to Rabbit Hill has been rescheduled to Monday April 1, 2019.

Adjournment

Next Meeting	Monday April 15, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	Adjourned by Colette Lastiwka Time 7:37 p.m.