

School Council Minutes

Date	April 15, 2019
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Erin Huculak, Erin Crawley Kyla Norris, Dave Norris, Fiona Nyuli, Shannon Blyth, Carrie Kynsh, Rachel Carr, Melissa Damur, Aoife Cahill
Guests	Le-Ann Ewaskiw - EICS Board Trustee designate for St. Luke
General Business	
Start Time	6:37 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Colette Lastiwka
Committee Reports	None
Old Business	None
New Business	
EICS Board Highlights <i>Le-Ann Ewaskiw</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board highlights from the March 20 meeting include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff members within EICS attended a rejuvenating Faith and Wellness Professional Development day on Friday March 8, 2019. • The 2019/2020 calendar has been approved. • 2020-2023 EICS Capital Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority one – New grade 9-12 Catholic high school in Camrose. • Priority two – Replacement K-8 school for Our Lady of the Angels Catholic school in Fort Saskatchewan. • Board highlights can be found at https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/165007 • With the upcoming provincial election we as trustees have been busy advocating for Catholic education. We have met with politicians on the provincial and municipal level. With Catholic education being challenged we have and will continue to be the voice for families within our school division.
Alberta School Council Association-AGM <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) represents all school councils within Alberta. Their general meeting will be held on Sunday April 28, 2019. At this meeting voting will take place on several resolutions. One resolution of concern is potential restructuring. The resolution asks that the government start an independent study to look at inefficiencies in funding, and the possibility of eliminating the Catholic and Francophone system, and only having one system. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tU6H3VxWvD3HY3dbxmdfozrfAadw9AJ • We as a school council need to do our part in preventing this from happening. We need someone to attend the meeting and vote on behalf of our school council. A big thank you to Erin Huculak for representing our school.
South Cooking Lake Trail Days <i>Carrie Kynsh</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Days is a free family event that takes place in the community of South Cooking Lake. There is a pancake breakfast, parade, craft sale, show and shine, and much more. I am on the committee and at our meeting we discussed the possibility of involving St. Luke school in some capacity. The craft sale is outdoors as the hall has to stay empty. In the case of an

emergency there needs to be an unoccupied indoor space . They were wondering if the school would be available to either host the craft sale or to provide the emergency space. Trail Days is on Saturday August 17, 2019. (Aoife Cahill will look into the possibility of this and report back.)

**School Report
Aoife Cahill**

- *Replacement Playground* – On behalf of the school community I'd like to thank Erin Crawley and Andrea Marson for their hard work and dedication to achieving the fund raising goal of \$20,000 for our replacement playground. A lot of work went into planning the silent auction, it was a successful event and an enjoyable evening.
- *Fatty Legs* – Authors of the book *Fatty Legs* Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, and her daughter-in-law Christy Jordan-Fenton came to speak to students in grades 5-8. The book details the two years that Margaret spent at a residential school.
- *School Sign* – The design for the school sign has been chosen. We will create a committee to finalize details of the sign, parents are welcome to join. The sign will be placed on the north side of highway 14 on school property. The sign will be visible to east and west bound traffic.
- *GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) - (Melissa Damur)*
GrACE is a group that brings awareness to the gift and benefits of Catholic education. Members include trustees, superintendents, clergy, parish staff, and parents. As well as members from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League. They are teaming up with different school divisions during Catholic education week (May 5-11) highlighting different aspects of Catholic education. The ATA has provided staff with blue ribbons to wear during the week to show our support. We would like students and their families to have ribbons to wear to show their support as well.
Discussion – It was decided that parent council will provide financial support to buy ribbon and pins, students will take part in making the ribbons.
(Approved by all)
- *Grant from Bowling America* – We applied for and received a grant from Bowling America for \$1000 US dollars. We have booked a mobile Breakout Room to come to the school for students in grades 5-8 later in June. We have yet to decide what to book for grades K-4.
- *Highlights from Grades 1-3 – (Rachel Carr – Grade 2 Teacher)*
 - *Grade 1* - The students are excited about the Bookmobile visiting the school every Monday. Students are able to take out a book, read it, and return it the following week. They will be raising ducks for two weeks in May. Grade 1 students will also attend Arbour Day on Friday May 3.
 - *Grade 2* – We won a free field trip to Strathcona Wilderness Center. They will be coming to us on Tuesday May 7. In Health class they are working on developing a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset, they are learning to believe they can do it and how to overcome hardships. In Science we are wrapping up our unit on Magnetism. We had a field trip with Teacher's Pet, the kids are still talking about Magnetic Mary.
 - *Grade 3* – Students are working on paragraph writing and using descriptive language. I'm not sure of the upcoming field trips planned for grade 3.

- *Rooney & Punyi* – As discussed in our March meeting 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 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. Voting took place after the meeting as we were able to book a date in the spring of 2020 instead of the fall of 2019. Rooney & Punyi are booked for May 16-26, 2020. Vote in favor of families paying \$10 per student and Parent Council will pay the remainder. Thank you for supporting this opportunity which will incorporate fine arts and drama for all students in pre K-8.
- *Budget* – 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.
- *Assurance Plan* – At the March meeting I shared the results of the Accountability Pillar Surveys. We gathered as a staff along with one of our parents Erin Crawley. We looked at the three pillars: Faith Formation, Quality Teaching and Learning, and Wellness. The division makes a yearly assurance plan and we draw from what they focus on to make our school's yearly assurance plan. Based on the results from the surveys our plan for the three pillars are as follows:
 - *Faith Formation* – Develop further awareness between our Catholic faith and the spiritual beliefs and practices of Indigenous communities. Our spiritual length and wellness. As well we will focus on GrACE.
 - *Quality Teaching and Learning* – We plan to continue to focus on literacy, as well as the new curriculum for grades K-4 which focuses on eight competencies. The curriculum focuses on skills and competencies like communication, problem solving, and collaboration.
 - *Wellness* – We feel like we are doing very well in this category being an Apple school along with having our nutrition program. Mental health will also be a focus. We will also be cognizant in helping student's develop one on one conflict resolution skills in the classroom and on the playground.

The next step will be to present our plan to senior administration. Once the plan is in place we will make our budgeting decisions from the plan.
- *4 x 4* – The census in Tofield and area is now complete. There will be an information evening then it will go to a vote in May. Since the deadline of March 31 was not met there will not be busing for next years 2019/2020 school year. If the vote is in favor busing will be available for the 2020/2021 school year. Next year we will focus on advertising our school in Tofield.
- *Communication* – (*Melissa Damur*) To continue to keep the lines of communication open between school and home we have added a downloadable and printable calendar in our weekly memo. We are showing 'upcoming dates' further into the future for easier planning. The calendar will sync to apps on your phone as well. The ways we communicate information with our school community are through class dojo, social media, class newsletters, school website, weekly memo, and face to face with

teachers.

- *Student Vote* – With tomorrow's provincial election students in grades 6-8 took part in a student vote. This has created a lot of excitement, discussion, and debate within the classrooms. Results will be shared on the news once the actual polls close tomorrow. Various schools throughout Alberta have participated.
- *Important Upcoming Dates* – Grades 3-8 Track and Field at the Strathcona Athletic Park Monday May 6. Volunteer appreciation tea Friday May 24 from 2-3 p.m. at the school. Grade 8 farewell will be held on Friday June 14.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

Monday May 13, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Adjourned by Colette Lastiwka Time 8:11 p.m.