

## School Council Minutes

<b>Date</b>	May 13, 2019
<b>Attendance</b>	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Erin Huculak, Erin Crawley Kyla Norris, Fiona Nyuli, Andrea Marson, Brenda Watmough, Carrie Kynsh, Cathy Paltzat, Andrea Kroeker, Melissa Damur, Aoife Cahill
<b>Guests</b>	None
<b>General Business</b>	
<b>Start Time</b>	6:36 p.m.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Colette Lastiwka
<b>Committee Reports</b>	None
<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>Alberta School Council Association-AGM</b> <i>Erin Huculak</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I attended the ASCA AGM on April 28, 2019. Representatives from the Catholic schools came prepared to defend the funding framework review. The resolution was amended to incorporate the separate school system.</li> </ul>
<b>South Cooking Lake Trail Days</b> <i>Carrie Kynsh/Cathy Paltzat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After our last Trail Days committee meeting it was decided that we would like to use St. Luke as an indoor space for the craft sale. We are wondering if there is a possibility of renting the school for this purpose on Aug 17, 2019. Our next Trail Days meeting will be May 27, 2019.</li> <li><i>(Aoife Cahill)</i> I can look into the cost of renting the school. I will be away during this time and Melissa Damur has not yet confirmed her summer plans. Custodial staff will be at the school during this time for cleaning. Rental fee does covers custodial cleaning and unlocking of the school. I will report back to Carrie with the information prior to the next Trail Days meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>CEPAC Meeting</b> <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will be attending the next CEPAC meeting on May 28, 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>Grade 8 Farewell</b> <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 8 farewell will be held on June 14, 2019.</li> <li>The Parents Association budgeted \$200 for the Ambassador Award. One student from grade 8 will be nominated by their peers to receive a chain with a cross. In previous years a male and female student both received the award but this year due to class size only one student will be selected. I will purchase the chain and cross.</li> </ul>
<b>Halloween Dance</b> <i>Brenda Watmough</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween dance will be held on Friday October 25, 2019.</li> <li>We have decided to book Mr. Kynsh (Carrie Kynsh's husband) as our DJ this year. He did an amazing job at our Winter Wonderland dance in February.</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Positions</b> <i>Colette Lastiwka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As with every new school year executive positions need to be filled. Voting for positions takes place at our AGM in September.</li> </ul>
<b>School Report</b> <i>Aoife Cahill</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>School Assurance Plan</i> – I would like to begin by sharing our school's assurance plan. The information gathered from surveys helps us to create an</li> </ul>

assurance plan (a yearly plan of our goals and strategies as a school). The division also makes a yearly assurance plan, we align our plan with the division's plan and on the individual needs of our school. The four areas we focus on are: Faith Formation, Quality Teaching and Learning, Wellness, and Engagement. We came together as a committee to review the results and have identified where we need to go and what we need to work on for next year.

- *Catholic Education Week* – (Melissa Damur) Staff, students, and the community at large celebrated Catholic Education week May 5-11. Staff, students, and parents shared their experiences on what Catholic education means to them. Our assistant superintendent came in to share his story with us. Monica Fehr from our nutrition program created healthy blue granola snacks. Students wore the buttons they made promoting Catholic education and teachers wore their blue ribbons. We also had a day where staff and students wore blue. We will continue to celebrate Catholic education for the rest of the school year.
- *Excellence in Catholic Education Award* – After nominating Andrea Kroeker she was awarded the Excellence in Catholic Education Award. Andrea along with three other teachers from our school attended the SPICE conference in Kananaskis. We would like to congratulate Andrea on this well deserved award.
- *Grade 5-8 Option Classes* – The students have input into what option classes they would like, with this information the staff is able to see what they are capable of offering. MakerSpace has CTF (Career and Technology Foundation) classes built in to it. Students can choose from classes such as foods, robotics, sewing, drama etc.
- *Volunteers* – We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out this past weekend to make our annual plant sale another successful event. As well as those who came out to help with Track and Field. These school events would not be possible with out the help of volunteers.
- *Grant* – We received a grant from Strathcona County and Salisbury Greenhouse for four garden boxes to be placed on the west side of the school. The county provides the garden boxes and soil, and Salisbury provides the seeds. All grades will be involved in some way with this. We are speaking with Lisa Baker from before and after school care to see if her and the children are able to maintain the garden over the summer.
- *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.
- *4 x 4* – The process is now complete, and they are gathering the last of the signatures. The next step will be the vote (date to be determined). 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.
- *Upcoming School Year* – We don't have a clear definition on what the government budget will look like next year. EICS is going with a conservative budget based on what the government had announced during their platform. School divisions are responding differently, we are not at a hiring freeze but

we are conservative with our budget, we will not have clarity till the fall. Next year we're looking at the possibility of combined classes but are unsure at which grade levels. We're also not sure if the school division will supply students with school supplies again. The government grant we received for our nutrition program is separate from EICS and it is unclear if the program will run again next year.

- *Important Upcoming Dates* – Volunteer appreciation tea is 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 June 3, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Adjourned by Colette Lastiwka Time 7:45 p.m.