

School Council Minutes

Date	October 7, 2019
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Shannon Blyth, Erin Huculak, Erin Crawley, Kyla Norris, Fiona Nyuli, Janelle Shipka, Monica Fehr, Brenda Watmough, Deanna Witholt, Teresa Bodker, Denise Hoag, Selene Sorensen, Carrie Knysh, Aoife, Cahill, Melissa Damur, Andrea Kroeker, Lynnette Kaminski
Guests	Ted Paszek – EICS Trustee
General Business	
Start Time	7:30 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Erin Crawley
Committee Reports	
Halloween Dance <i>Brenda Watmough</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance will be held on Friday October 25, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. • Nathan Knysh (Carrie Kynsh's husband) has offered to DJ the dance for free. We will purchase him a gift card for \$100 in appreciation. • Kyla Norris will purchase prizes. There will be one prize draw per grade and a grand prize for best costume to be voted by students. • Advanced purchase will be \$5 per person and \$25 per family (max of six family members). It will be \$6 per person at the door with no family pricing. • Volunteers are needed for decorating, clean up, and hall monitoring. • <i>Concession</i> – Pre-order pizza will be available. Concession will be run by grade 6 students. Funds raised from the concession will go to the grade 6 class.
Christmas in the Country <i>Denise Hoag</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Luke will be a venue again this year for Christmas in the Country on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Vendor set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. • Vendors are booking tables for the event. The cost is \$25 per table. • Concession will be available, proceeds from concession will go to the general Parents Association account.
Old Business	None
New Business	
Playground/Lunchroom Changes <i>Deanna Witholt</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With some of the changes happening this year I would like to discuss two things. The adequacy and assessment of school supervision at lunchtime and recess. As well as updating our school handbook. • <i>Adequacy and assessment of supervision</i> - With the mixing of grades at recess and lunchtime there are more little kids spread out over five areas: the roof, playgrounds, two fields, and the bird garden. There is one teacher and one supervisor on duty. My daughter has had issues with the integration and I would like to advocate for more supervision during recess and the lunchtime. • <i>Discussion</i> – <i>Staff in attendance shared supervision protocol and incident reporting. Staff also discussed the integration of grades at their staff meetings and have noticed fewer issues among students than in previous years. Concerns expressed by parents are taken into consideration as every</i>

	<p><i>student should feel safe at school.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Handbook</i> – This mainly applies to bullying, I have reviewed our school's handbook on the website and found there are no procedures in the handbook used to address bullying. I have researched EICS policies on discipline. Administrative procedures 160 pertains to the safe and caring learning environment. One section states that procedures used by the schools to address bullying will be placed within the school's handbook, reviewed with the school council, and evaluated for effectiveness annually. Handbook should also require division wide and school specific student code of conduct, with statements about unacceptable behaviors. The school is also required to provide these to students at the start of the school year. Students and parents should be aware of what EICS and St. Luke policies are. I'm asking the administrative staff as well as the school council to review these policies and update and distribute the school handbook. I also want to ensure parents know the handbook is available on the website. • <i>Discussion</i> – After discussion Deanna Witholt will work with the administrative staff to update the school's handbook. Once complete it will be reviewed with school council.
<p>EICS Trustee Ted Paszek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm impressed with the large school council presence here this evening. • EICS board meeting highlights can be found on the EICS website. https://www.eics.ab.ca/trustees/monthly-board-highlights • This year enrollment has held it's own around the district and our schools are doing well. There is still uncertainty as the budget hasn't been released. Our start up was successful this year including the reconfiguration in Sherwood Park. Elk Island Catholic School Division is very well regarded across the province. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be here tonight.
<p>School Report Aoife Cahill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>READ IN Week</i> - This week Oct 7-11 we're celebrating literacy. I would like to share the book I AM HUMAN (A Book of Empathy) by Susan Verde with the group. This book ties into our division theme of love. Minister Nate Glubish read to the grade 1 and 1/2 class today, he will return later to read to the grade 6 class. We would love for parents to come and read to our students as well. • <i>Student Teachers</i> – We have two student teachers that joined us today. Mr. Carson Anger he will be half time with Mr Driegder's class and half time in Mrs. Kroeker's class. Mrs. Shereen Lane will be joining Miss Evan's class. They will be with us until Christmas. • <i>Short Term Exchange</i> – I've been accepted for a short term exchange to Iceland. My Icelandic partner will come and experience life as an educator here from Oct 25 – Nov 3. I will be going to Iceland during spring break in March. • <i>Loose Parts Play</i> – Adrian from Ever Active Schools will be presenting to the group at our next meeting on November 25. He will be presenting to the S.W.A.T. option students next week. • <i>Visual for Students</i> – At our last staff meeting we spent time creating a visual for students to use to help them with conflict management. The purpose of the visual is to help students assess how big their problem is and provide

them with tools in managing the problem. I welcome the groups feedback before creating the final visual for students.

- *Recognition of Staff – (Erin Crawley)* I wanted to recognize Mrs. Andrea Kroeker our grade 2/3 teacher. I noticed Andrea ending the day on a positive note by giving her students the choice of a high five, fist pound, or a hug before leaving for the day. It was nice witnessing how much both the teacher and students enjoyed the experience.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Monday November 25, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment Adjourned by Erin Crawley Time 8:44 p.m.