

School Council Minutes

Date	November 25, 2019
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Shannon Blyth, Kristy Chamulke, Erin Crawley, Kyla Norris, Brenda Watmough, Melissa Orr-Langer, Teresa Bodker, Denise Hoag, Selene Sorensen, Carrie Knysh, Aoife, Cahill, Melissa Damur, Leanne Evans
Guests	Ted Paszek – EICS Trustee
General Business	
Start Time	6:33 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Erin Crawley
Old Business	
Committee Reports	
Erin Crawley <i>Replacement Playground</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of the playground committee I'm extremely happy to report we have received the CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program) grant and will be getting a full playground. • The playground will be constructed next summer and will be ready for students to enjoy for the 2020/2021 school year. • Parents and students have had input into what they would like to see in the new playground. • There has been a lot of interest in rubber surfacing as opposed to sand. The county has provided us with information regarding the rubber surfacing. Our budget is \$197,000. Rubber surfacing costs between \$92,000-\$101,000 and has a ten year life span, replacement costs are \$69,000. Sand is our next safest option and it also has a play value, with landscaping materials it will cost \$10,000.
Halloween Dance <i>Brenda Watmough</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance was held on Friday October 25, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. • We had around 219 people attend and we brought in around \$900. • I'd like to thank Carrie and Nathan Knysh for providing the music for the dance and to all the volunteers who helped make it a fun and successful event.
Christmas in the Country <i>Denise Hoag</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas in the Country will be held on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. I have posters and postcards available for distribution. • We have 52 tables booked for the event, the cost is \$25 per table. I have two vendors who haven't paid and I've been unable to contact them. If anyone knows of a couple vendors that would be interested please let me know. • We have close to 40 vendors with a wide variety of items for sale such as handmade jewelry, ornaments, alpaca products, bird seed, pet products, blankets, bags, knitting, crochet, Grinch trees, pottery, honey and so much more. • Shannon Blyth will run the craft table, kids will be making nativity crafts. • Concession will be available, proceeds from concession will go to the general Parents Association account. • There will be a mitten tree collecting mittens, gloves, socks, hats and scarves. Items collected will be donated to Hope Mission. We will also be accepting

	<p>food bank donations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county will provide a door prize. People will need to get stamps from three different venues to enter for the door prize. • Buses are tentatively booked to arrive at 12:45 and 1:40 p.m. • I have a table at no cost that can be used by the school to fund raise. <i>(Discussion)</i> Selene Sorensen has volunteered to sit at the table and sell River Rock Coffee K cup variety packs. Parents Association will fund the purchase of 50 boxes @ \$7.50 a box for a total of \$375. A box of 12 K-cups will be sold for \$12 with \$4.50 a box going back to the school. <i>(Approved by All)</i>
<p>New Business</p>	
<p>ASCA Online Member Engagement <i>Erin Crawley</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Saturday I had the opportunity to participate in an ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Association) online member engagement. The three things I took away from this is the importance of completing the Choice in Education survey. There is a link to the survey in the weekly memo, the deadline to complete the survey is December 6. There is also a vaping survey that is to be completed by November 29. The Minister of Education also indicated they would not changing the diploma weighting and it will remain at 30%.
<p>Christmas Cards and Letters for the Canadian Armed Forces <i>Erin Crawley</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our school will be participating in writing Christmas cards and letters to the Canadian Armed Forces. The cards and letters are meant to spread Christmas cheer to those who are away from home serving our country. Families can also drop off cards at the school as well. • I would like to ask the Parents Association to cover the shipping cost of the parcel. <i>(Approved by All)</i>
<p>Loose Parts Play <i>Adrian from Ever Active Schools</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Aoife Cahill)</i> Adrian has presented Loose Parts Play to our staff and S.W.A.T. students and is here tonight to present to our parents. • Ever Active Schools is a provincial organization, we're funded by three government offices, we were fortunate to avoid any budget outcomes. The funding we receive is not sufficient to support our team of 24 people, because of this we have applied for charitable grants. The mentor ship that allows me to work with St. Luke school for the year is courtesy of Jumpstart. • Research on play shows that quality play opportunities revolve around the fact that play needs to be happening outdoors. It needs to involve less adult presence or supervision, unless the children are inviting the adults into their own creative play experience. There also needs to be the perception of risk. With Loose Parts Play we're trying to create the opportunity where students can re-connect to the above. • The idea of Loose Parts Play comes from it being child directed, freely chosen and intrinsically motivating. It increases levels of innovation, inventiveness and imagination. • With Loose Parts Play we eliminate the hazards but keep the element of risk in play and allow the students to enjoy the items in a safe space. Students are being taught the expectations or guidelines of Loose Parts Play. • Our goal is to implement Loose Parts Play by the spring. It will provide students with an additional space for play outside during recess. Items will be stored outside and will be available 2-3 days a week at implementation. Loose Parts Play will remain at the school once my mentor ship is over. • Examples of items available to students during Loose Parts Play are tires,

crates, cardboard boxes, PVC tubing, logs, stumps, rocks, stones, tarps, fabric, kitchen ware and so much more.

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- *Broadcasting – (Melissa Damur)* I'd like to share two videos produced by the junior high broadcasting class. The first is a commercial for 'Christmas in the Country' that will be shared on social media. The second is an interview with Miss Evans. Students are also working on commercials that will be played at the Advent celebration.
- *School Indigenous Lead – (Leanne Evans)* As our school's Indigenous Lead and as part of part of Truth and Reconciliation we're bringing Indigenous aspects into the school and classrooms. At our praise and worship assembly instead of sitting in rows we sat in a circle, similar to the talking circles we've tried in the classroom. The circle shows no hierarchy, everyone is equal, it shows connectiveness and inclusivity. Brant Driedger and I are making a mural of a medicine wheel based on our Catholic faith and virtues. The wheel has four quadrants, each quadrant showing a virtue, for example humility. Students can nominate each other, as well, staff and parents can nominate students who show those virtues within the school. Students that are nominated will be recognized and receive a certificate at our assemblies. Our staff and students have participated in a blanket exercise, if there is interest we would like to bring this to the parent group. A blanket exercise is an interactive walk through the history of land and what we now call Canada. It explores the relationships and what went on between the first people and European settlers.
- *Young Authors Conference – (Leanne Evans)* We're asking for school councils support in sending 10 students from grades 4-8 to the Young Authors Conference on Saturday February 22, 2020. The cost is \$30 per student. The school has funded half the fee in the past but due to this years budget it's not feasible.
Vote to support to send 10 students from grades 4-8 to attend the Young Authors Conference @ \$30 per student for a total of \$300. (Approved by All)
- *Short Term Exchange –* It was a great experience for myself and my short term exchange partner principal Ingileif Astvaldsdottir from Iceland. Before leaving she shared with students the similarities and differences between Iceland and Canada. I look forward to my exchange in Iceland when I visit her in March.
- *Staffing Updates –* Due to health concerns related to MS our music teacher Mrs. Lynette Kaminski will only be working on Wednesday mornings until Christmas. Since her diagnosis she has been gradually reducing her FTE hours. Mr. Driedger's wife, who is a music teacher, will be filling in on Wednesday afternoons until Christmas. Also our grade 2/3 teacher Mrs. Andrea Kroeker was involved in a serious car accident last weekend. She will be off for an undetermined amount of time as she recovers.
- *Advent Concert –* Will take place on Wednesday December 11 shows are at 1:30 and 6:00 p.m. Normally Mrs. Kaminski is in charge of the show but this year it'll be a team effort. Mrs. Kaminski will be in charge of music, Miss Cormier and the drama students will be creating the backdrop, Mrs. Kyla Norris will be assisting with the backdrop and costumes. Miss Michelle

Suddaby our grade 2 teacher will be creating the programs, Miss Brandy Laurin will coordinate the logistics and timing.

- *Apple School* – As an original Apple School we will be having MLA Jordan Walker and Minister Nate Glubish tour our school on Friday December 13.
- *Budget* – In the spring EICS reduced their budget by 2.1 million dollars in anticipation of the fall budget which was released in October. Since the budget's release EICS has had to reduce their budget by an additional 1 million dollars. Because of this at St. Luke we've had to eliminate our lunch hour supervision. This job will now fall on the staff. We will have a farewell for our lunch room supervisors Ruth and Trudy at praise and worship on Friday December 6. (*Discussion – ways to support the staff were discussed such as parents volunteering their time to help with lunch hour supervision. Also discussed was the possibility of fund raising to pay for lunch hour supervision.*)
(*Ted Paszek*) – In the spring we looked at the UCP platform and anticipated where the cuts would be and planned accordingly as best we could. This year we had an unanticipated increase to insurance costs of our buildings, they went up by 270%. We pay \$600,000 in insurance premiums. There is a fight between the Minister of Education and Access Canada which is a copyright organization for schools, we pay a fee to be able to use the materials. Access Canada opened a discovery wanting to know what books and materials were used by teachers within the last six years. Our school district was randomly selected. We had to pay around \$100,000 to hire someone to assist teachers in going through their materials, 75% of our teachers were impacted by this, St. Luke was not selected.
- *Lunchtime Supervision* – As discussed at our last meeting we continue to have less issues on the playground. We have two staff members on supervision in different areas throughout the school yard. If any concerns come up the supervisor is able to notify the office and the student's teacher.
- *Visual for Students* – The visual has been created, it is a tool 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. Staff are referring to the visual in their classrooms.
- *Recognition of Staff* – (*Erin Crawley*) I wanted to recognize Miss Leanne Evans our grade 6 teacher. In addition to her teaching role she is our Apple Schools lead and Indigenous lead. She's created a bulletin board with the seven sacred teachings near the library. She guides our students and staff in healthy eating and active lifestyle. She works with the S.W.A.T. students and Ever Active Schools around Loose Parts Play. She is the bottom hands for staff. For Christmas she is working on the 12 days of giving and 12 days of fitness. Leanne has had a student teacher for the past seven weeks who she mentors and demonstrates what a master teacher looks like. She demonstrates creative ways to connect with students and finds ways to ensure they feel loved and want to be at school.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

Monday January 13, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Adjourned by Erin Crawley Time 8:09 p.m.

