

School Council Minutes

Date	June 8, 2020
Attendance	VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC Colette Lastiwka, Fiona Nyuli, Kristy Rice, Teresa Bodker, Erin Crawley, Kyla Norris, Brenda Watmough, Melissa Orr-Langer, Heather Cherniak, Carrie Kynsh, Aoife Cahill, Melissa Damur, Jordan Lakeman
Guests	Cathy Hinger – 2020/2021 St. Luke Principal Ted Paszek – EICS Trustee
General Business	
Start Time	6:35 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Erin Crawley
Old Business	
Families in Need <i>Erin Crawley</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the \$1000 we obtained from the unused hot lunch and school planter funds I will be purchasing gift cards from Walmart. The school will mail the gift cards out to families in need.
New Business	
Staff Appreciation <i>Erin Crawley</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had a chance to appreciate our wonderful staff on May 28, 2020. Staff came together at a safe distance and enjoyed lunch from Nonnie's, a new restaurant in the community of South Cooking Lake.
Bus Driver Appreciation <i>Erin Crawley</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be sending our bus drivers a card along with a gift card to show our appreciation.
St. Luke School Council and Parents Association AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our AGM will be held Monday September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. <i>(Approved by All)</i>
School Report	
<i>Aoife Cahill</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition Program – Moica Fehr worked till the end of May and is volunteering her time during the month of June, along with her two helpers as they continue to prepare hampers for families in need within our school community, and also for families within Holy Redeemer. We intend to spend all the grant money by the end of June. We're very blessed not only for this grant but for Monica who runs the program and for the wonderful volunteers. Grade 8 Farewell – <i>(Melissa Damur)</i> This Friday June 12 @ 2 p.m. families will gather at a safe distance in the St. Luke parking lot as we recognize our grade 8 class for all their efforts. The Ambassador Award will be presented at this time. St. Luke families are invited to drive by at 2:30 p.m. to make some noise for our grade 8 class. We plan to gather as a group for a meal when it is safe to do so. We will be highlighting 4-5 of our grade 8 students daily on social media leading up to the farewell. A Teacher's Perspective – <i>(Miss Jordan Lakeman – Pre K and Kindergarten)</i> Teachers have had to think outside the box during this time of remote learning and are trying hard to keep our students engaged. Some students are less engaged and we cannot take this personally as families have a lot of

things going on right now. I'm so impressed with the pictures and visuals that parents are sending me of what the students are learning at home. We stay connected through Google hangouts but the students are really missing school.

- **Last Day of School** – Following Battle River School Division and EIPS the last day of school for students has changed from Friday June 26 to Friday June 19, staff will use the following week to prepare for next year. Report cards will be available through PowerSchool on June 19.
- **Textbooks & Library Books** – We're asking for all library and textbooks to be returned to the drop box outside the school Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- **School Fees** – Each school needs to examine their school fees and present them to the board for approval. Most of the fees are staying the same next year. There has been a price increase in kanga pouches and swimming lessons. Field trip fees we adjusted slightly because of class sizes.
- **2020-2021 Staffing** – St. Luke 2020-2021 staffing is as follows:
 - *Pre-K/Kindergarten* – Ms. Dexter (*We didn't get enough enrolment for Nature Kindergarten, we'll hold off on Kinder Plus till the fall when we know what school will look like, we need 11 students to run the program.*)
 - *Grade 1* – Miss Suddaby
 - *Grade 2* – Mrs. Odiobala
 - *Grade 2/3* – Mrs. Kroeker
 - *Grade 4* – Madame Hayden
 - *Grade 5, Grade 5-8 Science, Junior High Math* – Mr. Driedger
 - *Grade 6 & Grade 5-8 Social* – Miss Evans
 - *Junior High ELA, Religion and Assistant Principal* – Mrs. Damur
 - *Junior High Options* – Miss Lakeman
 - *Grade 1-6 Music* – Mrs. Kaminski
 - *CRC (Collaborative Response Coordinator)* – Miss Akhtar
 - *FWW (Family Wellness Worker)* – Position to be filled
 - *Principal* – Mrs. Hinger
 - *Support staff, librarian, and educational assistant* - Positions to be filled.
 - **(AMENDMENT)** – *Secretary* – Mrs. Rumley *Librarian* – Mrs. McCullough *Educational Assistant* – Mrs. Sorensen
- **Outdoor Play Area** – When we applied for a grant from the county for an outdoor play area my vision was to create a mud kitchen. We have received the grant but are putting the outdoor play area on hold, due to COVID-19 a mud kitchen is not the best idea. We will form a committee next school year to decide how best to spend the funds since we aren't using them as we originally intended.
- **Playground Update** – The fences are up and the old playground has been dismantled.
- **Cathy Hinger (2020-2021 St. Luke Principal)** – We are all living with many questions and worries about what's coming up for next school year, we don't have a lot of the answers but there are three possible scenarios for return to school in the fall. If you have questions or concerns please reach out to staff. Sometimes we focus on our worries more and forget to look at the silver linings.

- **Ted Paszek (EICS Trustee)** – There are three scenarios for returning to school in the fall. On August 1 Alberta Education will announce which of the three scenarios will be in place, we have been instructed to prepare for all three. We will use every platform available to communicate this decision with families. The three scenarios are: 1. Return to school as close to normal as possible 2. Return to school with some kind of restrictions 3. Go back to remote learning. A big thank you to the staff at St. Luke for their remarkable work during this time and to the parents for picking up a big part of it. As a board we continue to meet regularly. Next years budget has been approved.

Adjournment

Next Meeting **(AGM)** Monday September 14, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment Adjourned by Erin Crawley Time 7:39 p.m.