

St. Luke School Council Minutes	
Date:	Monday February 22, 2021
Attendance:	Erin Crawley, Brenda Watmough, Cathy Hinger, Shannon Blyth, Meghan Ferguson, Melissa Orr-Langner, Kyla Norris, Fiona Nyuli, Carrie Knysh, Melissa Damur
Guests:	N/A
General Business	
Start Time:	6:34 p.m.
Administrative Update (Cathy Hinger & Melissa Damur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrove Tuesday (Melissa Damur) – We would like to say a huge thank you for the financial support for Shrove Tuesday. Pictures and videos of these types of events can always be found on the St. Luke Facebook page. • Upcoming Events (Cathy Hinger) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday February 24th – Pink Shirt Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff have been working with students on showing kindness. They are also doing lessons on bullying and issues related to bullying. Thursday February 25th – ABJ counsellors are coming in to run through what things will look like for the in-coming Grade 8 students. This is an information session. The counsellors will be returning on March 4th to assist students in completing their online registration. All important dates are linked on our school webpage (which also gives you the option to synch all the dates to your phone). Thursday March 18th Open House – We have a promotional school video that was made and will be played at the Facebook live Open House. We are planning on doing a virtual tour and are hoping to have some interaction/questions to answer. (Erin Crawley – brought up the \$200 school fee draw that usually happens at the Open House. We will work out a way to still do that draw during the virtual event). Friday March 19th – We will be doing a “Break the Rules” Fundraiser, which is always popular with the kids. We will be fundraising as part of our Almsgiving for Catholic Social Services. We have also reached out to Cobs in the hopes that they will donate Hot Cross Buns to commemorate Good Friday. March 19th-24th - Virtual Scholastic Book Fair. Information to be sent home. March 23rd/24th - Three Way Conferences will be happening from 4pm-7pm on these days. More information will be provided in the SMORE. • GoGuardian Beacon (Cathy Hinger) - Information went out in the SMORE in regard to EICS implementing a software monitoring program designed to help keep students safe. It is a suicide prevention tool for students when they are logged into their EICS accounts. If they are searching anything that may have certain

keywords in it, the school will get an alert from Beacon and then we will follow through from there. We just want to make sure that everyone is aware that we do have this capability now. The only people who will know that this alert has happened is myself, Melissa, Sarah our Wellness Worker and our associate Superintendent. It also acts a conversation piece. Sometimes students might not know that some of the content they are looking at is related to self-harm.

- **EICS Board Meeting Highlights (Cathy Hinger)** – A link to these highlights will be provided in the SMORE for anyone who is interested in reading them.
- **GRACE & Parish Connection (Cathy Hinger & Melissa Damur)** – There is a link to GRACE in the SMORE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). There were three themes that emerged from the regional meetings. One was that Catholic schools excel at being who we are as communities of faith. The second theme was that there has been a deepened relationship between the parish and the school. The third thing they found was that opportunities and possibilities have been created by the growing use of technology and Zoom. As a school we have held virtual Mass (our opening Mass and Ash Wednesday Mass). We are able to connect with the other schools and have our students and school represented by things like video taping intentions and some of the readings. We also have weekly virtual classroom visits with the Parish Priests. Links for school Mass are always put into the SMORE and we would love to have you join us.
- **Grade 8 Transitioning (Melissa Damur)** – ABJ counsellors will be coming in on February 25th to discuss what students can expect and will provide students with information to bring home to walk parents through things like what kind of options are available to take. The counsellors will return the following week to help with online registration.
- **School Promotion Video (Melissa Damur)** – Students participated in the creation of this video. They were able to share what they love about St. Luke. Some of our teachers and Mrs. Hinger also participated. We were able to highlight some of the great things happening at our school. Thank you to the School Council for making this video possible. We look forward to sharing the video with a larger population so we can share how great St. Luke is and we hope it will help us continue to grow as a school.
- **Staff Representative Report (Melissa Damur)** – Some of the things happening in Junior High include – from Grade 5-8 students go through a STAR Assessment and it is that time of year. It provides us, as instructors on the progress of our students. The first assessment in September helps us determine where students are starting in their reading level and some of their reading comprehension. Our students just did the second benchmark assessment and I'm happy to report that there has been significant growth in our reading behaviours as

<p>Playground / CFEP Grant (Erin Crawley)</p>	<p>well as our reading comprehension for the Grade 7-8s. Our writing has also improved quite exponentially. We do daily writing in Junior High as well as daily reading. Students are encouraged to read anything of their choice.</p> <p>We are going to be starting our new novel study in Junior High, <i>I Am David</i>. We start each day with daily writing. We focus on parts of speech one day of the week. Another day we will focus on getting students to connect with a piece of text, like a quote from someone famous. One of the students favourite writing activities is correcting celebrity tweets. We have been happy to see so much growth in the reading and writing components in Junior High.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have just about fully completed our playground project. Last week I was sent the finishing paperwork for the CFEP Grant. I'll provide the financial information to them and that will close out our account.
<p>Guest Remarks</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>Adjournment</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Monday March 15, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Adjourned by Erin Crawley at 7:08 p.m.</p>