



St. Luke Catholic School

Called For More

School Council Meeting Minutes September 27, 2021

Attendance: Erin Crawley, Melissia Orr-Langner, Brenda Watmough, Meghan Ferguson, Cathy Hinger, Sharilynn Shakeshaft, Carrie Knysh, Heather Cherniak, Shelby Mistecki, Kristy Rice, Kyla Norris, Shannon Blyth, Leanne Evans (Teacher), Michelle Szott (EICS Trustee)

Meeting Start Time: 6:36 pm

Prayer & Reflection

- Opening Prayer – Cathy Hinger

Land Acknowledgement – Done by the students of St. Luke

Welcome & Introductions – Cathy Hinger

- It's great to see some new faces here with us this evening. I'm pleased to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sharilynn Shakeshaft to her first St. Luke School Council and Parent Association Meeting.
- Welcome to our EICS Trustee, Mrs. Michelle Szott. Sadly, Michelle is not seeking re-election in this year's municipal election. We will certainly miss having her with us and appreciate all the hard work she's put into advocating for Catholic Education.
- Welcome to our teacher representative, Miss Leanne Evans.

School Update

Administration Report – Cathy Hinger

- September has been a busy month and we've had a great start. The staggered entry proved to be beneficial for staff and parents and it takes the pressure off the kids a bit. We decided that we would maintain all our Covid protocols from last year as we felt it worked well. The kids have adjusted well.
- We were able to have our first school-wide event which was the Terry Fox Run. We are trying to program as best we can with the limitations that we are given.
- Library classes have also resumed.

Staffing Update – Cathy Hinger

- Welcome again to our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sharilynn Shakeshaft. It's been a seamless transition and we look forward to many good years together.
- Tracey Haubrich is an EA in our school, and she is also our part-time preschool teacher.
- Jenna Bracken is with us from Strathcona County Alberta Health Services. She is working with our school as well as Holy Redeemer as a Mental Health Capacity Builder. She is at St. Luke's on Tuesdays, Wednesday afternoons and Fridays.
- Tracy Scoggins is our Librarian. She is with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Mr. Larry Grudzinski is our music specialist. He does all our music programs from grade one up to music options in grade eight.

Elective Programs – Sharilynn Shakeshaft

- This was an interesting process led by our grade five to eight teaching team and the students themselves. It was a great opportunity for students to bring forth not just what interested them, but things that they were passionate about.
- Students received a copy of the options booklet in their Google Classroom which explained all the choices and which term they could take them in. Options included things like advanced phys-ed, hand sewing, outdoor education, digital art, film studies, guitar and ukulele, fine arts and drama and music production.

Mental Health Capacity Builder – Cathy Hinger

- Our Mental Health Capacity Builder builds on the mental health in our school. Some sessions are already underway and are delivered during the health part of the curriculum. This is not taking away from any of the class core time.
- Grade seven and eight will have a literacy program which will help the class to understand and maintain good mental health.
- Grade four to six are doing a program called Minds Up for Grades. This program fosters social and emotional awareness and enhances well-being and promotes academic success.
- The Grade threes are learning to identify non-verbal cues and components such as voice tone, facial expressions, body language and feelings.
- The Grade ones are doing mindfulness activities, which include breathing exercises and kindness sessions.
- There are also some lunchtime programs being offered. There is a grade six girls group and a Grade five and six boys group will soon be started.
- Our Mental Health Capacity Builder is also running the Volleyball Club at lunch (as there wasn't enough interest to form an official team this year).

Upcoming Events – Cathy Hinger

- October 1 – Immunizations for students 12 years and older
- October 5 – Grade four retreat Camp Van-Es & Grade eight retreat Birch Bay
- October 7 – Collaborative Team Meeting for staff
- October 19 – School Mass
- October 19 – Picture Day
- November 2/3 – Virtual 3 Way Conferences
- November 8-12 – Fall Break

Teacher Report – Miss. Leanne Evans

- The kids came back excited. They haven't had any problems with the Covid protocols as they are all used to it from last year. The kids are happy to be out on the playground together. Although they are in designated areas, it's nice to be outside as a school community. There is also additional excitement in the building because we are going to get to have our sports teams back and hopefully get to take some field trips.
- We were able to take part in our Terry Fox Run as a whole school community. We are really trying to spend as much time outside with this beautiful weather. With the addition of the picnic tables installed over the summer, we have been taking some classes outside to do some work

and journaling etc. It's important to get the kids that fresh air and have an opportunity to have those masks off.

- The grade five to eight classes had their student vote that was tied to the federal election. They were excited about it.
- Entering October and Thanksgiving, we will participate in service activities and will work with the Leadership Team to start planning some Halloween events.

New Business

Catholic Education Parent Advisory Council (CEPAC) Update – Erin Crawley

- There was a CEPAC meeting on September 23rd. We were reminded at this meeting that each school council within Alberta will be receiving a grant of \$500 from the provincial government. The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant was put into place to support better collaboration between schools and parents. The division is waiting on further information as to how and when this grant will be dispersed and what parameters for spending and reporting have been placed on those funds.

Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Resolutions – Erin Crawley

- ASCA holds their Annual General Meeting at the end of April each year. Each school council can put forward resolutions to be passed through at the AGM. The deadline this year is January 15th. If anyone has a resolution they feel St. Luke could champion or bring forward, please contact the Chair in advance of any school council meeting and we will make sure it's put on the agenda.

Elections – Erin Crawley

- The Secretary position was held by Meghan Ferguson last year. She will be including her name for election this year. No other nominations or volunteers came forward. Meghan will remain Secretary for 2021-2022.
- The Vice-Chair/Communications Officer position was held by Brenda Watmough last year. She will be including her name for election this year. No other nominations or volunteers came forward. Brenda will remain our Vice-Chair/Communications Officer for 2021-2022.
- The Chair position was held by Erin Crawley last year. She will be including her name for election this year. No other nominations or volunteers came forward. Erin will remain our Chair for 2021-2022.
- Our bylaws state that we have a position opening for a Director at Large. This position would support the purpose of the Council and Association and is not currently held. Shelby Mistecki has volunteered for this position for 2021-2022.

2021-2022 Meeting Dates – Erin Crawley

**All meetings begin at 6:30 pm followed directly by the Parent Association meeting*

- October 13th
- November 22nd
- January 17th
- February 7th
- March 14th
- April 4th
- May 9th
- June 13th

EICS Trustee Report – Michelle Szott

- Thank you for the opportunity for having been your representative from our Board of Trustees. I'll remind everyone that there is an election on October 18th for trustees.
- At our board meeting last week, we wrote a letter on behalf of our Board of Trustees and our entire school division to the Health Minister, Chief Medical Officer and Minister of Education. We are asking for them to bring back contact tracing and quarantining.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13th