



# St. Luke Catholic School

*Better Together*

## School Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

**Attendance:** Erin Crawley, Meghan Ferguson, Cathy Hinger, Carrie Knysh, Kyla Norris, Shannon Blyth, Brenda Watmough, Sharilynn Shakeshaft, Monique Jean-Burns (Teacher Representative), Melissa Orr-Langner, Shelby Mistecki

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:36 pm

### Prayer & Reflection

- Opening Prayer – Cathy Hinger
- Prayer for Ukraine – Sharilynn Shakeshaft

**Land Acknowledgement** – Done by the students of St. Luke

**Welcome & Introductions** – Cathy Hinger

- Thank you to our kindergarten teacher, Madame Monique, for joining us tonight.

### School Update

*Administrative Report – Cathy Hinger & Sharilynn Shakeshaft*

#### *School Highlights*

- *Winter Walk*
  - We were fortunate to have wonderful weather as our school got outside to enjoy the day.
- *Praise & Worship*
  - Happens every Tuesday morning at 8:20am. Every class has now had involvement. Students are excited to participate and contribute in some capacity. The grade five and six classes do the daily Apple Message afterwards.
- *Worship Choir*
  - It's a true blessing to be able to have live worship music. We appreciate all the hard work the students put in. We are getting ready for the Ash Wednesday celebration at OLPH. We will be singing with another choir as well as a pianist. We will have an online rehearsal and are excited about that. Please encourage your kids to continue with it if you have one in the choir. We would love to keep building continuity.
- *Girls Basketball*
  - The girls are building confidence and doing very well. The skill development from last year to this year has come a long way.

- *Light and Shadows (Grade 4)*
  - Thank you to all the parent volunteers that came in.
- *Drumming*
  - All classes cycled through and really enjoyed it. The program was on for about three and a half weeks.
- *Saffron Centre Presentations*
  - These went very well. We may look into bring them in for another round of presentations.
  - Kindergarten & Grade 1 – Llamas Spit
  - Grade 2 & 3 – My Body, My Boundaries
  - Grade 4-6 – Internet Safety
  - Grade 7 & 8 – Healthy Relationships
- *World Read Aloud Day*
  - Thank you to Lisa DeJong who came in on February 1 for Read Aloud Day. She updated the students on her snowboarding. The kids love to hear her personal story and how she got into the Paralympics.
- *Weekly Priest Visit (Grade 4)*
  - Students are always very receptive to the visits and have good conversations, particularly in the older grades. It's a good opportunity for the kids to see the priests outside of the church setting.

#### *Upcoming Events*

- February 14 – Famous Duos & Valentines Day
- February 17 – Assurance Survey Closes
- February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 – Swimming Lessons
- February 20 – Family Day
- February 21 – Shrove Tuesday and Pink Shirt Day
- February 22 – Ash Wednesday at OLPH 1:00pm
- February 23 – Movie Day! Dress as your favourite movie character
- March 3 – Division Faith Day – No School
- March 7 – Camo Day! Wear camo
- March 13 – Substitute Appreciation Day
- March 15 – Open House
- March 23 – Villain Day! Dress as your favourite villain
- March 21/22 – Celebration of Learning – Parent/Student Conferences

#### *Teacher's Corner – Madame Monique Jean-Burns*

- Kindergarten is going very well. We are planning on having fun centres set up for Valentine's Day. We have been doing some Kinder Cooking with Lisa DeJong and will be making heart shaped biscuits with jam for Valentine's Day.
- We are doing Buddy Reading with the grade fours and grade sixes. The kinders love it and the opportunity to meet the older kids and create relationships is really great.
- At the end of this week we are having a Messy Art in-school field trip with local artist Carleen Ross. In March we will be doing a Teacher's Pet I Am Unique social studies field trip. We are doing about one field trip a month which keeps us busy.

- We also get a lot of learning done. We are halfway through our alphabet. The kids are also coming up and doing dictation – i.e. Cat to Rat to Mat. We are looking forward to the Open House in March to gather more kids to our St. Luke family. We hosted an open house in January and it was successful as we had new clientele come in and we are hoping for more!

**New Business** – *Erin Crawley*

- The Alberta School Council Association has their AGM on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a mixture of virtual and in-person.
- Shrove Tuesday – Shelby has been organizing what we need. We have nine volunteers right now and we would love to have a couple more if anyone is interested.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:05 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm