



# St. Luke Catholic School

*Go Light Our World*

## School Council Meeting Minutes October 23, 2023

**Attendance:** Erin Crawley, Meghan Ferguson, Carrie Knysh, Brenda Watmough, Melanie Mazurek (Teacher Representative), Shelby Mistecki, Cathy Hinger, Lisa Sweeney, Shannon Blyth, Melissa Orr-Langner, Cheryl Chow, Edward Whelan, Lisa Vandermeulen, Parichat Deboer, Amy Williamson, Heather Cherniak

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:02 pm

### Prayer & Reflection

- Opening Prayer – Cathy Hinger

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

**Welcome & Introductions** – Cathy Hinger

- Welcome to Mrs. Melanie Mazurek who joins us as our teacher representative tonight.

### School Update

*Administrative Report – Cathy Hinger*

*Mental Health Capacity Builder*

- Kastyn Konieczny is our new Mental Health Capacity Builder this year. We welcome her to St. Luke. She will be at our school every second week on Wednesday and Thursday (we are sharing her with Holy Redeemer and OLPH). She will be working on topics such as personal space, boundaries, emotions etc. We are looking forward to having her. This will be the last year we have a Mental Health Capacity Builder and we are hoping that our teachers will keep the momentum going after this program ends.

*Safety Plan*

- We do have a change in the plan and our muster point is no longer the firehall across the street. It is now the Community Hall down the road. We have asked the division if we could have four busses on standby if we ever needed to call for an emergency. We are still in talks with the firehall in hopes that we can have that as our muster point again. The school now has a key to the Hall in case we need the space for an emergency. This is what we are working with for now but does not mean this is necessarily our final plan. We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

*Playground*

- There have been some changes made in terms of where certain grades are allowed to play. The soccer games have been getting increasingly rough and we've separated the 5/6's and 7/8's. We've spread them out more with the hopes that the rough games will decrease.

- The old portable area is having final grading done. The county is coming out to do a final inspection.

### *Highlights*

- Father Jim came out to say mass for the Feast Day of St. Luke and to present the grade fours with their Bibles. He commented on how well the students behave during mass and how respectful they always are. The choir also sounded great.
- We had Take Me Outside Day, Reading Buddies and a lot of great art projects happening.
- Read In Week was a big success. We were fortunate to have many readers come into the school (Sherwood Park Crusaders, Trustees, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, MLA Nate Glubish, parents).
- Here Comes The Sun is a mental wellness grant that is division wide. We sent 13 students to this event at OLPH church. This event provided the kids with community building exercise and plenty of ideas to share with all of our students. These students are excited about leading learning and connection pieces within the school. There will be another trip in December and one more in the new year.
- The Birch Bay Grade 7/8 Retreat was a great experience. There was a lot of team building, connection and overall good time had by everyone.

### *Upcoming Events*

- October 30 – Grade 5-8 Field Trip to Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- October 30 – Girls Volleyball Game – AWAY @ Southpointe School
- October 31 – Halloween
- November 1 – 3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences 2:00-5:00pm
- November 2 – 3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences 3:00-6:00pm
- November 2 – Remembrance Day Ceremonies: No Stone Left Unturned
- November 6-10 – Fall Break. No School
- November 13 – Grade 1 Teacher's Pet: Monkey Business
- November 14 – Grade 3/4 & 5/6 Waste Presentations
- November 14 – Girls Volleyball practice 2:45-4:00pm
- November 16 – Fall Photo Re-takes
- November 16 – Clay for Kids (Glass Fusion) ECS, Gr 1-6
- November 17 – Kindergarten Day

### *Teacher's Corner – Mrs. Melanie Mazurek*

- Thank you to the parents that came out for the Birch Bay Retreat.
- We have a big focus on math right now for the grade 7/8's. We have resources on google classroom to support them.
- The buddy reading with the kindergarten and grade 1 kids is going very well. They are doing a great job at connecting with the kids and being role models.
- Fine arts students are doing watercolours, pastels and are learning about different artists and techniques.
- The 7/8's will be working on writing a script for the Advent Concert. I would like to open the opportunity for all grades to audition for the cast. It would be nice to see a variety of students come forward and participate.
- Our Worship Team is currently at 31 students ranging from grade 3-6. We have the choir and choreography group. We are just waiting for our t shirts to arrive.
- Recorders have been handed out in music class. The kids are working on learning Hot Crossed Buns and This Little Light of Mine. Those students that are able to build on their recorder skills

will be able to move to a tenor recorder, which would help prepare them for band in high school if that is of interest to them.

**Old Business**

- Drumheller Field Trip – no update on Cathy's end.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday November, 2023 at 6:00 pm