



St. Luke Catholic School

Better Together

School Council Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

Attendance: Erin Crawley, Meghan Ferguson, Carrie Knysh, Kyla Norris, Brenda Watmough, Samantha Boehm (Teacher Representative), Shelby MistECKI, Cathy Hinger, Lisa Sweeney, Heather Cherniak, Shannon Blyth, Melissa Orr-Langner

Meeting Start Time: 6:40 pm

Prayer & Reflection

- Opening Prayer – Cathy Hinger

Land Acknowledgement – Done by the students of St. Luke

Welcome & Introductions – Cathy Hinger

- Thank you to Miss. Sam Boehm for joining us tonight.

School Update

Administrative Report – Cathy Hinger

School Highlights

- *Kindergarten Family Day* – It was very well attended. All kids at had least one parent with them. We supplied snacks, painted birdhouses, planted flowers/plants. It was nice to meet each other as a community and spend time together. The kindergartners even performed some songs. It was great to see dads and grandparents as well.
- *Reading Buddies* – The grade six class and kindergarten students got together for some reading this week.
- *International Childrens Festival* – Thank you to our parent volunteers for a successful day! We will try and do this field trip again next year. Thinking it would be most beneficial for up to grade four.
- *Scout Safety* – The grade ones had a great presentation about agriculture safety. The kids were each given a safety vest which they were very excited about.
- *Fee Schedule*
 - Posted on the school website under the 'Parents' tab. The board approved fee schedule is also posted. The amounts listed are the maximum amounts we can charge. Field trips have a significant cost increase because of the increase in bussing and gas prices. Costs won't go over what is posted.

- KinderPlus Tuition is a program for kids who are doing prek/kindergarten. The program runs on opposite days of kindergarten so that kids can get a full week of options to be here at the school. The tuition is listed in the fee schedule just in case we have the option to run it next school year.
 - A few extra curricular items were added, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs (material costs), Track & Field (hasn't been in the schedule in the past so we decided to add it).
 - Options – kept consistent. There is a small increase in food studies (cost of food).
 - Agendas – used in grades one to four. Grades five to eight use Google Classroom.
- *Staffing Update*
 - Pre-K – TBD
 - Kindergarten – Madame Monique Jean-Burns
 - Grade 1 – Miss Samantha Boehm
 - Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Andrea Kroeker
 - Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Erica Odiobala
 - Grade 5 & Inclusive Learning Facilitator – Madame Donna Hayden
 - Grade 6 – TBD
 - Grade 7/8 – Mrs. Melanie Mazurek & Mr. Sean Gregg
 - Music (Grades 1-6) – Mrs. Mazurek
 - Options taught by grade level teachers
 - Educational Assistants – 1 Full Time, 1 Half Time
 - Sharilynn Shakeshaft wishes she could have been in attendance tonight, and would like to say thank you to the St. Luke community for her time here.

Upcoming Events

- June 5 – School Council Meeting
- June 8 – Staff Appreciation Lunch – Thank you!
- June 13 – Final Celebration (and Praise & Worship) of the year
- June 16 – Grade 8 Farewell. Year end mass with Father Jim 1pm. Dinner/Program @ 5:30
- June 19-22 – Alien InLine Skating
- June 19 – Grade 7/8 Final Exam: ELA am
- June 20 – Last day for kindergarten students
- June 20 – Grade 7/8 Final Exam: Social Studies am
- June 21 – Indigenous Day
- June 22 – Grade 1/2 Field Trip to John Janzen Nature Centre
- June 22 – Grade 7/8 Final Exam: Science am
- June 23 – Pre-K & Kindergarten orientation for next year's students
- June 23 – Grade 7/8 Final Exam: Math am
- June 26 – PAT Social Studies
- June 26 – Foods 7/8 Class Final Cook Off
- June 27 – PAT Science
- June 27 – Last day for students

Teacher's Corner – Miss Samantha Boehm

- Language Arts – we have been focusing on our writing and spelling skills through daily journal writing. We have also been learning about story elements through our novel study of Charlotte's Web. For the rest of June, we will be doing an author study on Mo Willems.
- Math – We just finished our measurements unit and have moved on to our 2D and 3D shapes unit.

- Science – We are finishing up our plants and animals unit with an Animal Research Report. We will also make an animal habitat at home.
- Social – We are wrapping up our mapping unit and will be moving on to learning about the past and present. Students will share some of their family traditions.
- Religion – We will continue our unit “Jesus is always with us” while we explore how we can live like Jesus.

Old Business

- *Apple Schools Ambassador – Cathy Hinger*
 - With Leanne Evans leaving, we will continue to be part of Apple Schools. More information will be forthcoming.
- *Last Day Lunch (June 27) – Shelby Misteckii*
 - Hot dogs, fruit, popsicles. Kids can eat outside or in the gym if weather is bad.

New Business

- *Portable Removal/Reclamation Project*
 - The portables are old and have been on a list to be taken down for the last five years. It will be happening this summer. Is there any interest from the parent association to help fund an asphalt space for a larger basketball area? The estimated cost at this time is \$25,000-\$30,000. If we would like to do it but can't do it at this particular time, the county can level, shale gravel it and then we wait until we can proceed. We need to have the funds secured before committing to the project. We have about \$5,500 from the county grant still available (talked about using it for outdoor classroom boulders).
 - After much discussion, the group doesn't believe that we have the capacity to do a major fundraising campaign at this time (at least not having to do this in the period of one year, funding from grants would be required). Erin to provide Cathy with the grants that were used for the playground project. Cathy, the county and the division can decide how best to reclaim the space for the start of the school year.
- *Drumheller Field Trip 2023-24 – Shelby Mistecki*
 - Holy Redeemer does an overnight field trip for the grade fours.
 - Which grades could be included curriculum wise? Can we share transportation costs with Holy Redeemer?
 - We already have parent volunteer interest and Miss Boehm has expressed interest in being the teacher representative.
 - Cathy will look into this.
- The first meeting for the 2023-24 school year will be Monday, September 18th.
- The Welcome Back BBQ will be Thursday, September 14th.
- *Christmas in the Country – Erin Crawley*
 - The committee meets in August. Do we want to continue participating? Group consensus is YES.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm

Next Meeting: Monday September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm