



**St. Luke School
Council Minutes
November 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Mrs. E. Bakaic (Principal)
Mrs. P. Crepinsek (Non-Teaching Representative)
Mrs. P. Rumble (Teaching Representative)
Ms. B. Moodley (CYC)
Nancy Guzzo (Co-Chair)
Gerry Bergin (Co-Chair)
Tina Forte (OAPSE Representative)
Ciara De Jong (Parish Representative)
Diane Carvalho (Community Representative)
Nicole Gervais (Secretary)
Sawsan Selwyn (Parent Representative)
Christina Hunter (Parent Representative)
Andrea Carvalho (Parent Representative)

1. Welcome / Introductions/ Opening Prayer

2. Approval of Minutes: Ciara De Jong, second Andrea Carvalho

3) Correction of Minutes (from last meeting October 2, 2018):

- Andrea is Carvalho not Bansa
- Sawsan spelling not Sawson
- Item 12) Date is April 9, not 19th

Ciara DeJong moved to accept correction, seconded by Gerry Bergin

4) Principal's Report (Additional Notes): Appendix A

- Nov 14th parent info meeting (St Andrew's) for Confirmation
 - March 2, 2019 is date of Confirmation at Christ the King Church with other schools
- Dec 13 is school Christmas concert at St Luke
- Curriculum Achieving: visit by STA with grade 8 to share info for prep and course selection
 - orientation visit to STA tomorrow
- Belonging: new online absence reporting system
 - can log on to system to report absences in advance
- Dance-a-thon: great event, Kindergarten student won principal for day, Gr 8 student won the bike, great variety of prizes
- student voice for where they would like funds allocated: laptops / ipads,
 - other: recess games equipment, alternative seating for classroom
- Salad Bar was enjoyed by students, food was fresh with great variety of choices

- We Scare Hunger Drive: very successful, Good Shepherd organization was so thrilled with our contributions
- picture retake day: Nov 20th
- recycling initiatives from eco-team: collect used writing equipment

Motion that Principal Report be accepted made by Christina Hunter, seconded by Sawsan Selwyn

5) Committee Reports:

a) Dance-a-thon raised \$10,800 before expenses paid

b) Indigo Community Night: Wed. Nov 28, 2018, 5:30-8:00 pm

- all items except gift cards qualify for program
- art from students required by Monday Nov 26
- book list to donate books to class requested from teachers

c) Christmas Concert: Dec 13th, 2018

- bake sale will proceed in the evening only
- dress rehearsal on the 13th in the afternoon, time TBD
- council will host hot chocolate station again
- food should be wrapped and plated, sold as is
- hot chocolate upstairs, baked good in Cafetorium
- create ad hoc committee for bake sale: Sawsan Selwyn, Nancy Guzzo, Andrea Carvalho, Tina Forte
- volunteers for evening: Christina Hunter, Nicole Gervais
- council members will oversee hot chocolate

d) 25th Anniversary Committee: Ciara De Jong will chair

- Nicole Gervais, Mrs. Rumble, Christina Hunter, Sawsan Selwyn, Tina Forte and Diane Carvahlo will participate
- Catholic Education Week is 2nd week of May
- committee to determine date of activities
- consider holding pasta night during that week: 25th anniversary celebration dinner?

6) Council Chairs Meeting update

- John Kostoff spoke on how we identify ourselves as distinctly Catholic
- Renewing the Promise document reviewed
- role of Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was discussed, elections coming up due to Chair position being vacated
- commissioning ceremony OAPC
- next meetings: Feb 27, 2019 at St Joan of Arc and May 22, 2019 St Scholastica

Motion to accept committee reports as ones of progress: Ciara De Jong motioned, Gerry Bergin seconded

7) Financial update:

- draft form: carry over from last year \$3,488.14 less \$270 expenses
- 2018 Dance-a-thon net proceeds \$8,225.36
- proposed expense laptops \$700 each (x10)

- student appreciation: includes prizes like stuffed animals draw to have a buddy for the bench
- students are given draw ticket to win for kindness recognition
- Drumfit will return for a few dates, Pro Grant to fund event is on hold, but school will fund as a community event
- computers purchased must be board approved vendor for warranty and support
- tech must support Office 365 (board sanctioned program)
- Nancy Guzzo to look into tech grants from Microsoft
- Mrs. Bakaic to investigate cost of STEM kits again this year (Piper program)

8) Other Items:

- School council photo: Dec 13, 2018
- school council newsletter sign-up for tables at welcome table interview night
- including emails of council members
- button "School Council Rep", Gerry will order to reuse
- Nancy Guzzo: last official meeting as co-chairperson
- Gerry Bergin will assume role as chairperson
- 7:30pm for inauguration board meeting at Jean Vanier, Milton for new Catholic Trustees
- Ministry consultation: closes Dec 15th to improve STEM, curriculum feedback, life skills, parents bill of rights,
- can use online submission form through Ontario.ca
- online survey: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>
- committee meeting for bake sale and 25th Anniversary: Nov 19th 6pm, Nancy Guzzo's house

9) Prayer

- meeting adjourned 8:30pm
- next meeting date: Tues Feb 12, 2019

Appendix A - Principal's Report – November 13, 2018

Believing - Catholicity



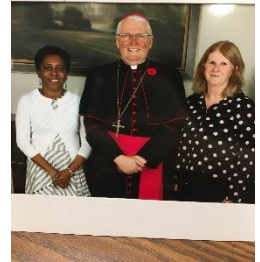
1. Remembrance Day Ceremony: Nov. 9th - beautiful ceremony!
2. Bishop's Dinner well attended by St. Luke School Council
3. Nov. 14: Confirmation Parent Information Evening at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church
4. Nov. 21: First Holy Communion Parent Information Night at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church
5. Dec. 13: St. Luke Christmas Celebration at 6:30 p.m., in school gym with afternoon dress rehearsal. Baked good sales after the performances.



Achieving - Curriculum



1. Nov. 2: STA staff visited Grade 8s for high school prep, course selections & options sheets
2. Nov. 14: Gr. 8s visit STA
3. Nov. 14: Parent info evening for Gr. 8 trip to Ottawa
4. Nov. 20 Progress Reports Go Home
5. Nov. 22, 23: Parent Teacher Interviews



Belonging – Community, Culture & Caring



1. **New:** On-line parent reporting of absences website
2. Dance-a-thon Fundraiser – great success! Raised over \$10,800.00 Thank you to Fundraising Committee, volunteers and parent generosity!
 - a. Student requests: laptops and recess games equipment
 - b. Additional focus areas: gym equipment, instrumental music program, our Arts program, team tournament fees, student appreciation prizes, Gr. 8 graduation, parent engagement evenings (*Drumfit*), healthy snack program, 25th St. Luke Anniversary Celebration and families in need in our community.
3. Salad Bar Lunch off to a great start!
4. *We Scare Hunger* campaign – very successful; sent to *Good Shepherd*
5. ECO – this month focus: **Buy Nothing New in November** – staff, students and parents are encouraged to recycle and upcycle old items. Also: **Writing Instrument Recycling** initiative with *TerraCycle* and *Staples Canada* – all classes collect used writing utensils to prevent from going into landfills
6. Nov. 20 - Picture Re-take Day
7. Nov. 28 - St. Luke Evening at Indigo/Chapters – 20% of proceeds will support school library. School choir will perform at the evening.
8. *Safe & Accepting Schools* Team:
 - a. Launch of the *See the Problem Be the Solution*: Ms. Leahy and *Me to We* student team
 - b. Bully Awareness & Prevention Week: November 19-23: student reps and Ms. Leahy to attend kick off on presentation on Nov. 13th
 - c. CYC supported programming: in addition to current programs (see October report)
 - i. Kelso's Choice – Kindergarten - gr. 3
 - ii. Growth Mindset – Gr. 4-8: skills to develop a growth mindset by acknowledging imperfections, view challenges as opportunities, replace negative words with positive ones, value the growing process and to cultivate a purpose.

