



**St. Luke School
Council Minutes
February 4, 2019 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

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

Regrets: Andrea Carvalho (Parent Representative)
Sawsan Selwyn (Parent Representative)
Mrs. P. Crepinsek (Non-Teaching Representative)

1) Welcome / Opening Prayer

2) Approval of Agenda: Nicole Gervais motioned to approve, Ciara De Jong seconded

3) Approval of Minutes: Diane Carvalho motioned to approve, Ciara De Jong seconded

4) Principal's Report (Appendix A):

From Financial Report:

- laptops arrived, are currently shared by intermediates
- possible purchases of additional for junior grades
- sports fees: tournament fees, bus transportation
- student appreciation for student prizes
- community events: expenses for bake sale, Christmas concert
- licensing fees (RazKids, etc.)
- donation made for bereavement

Catholicity (Believing / Achieving/ Belonging)

- Feb is Black History Month
- Feb 9, 2019: First Reconciliation meeting
- Mar 5th 2019: Shrove Tuesday, Emi to investigate Lunch Lady to provide pancakes
- consider \$3 donation to offset costs
- Mar 6th 2019: Ash Wednesday, Fr Con coming to distribute ashes

- Me to We group: We Create Change initiative, asking for change to buy goat, cost is \$50
- PA Day: staff is engaging in equity and inclusion activities
- Salad Bar: great diversity of food, currently 53 students participating
- Eco initiative: winter walk day, collecting gently used clean sweaters for Kerr Street Mission lead by Ms Leahy
- Parking lot concerns: speed through parking lot, cars reversing up hill, by-law officers have been contacted, a reminder will be sent home in weekly newsletters **PARENTS MUST SLOW DOWN** in the parking lot
- Promoting well-being through developing mental health and physical health: B Moodley coordinating many activities (see Principal's report for activities)
- Bake Sale: consider reviewing price per plate, items sold quickly

5) Committee Reports:

25th Anniversary:

- Ciara researched ice time for skating, currently no ice available and only have one week notice for cancellations
- consider March at Canlan or 16 Mile
- February: consider Orange and Green day, incorporate something unique around theme of 25
- reschedule committee meeting
- Tavares jersey, proceeds go to school plan, tickets to be offered at Pasta Night
- May 10th 2019: 25th Anniversary Mass during Catholic Education Week
- aerial photo being taken of students

Pasta Night:

- April 25th, 2019
- St Luke will be housing St John's Illuminated Bible, families can preview
- Gerry to confirm with Nancy regarding caterer

Motion to accept that committee reports are ones of progress made by Ciara De Jong, seconded by Diane Carvalho.

6) Council Chairs Meeting update

- next meeting is February 27, 2019

7) Renewing the Promise Activity (lead by Ciara De Jong)

- how is Catholic education moving forward?
- with all social turmoil, students need a sense of direction which Catholic schools provide
- what will it look like 5 years from now?
- how can we provide a solid foundation and a partnership (school-home-parish)?
- why come to a Catholic school?
- what can school councils do to continue to promote the opportunities of a Catholic educational system?

8) Other Items:

- a) School Uniforms: currently there is a dress code in effect for school-appropriate wear
 - motion made by Ciara De Jong to continue with the current school dress code, seconded by Nicole Gervais.
 - vote in favour to accept the motion: unanimous
 - committee members to consult with community regarding interest in a school uniform dress code vote for the following school year

- b) Chapters Night: consider our options before booking an event evening for next school year

- c) School Yearbook: Emi will investigate timelines and cost

9) New Business for Future Meetings:

- a) Add Parish and Community Rep updates to the standing agenda under Committee Updates

9) Prayer

- meeting adjourned 9pm
- next meeting date: April 9, 2019

1. **Financial:** Report of Expenditures to date:
 - i. Tech: 10 Dell Laptops: \$6293.06
 - ii. Sport Club/Tournament fees: \$580.75
 - iii. Student Appreciation: \$864.83
 - iv. Special/Community Events: \$603.25
 - v. Compassion Fund: \$443.99
 - vi. Lit/Num/Spec Ed: 600.49
 - vii. Instrumental Music: \$264.74
2. **School Fundraising balances as of Feb. 4, 2019**
 - i. Fundraising General: \$6,839.69 (*includes \$2000.00 donation for technology)
 - ii. Milk: \$5,826.76
 - iii. Pizza: \$8,228.81

Believing - Catholicity

1. Black History Awareness Month: Historical events shared on morning announcements and class activities
2. First Reconciliation Parent meeting: Feb. 9th at 10:30 am.
3. Shrove “Pancake” – March 5: pancakes for all students
4. Ash Wednesday – March 6; Ashes distributed at liturgy with Father Con at 10:30 am. – school gym
5. Lenten Initiative (starting in March): Me to We Initiative – **“We Create Change”**: students will be invited to bring in change. Change collected will be used to purchase a goat for a village in a developing country. Every \$50 will buy a dairy goat to help sustain a family and their community.

Achieving - Curriculum

1. Feb. 15 P.A. Day: focus on Equity and Inclusion professional development
2. First Term Report Cards go home – Feb. 20
3. Public Speaking in school competition Feb. 20 at 9:00 am in the gym

Belonging – Community, Culture & Caring

1. Community Night: *Drumfit* evening on Jan. 31st was enjoyed by all!
2. Salad Bar lunch: continues to be well received and enjoyed
3. ECO initiatives: Feb. 6 - *Winter Walk Day*; Feb. 8 - *Sweater Day*: gently used sweater collections to be donated to Kerr St. Mission
4. Promoting Well-Being - Safe & Accepting Schools:
 - a. St. Luke students participating in *See the Problem, Be the Solution* initiative - student team members & Mrs. Chong to launch *See the Problem, Be the Solution* contest on Friday, Feb. 9
 - b. PAWS4Stories: reading with “Jake”
 - c. Model Me Kids – This program will most likely be offered to the Grades 1 – 3 after Kelso’s Choice has been completed.
 - d. Kelso’s Choice – Grades JK/SK – 3. This program will start in the week of January 14, 2019. This program focuses on Conflict Management, making healthy choices relating to “big problems” versus “small problems.” Some of the topics covered are Respect, Making Decisions, Making Healthy Choices and Friendships.
 - e. Growth Mindset: Grades 4 – 7. This program will be start in the week of January 14, 2019. Through activities, this program gives students the 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.

- f. Girls Inc. – Our 2nd session will be with the Grades 7 Girls. This session begins January 17-March 28/19
5. See what’s happening in the classrooms and school @[StLukeOakville](#); for more about school events and information see <http://elem.hcdsb.org/stluke>

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,

You have shown us so much love.
You are gentle with us, you heal us,
you died on the Cross for us.
Now you ask us, “Do you love me?”

As we come to know you better, and see all that you have done for us,
May our hearts be filled with love for you.
Make us eager to always do what you ask of us,
to see your face and love you in everyone else we meet,
Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is your love which turns our lives around.
By trying to love as you have loved us,
We become more and more like you.
Guide us always on our way,
Show us each day how to love you more.
Sprit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen