

St Luke School
Council Minutes
November 11th, 2020

Attending:

Mrs. Starr (Principal)
Mrs. J. Pomirko (Teaching Representative)
Mrs. Miller (Teaching Representative)
Gerry Bergin (Chair)
Ciara De Jong (Co-chair)
Andrea Carvalho (Parent Representative)
Sawson Selwyn (Parent Representative)
Peter Sadek (Parent Representative)
Tina Forte (Parent Representative)
Nancy Guzzo (School Board Trustee)
Jackie Thorn (Parent Representative)
Catharine Duncan (Parent Representative)
Richard Selwyn (Parent Representative)
Boris Cindric (Parent Representative)
Laurie McDougald (Parent Representative)

Regrets:

None

1. Welcome & Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved - Boris; Seconded - Andrea
3. Approval of Minutes – Oct. 13, 2020
Moved - Boris; Seconded - Andrea
4. Principal's Report & School Generated Funds Plan – Appendix A

Focus on staff involvement in anti-racism training. First communion November 14th for Grade 3 students. No information yet regarding photo day. Students have adjusted well to Covid safety measures. Students participating in Global Caribou math contest – J Pomirko is the teacher rep. Progress reports go home on November 24th. Virtual parent/teacher interviews this year. School yard lines have had dots added to ensure social distancing. Awaiting information regarding locker use for winter months. Effective November 16th students will be required to wear masks at all times inside the school building (exception to this is when students are eating and drinking), including going to and from recess/outdoor time.

Financial update: Projected use of fundraising budget for technology and support of sports teams/clubs. Purchase of nerf equipment for outdoor activities.

5. Committee Updates/Deliverables:
 - a. Fundraising - Spook-a-thon results

Thank-you to committee members. \$8,189 raised with net profit of \$6,271. Will have \$131 dollars coming back from Indigo.

- b. Community rep update
Everyone pleased with the Spookathon and involvement in classrooms.
 - c. Parish rep update
Forthcoming communion this weekend.
 - d. OAPCE rep update
General lack of understanding of OAPCE. Communication channels to improve between OAPCE and schools to increase awareness.
6. Action/Discussion Items
- a. Christmas fundraising and charitable giving
Consider gift cards this year to maintain safety and to respect families' capacity for giving. Advent liturgies can be put together by Mrs Chong. Christmas concert: Teachers have held brief discussions in this regard. Perhaps consider virtual event.
 - b. HCCEF support
Bishops dinner in support of HCCEF. Please consider going forward how Council can support this going forward. <https://www.hccef.org/>
 - c. School Uniforms – policy update, next steps for vote
January 1, 2021 policy II-41 comes into effect. Requirements for elementary school implementation have some noted changes. Community consultation will take place every 3 years regarding implementation of school uniform. We will be required to conduct this in the coming year. Other noted change: Bottoms are not required to be purchased through the Boards authorized vendor, and must be navy blue. Ad hoc school uniform committee will need to be formed to assess interest in the future. Uniforms have gone to tender. Information to come regarding successful proponent.
 - d. School Council letter to parents
Consideration for letter to go out to parents. Typically, this is done in conjunction with parent-teacher night. Boris to draft letter and work with Gerry on this. Open to thoughts regarding content, and delivery method.
 - e. Next meeting dates
Proposed dates: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 25, May 13
7. Other business/new business for future meetings
Pancake Tuesday and pasta night discussions at future meeting – Would have to be considered in a modified format.
8. Closing Prayer & Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm