



St. Luke Catholic School Council

Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Teams Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Mrs. A. Sofia Starr (Principal)
Mrs. J. Pomirko (Teaching Rep)
Ms. J. Miller (Non-Teaching Rep)
Gerry Bergin (Co-chair)
Ciara De Jong (Co-chair)

Parent reps:

Andrea Carvalho
Tina Forte
Boris Cindric
Peter Sadek
Jackie Thorn
Laurie McDougald

Regrets:

Sawsan Selwyn
Richard Selwyn
Catharine Duncan

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Sofia Starr at 5:30pm.

1. Welcome & Prayer : by Mrs Sofia Starr.
2. Approval of Agenda : Moved by Andrea and 2nd by Boris
3. Approval of Minutes – Jan. 21, 2021. Approved by: Andrea, 2nd by Peter
4. Principal's Report & School Generated Funds Plan (see email attachment for descriptions)
 - *Principal's Report*: it's been a very busy time in the school
 - there were presentations (Sara Westwood), services/liturgies, spirit days,
 - There were rich and engaging activities for Black History Month and presentation by Dr. Marc Davis
 - Sacrament update: postponed until further communication from church
 - Return to School: upon return to school-reviewed the protocols and use of masks wearing; there are set mask "breaks" given by teachers
 - Students are very resilient and doing very well
 - Kindergarten registrations: Mrs. Rosati is busy with them. There are 6 new ones presently.
 - Grad 8 graduation: Board wide decision that gr 8 and gr 12 are to be virtual

There will be a grad committee of teachers and one with parents to decide what can be done
Mrs. SofiaStarr mentioned having students do drive by to receive diplomas etc

- Lent: Food Drive: for Good Shepherd Centre
Stn of the Cross – was to be done by Mrs. Chong and gr 6; gr 8 asked Mrs. Cousens to do it instead. Entire class wanted to participate
Easter celebration: Gr. 7 with Mr. Saturno are doing virtual/pre-recorded Easter celebration

School Funds:

Mostly the same except few things

From Compassion Fund a gr 8 hoodie was purchased

Presentations: Sara Westbrook \$700.60

Anti-Black Racism \$762.75

Born with Purpose \$300.00

Tech: Goal is to have all gr 6-8 with 1:1 of Chromebook

With left over monies from “milk” account \$6141.86 is hope to purchase 15 more Chromebooks for gr 4/5. Hope by end of year that gr4-8 all will have Chromebooks

Q from Boris: if govt said they are giving monies to Boards for tech and PPE etc, where is this going if we have to pay for it ourselves from funds

Ans from Mrs. Sofia Starr: she’ll look into it further- good question

Q: Ciara: New rules of masks worn outside- are the kids able to use outdoor equipment that was bought?

Ans: Mrs. Sofia Starr: With use of equipment, kids get closer to each other, the increase in variants, better to err on safe side and NO to equipment use for now

Kids do get to use the field, weather permitting

Q: Liz Lopes(guest parent) : What about gr8 graduation?

Ans: Mrs. Sofia Starr: no direction yet as per photos, but have some tentative dates set up, they’ll be a committee of teachers and parents to try to decide what can be done

5. Community and OAPCE rep update: Tina attended virtual meeting

Goal: to better unify community, school and parish

Will await the minutes of the OAPCE meeting from Gerry to discuss ideas presented at next council meeting

- *Parish rep update* : Andrea – sacraments on hold, church has reopened for in person mass as per govt restrictions
Online mass is still available;
Father Con sends out emails with content re: seminars, activities to do with family, updates

6. Action/Discussion Items

Parking lot: Letters and emails sent home to remind parents of safe drop off and pick up.

The set-up of the lot is a challenge for continuous drive thru and lack of spaces

Mrs. Sofia Starr placed pylons at top when side lot was full-seemed to work

Issues tend to be reversing up hill and speed

Parents will need to park on side streets not in school driveways or Kingsway after 3pm.

Will be adding 1+ person on supervision after school

Ciara: reminded that No parking on Kingsway or on crosswalk

Peter: The exit has a STOP sign but no DO NOT ENTER sign

Maybe the parking lot can be rearranged

Mrs. Sofia Starr: The sign she would definitely look into it

The rearrangement has been brought up the the Board and Mr. DeMelo but it's small school and not something that will be changed any time soon

Andrea: snow removal location that blocks the spots

Mrs. SofiaStarr : Mr. Stemler has moved the recycle bins at end of driveway to increase 3 parking spots

She'll speak to snowplow company to try and save as many spots as possible when removing snow

If everyone does their part-it'll be fine

Easter celebrations : Ciara asked there be a committee to do something for the kids- no food but to get ideas

Volunteers for committee: Laurie, Jackie, Boris

Mrs. SofiaStarr reminded everyone of the Lenten initiatives and liturgy etc that provides students with true meaning of season

Grade 8 grad photos : previously mentioned as in the works

Q from Laurie: since no grad for gr 8, maybe a field trip like "high ropes"

Ans: Mrs. Sofia Starr: need Board approval and can bring it up in the grad committee

Other business/new business for future meetings :

- OAPCE minutes and ideas

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Closing Prayer by Mrs. SofiaStarr

Meeting ended 6:31 pm

Next Meeting: March 25, 2021 at 6:30pm

Possible to change it to Mar 18, 2021 if necessary.

"God, the source of every good gift. You have called us together as servants to do Your will."