

St. Luke Catholic School Council

Monday, October 4, 2021 – 6:30–8 pm

Virtual TEAMS meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Mrs. Sofia Starr (Principal)

Mrs. J. Pomirko (Teaching Rep)

Ms. Anita Bocij (Non-teaching rep)

Gerry Bergin

Andrea Carvalho

Diane Carvalho

Boris Cindric

Ciara DeJong

Catharine Duncan

Melanie Forsch

Tina Forte

Laurie McDougald

Carmelina Meraw

Julie Romanow

Sawsan Selwyn

Jackie Thorn

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mrs. Sofia Starr.

1. Welcome and Thank You and Introductions:

- Mrs. Sofia Starr welcomed all new and returning council members and thanked everyone for volunteering.
- Introductions: Carm: 2 daughters gr 1 and gr 3; loves the Buffalo Bills
 - Melanie: from Chile; 2 girls gr 4 and gr2
 - Cath: Lucas in SK

- Sawsan: gr 4 Alexander, gr 7 (at St. Andrew's in gifted program); lived in Clearview area many years, youngest brother attended St. Luke and was taught by Ms. Leahy
- Gerry: on council few years; Declan gr 8 and Abby gr 6
- Diane: on council in past; Toronto Maple Leafs fan
- Julie: 2 boys Cole JK and Chase gr 1; on council few years ago; recovering from surgery that she had earlier that day (total trooper)
- Jackie: Matthew gr 5, 2 older at STA; on council for few years, lunch supervisor, helper in office and kindergarten class
- Andrea: council for few years; have gr 6 and gr 9 and gr 12 at STA
- Laurie: Evelyn in gr 2 and Henry gr 4
- Boris: Catherine gr 5– on council for few years
- Ciara: oldest gr 11–on council 12 years; looking forward to fun year
- Tina: gr 3 Eliana and boys gr 9 and gr 11; council for few years; Blue Jays fan
- Jill Pomirko–SERT; CFL fan
- Anita – Educational Assistant

2. Council Prayer and Honouring the Lands–both said by Mrs. Sofia Starr

3. Council Calendar– Mrs. Sofia Starr

Future dates: Tues Nov 9– 6:30–8pm

Thurs Jan 13– 6:30–8pm

Thurs Feb 24– 6:30–8pm

Thurs Mar 24– 6:30–8pm

Thurs May 19– 6:30–8pm

All virtual meetings for now. Dates may change.

4. Review of Council Roles and Assignments 2021–2022–Mrs. Sofia Starr

Chair: Gerry

Co–Chair: Ciara

Secretary: Cathy

Parish Rep: Tina with help from Melanie

Safety rep: Jackie and Boris

Community Rep: Laurie with help from Jackie and Diane

OAPCE: Diane

CPIC: Gerry

SEAC (special education): Julie

If you are on council with no role– **you can still vote**, you are known as member at large.

5. Principal's Report–Mrs. Sofia Starr

Welcome back– instead of in the gym, Mrs. Sofia Starr visited each class

Fire drills completed and lockdown drills to be done in few weeks

Virtual curriculum night–successful

Truth and Reconciliation week– went well with student participation

Fun Fit Fridays– good feedback from students, nice to get outside and play with friends and classmates; at end all received stickers “ all children belong in our Catholic school” showing inclusion

Sacraments:: Sat Oct 2 First Communion– school represented by teachers (Mrs. Sofia Starr had own daughter's confirmation); Tues Oct 5– Confirmation– Mrs. Pomirko and Mr. Saturno will be present

Food drive– 2 weeks

CYC– Mrs. Paul running program for gr 5 girls. Due to covid/cohorts, may expand later,

Photo Day–October 20– say cheese

Academic

Kids in good spirits

Math Up continues

Mental health awareness

Rotary with gr 7 and 8– teachers will move, music in gym

6. Creative Playgrounds/Outside Zones/Pizza Days/Opening Exercises

Facility Managers at Board covering cost for refreshing paint on playground games and adding new ones. Approx \$2000

Zones: kids switching monthly the zones to allow all classes to have use of basketball nets. Also use of field (weather permitting)

Pizza Days: directive from Board that can restart after Thanksgiving

On Wednesdays; 4 brothers to support local business; needing parent volunteers to help handout pizzas. Mrs. Sofia Starr to send out forms to get some parent volunteers–need at least 4

Nancy Guzzo volunteered, Carm but only biweekly

Idea brought up about having gr 8 help with senior grades. Mrs. Sofia Starr will look further into this option

Opening Exercises: Our Father and Land Acknowledgement

Impactful prayers each morning along with announcements every day

Staff Expectation: Prayer after announcement

Prayer before lunch and after lunch and end of day.

7. PRO Grant: Mrs. Sofia Starr will send info to Chair and Co chair

8. Budget update:

Fundraising/pizza/milk/donations– have leftover from last year \$3535.99

Hopefully the fundraiser at Halloween is good

9. Halloween Fundraiser– Friday October 29

–last year net profit \$6271

–would send out flyer/info sheet but no actual prizes yet

– having it in the gym– can decorate it

– possible student DJ or volunteer DJ

Tina asked if she could get access to store room to see what decorations were there and take pictures to organize what needs to be bought.

Mrs. Sofia Starr agreed that was good idea. “Any volunteers would need to show Principal proof of double vaccination or negative Covid-19 test results within 48 hours of volunteering.”

Dance–a Thon volunteers: Tina (committee head)

Ciara, Boris, Nancy, Diane, Melanie, Sawson, Gerry, Cathy, Laurie, Carm

The Criminal Record form also has to be completed before entry into school. Mrs. Sofia Starr will have Mrs. Rosati send it out.

9. Question asked about **field trips**: all trips on hold for now

Sports/extracurriculars:

Will open with INTRAmural sports for gr 7 and 8 (possibly add gr 6 due to small school)

Goal is to have sports in school this year but to go slow

The Board will decide on INTERschool sports

Clubs– due to cohorts/classes– unable to do much yet but looking into what they can do. Mrs. Paul will start with gr 5 girls.

Fun fit Fri was great and may do more

Want kids out and having fun and being more physical rather than sedentary

Other Business:

Laurie: Do you know the teachers vaccination status? Esp with supply teachers who go to many schools.

Mrs. Sofia Starr: Confidentiality is essential. Important to refrain about guessing or talking about who it may be when a case is identified.

Tina: So how do you know if your staff is vaxxed or not?

Mrs. Sofia Starr: The Board takes care of its employees. My responsibility is to the visitors in the school.

Nancy: provided Board directive that said all employee would submit status. If unvaxxed then they must submit negative rapid test on Sun evening and Wed to Board.

Mrs. Sofia Starr: I get my directives from the Board and any cases in the school, I receive emails from Public Health which I resend directly to you/parents.

Cathy: As manager at Oak Traf Hosp– there's privacy with health status

- Personal decision re: vaccination
- Need to trust that the info/people are being taken care of through correct channels

Mrs. Sofia Starr: The goal is to keep kids in school. Caution approach by Board and she'd rather be criticized for being overly cautious than the opposite

Please feel free to email me with concerns and phone calls are always nice too.

Upcoming meetings: Send Gerry and Ciara agenda items ahead of the meeting so they can resend them out to all members in advance of meeting.

Closing Prayer: Mrs. Sofia Starr –Our Father

Adjournment. Next meeting: Tuesday November 9 and 6:30pm.

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