

**St. Luke School Council Meeting**  
**February 24, 2021**

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom – Virtual

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Linus O’Neill, Steve Stesky, Michelle De Marco, Lisa Acri, Karolyn Zuccarelli, Nicole Gervais, Tricia Leone, Anne-Marie Tennant, Carolyn Cardoza, Michelle Nella, Alyson Seier, Ana Marcela Purnis, Annette Giacomo-Donato, Anna Zielinski, Jessica Fiore

**Council Executives**

Linus O’Neill - Principal

Steve Stesky - Vice Principal

Michelle De Marco – Chair

Lisa Acri – Treasurer

Karolyn Zuccarelli – Secretary

Michelle Nella - Ontario Association for Parents and Catholic Education Representative (O.A.P.C.E)

**Voting Members**

Jessica Fiore, Ana Marcela Purnis, Anne-Marie Tennant, Leanne Hickman, Tricia Leone, Alyson Seier

**1. Chair report**

*Delivered by De Marco, M.,*

- led opening prayer
- took attendance
- Motion to approve minutes from October 7 meeting
  - Lisa A. seconded
  - All in favour
  - Passed

**2. Principal Report**

*Delivered by O’Neill, L.,*

- Reviewing Covid protocols
- Thanked parents for support
- Students are following protocols very well (washing hands, physical distancing)
- Additional bus added to bus runs to facilitate further physical distancing
- Staggered dismissal has worked out well
- \$2000 set aside for Scientists in the School
  - Program has gone well

- Hybrid learning items purchased: webcam, tripod, speakers, headset
- FDK registration has started
- Spirit Week celebrating St. Patricks Day will be held
- Question from parent: what is the policy for students playing outside during recess?
  - If students are in close proximity, then they wear masks outside. If they are 6-8 feet apart outside, then students can take a mask break
- Students can bring own basketballs to school
- Parent question around grade 8 and graduation
  - The board is preparing a policy to be consistent across all schools
- Parent question around donations of board games and books
  - Donations not being accepted at this time

### **3. Treasurer report**

*Delivered by Aciri, L.,*

- Scientists in the school (virtual)
- School agendas (payment to be reflected)
- Classroom support (\$200 for teachers)
- Smartboard provided for one classroom
- Funds earmarked for Chromebooks, coding
- Balance reviewed and can carry over to next year
- Fundraisers and pizza days on hold for now

### **4. Teacher update**

*Delivered by Gervais, N.,*

- Thanked parents for continued support throughout virtual learning
- PD sessions occurring for staff
- Pink shirt day celebrated by staff and students
- Looking into coding initiatives
- Thanked council for teacher supply classroom funds
- Dairy Association presentations have gone well
- Items to possibly purchase for coding initiative
  - A kit geared for primary grades
  - A board-sanctioned company to do an hour of code in the classroom
- Parent question about programs to support students to develop skillset to learn online

### **5. Committee Update**

*Delivered by Nella, M.,*

- The Coding Initiative (Hour of Code)
- The company uses code.org and Scratch

### **6. Trustee Report**

*Delivered by Hobin, S.,*

- Second half of federal funds received

- Provincial funds allocated based on enrolment
- 50 million for ventilation
- Hepafilters updated, HVAC systems updated
- In schools without air conditioners, air scrubbers will be installed
- 80 million given for devices
  - For example, updated Chromebooks for staff and additional devices for students at home
- 62 million for learning gaps (math and special education)
- 33 million given for expanded testing (5 % of schools every week)
- Rapid testing to be done by vendors and Peel Public Health
- 65 nurses deployed to Peel health (used for testing and outbreaks)
- 10 million into mental health
- Funds given for equity initiatives
- Graduations – a committee has been formed. Ideas and suggestions will be given to Peel Health and will then receive guidance
- Masking – very concerned about variants
- EQAO testing cancelled for this year
- Parent question around testing: will St. Luke be identified as a testing location
- Parent question around Social Worker funds/allocation – is it possible to incorporate meditation sessions/program for students
- Teachers have been moved up to tier two as frontline workers
- Discussed summer programming for primary and secondary students
- Parent suggestion: laughter yoga
- Parent question: April Break around Easter and concerns around people congregating during this time
- Parent question around EQAO during 2022 and learning gaps because of COVID
- Parent question around grade 7 vaccinations
- Parent question around hybrid learning and supply teachers
  - Response: hybrid is most likely here to stay. One reason is to reduce reorganization
  - Shortage of supply teachers across the province
  - Concerns around hybrid learners dropping in and out of virtual sessions
- Parent question regarding grade 8 graduation – when will the results of the survey be available
  - Want to ensure enough time is given to prepare
  - Possible input from school council chairs as well

## 7. **Updates/Open items:**

*Delivered by De Marco, M.*

- Parent question regarding confirmation: what are the number of students receiving this sacrament
- Thanked everyone for attending council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
- Next meeting: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

