St. Luke Catholic School

Rooted in Christ

School Council Meeting
Monday May 12th, 2025

Welcome

Prayer

Land acknowledgement: Land Acknowledgement

Introductions
Attendees: Pamela Gravelle, Angela Marple, Amy Williamson, Shelby Mistecki, Meghan Ferguson, Erin Crawley, Melissa Orr-Langner, Laura Tuninga, Alicia Hight, Brenda Watmough, Ewa Komar, Carrie Knysh

Teacher Corner: Angela Marple - Music

- Students exploring all the different instruments STL has to offer.
- Bells have been popular - considering bringing into grade 3 as well but will definitely continue on with the new grade 4-6.
- Guitars - a great collection of guitars, not much for the littler grades. ⅞ guitar club has started (some with acoustic and some with electric. Amps are needed if we can find some being donated.
- After reviewing the assurance survey, it was noticed that Drama/theatre has been an interest in students and parents. It has been introduced slowly as its not Mrs.Marples specialty. Exploring some musical theatre aspects for next year.
- Exciting oppurtunities for next year as an EXTRACURRICULAR- STL has been asked to participate in the Norman Foote concert at Festival Place. He is a Canadian artist (think Fred Penner or Raffi). He does a halloween howl in October and the students have been asked to come in costume and be his backup singers for the performance to the community, alongside the ⅝ from OLPH. For STL students, it will be opened up similar to choir. You can choose to participate or not. Norman will be coming to practice at STL several times with the kids over lunch hour.
- Looking at building a music wall outside. Would like to utilize the fence along the roof that faces down into the park. Opportunity for the kids to play in a new way at recess. Recycled materials to be used. No promises for next year but Mrs. Marple will be working on it.
- Connections and chatting with Nevada Mose (music director @ABJ). Talked about ways to bring her in as a guest or bring in some of her musicians to come and chat with our students. Letting the older students know that there are options for music and fine arts once they hit high school.
- Making those ABJ connections for the students.

SCHOOL & LEADERSHIP REPORT - Mme. Pamela Gravelle

Thank-you!!
Shelby for organizing all the reports for meetings

- Parents - For the…
    - Dance - great to see jr.high kids attending. Great outfits!
    - Carrying banner - 3 or 4 new families getting tours!
    - SCL Market - huge success for the SCL greenhouse fundraiser. Excellent boost for STL sales.
    - Promoting the school -
- Hastings Lake Greenhouse for the…
    - Pots out front - our responsibility to maintain.
    - Beautifying the front - by the PK-4 entrance.
    - $100 budget for planters has been switched over to Hastings lake Gardens to support our student families as they are a current connection with STL.
    - Would be great to have a field trip to Hastings Lake Greenhouse (HLG)
- South Cooking Lake Greenhouse for the…
    - Fundraiser & support

Faith Formation

- Adoration coming next week; we will speak to it at our GIFT assembly this Thursday and have Adoration mass next week - all families are welcome to attend. It's a special and unique opportunity to be in the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.
- Family friendly - the idea is to have a place(chapel) where kids can come and not necessarily be quiet but still do their thing while being present with Jesus.

Learners & Learning

Shifting focus to talk about what the kids want and what the staff have the ability to offer. Having some solid conversations this year about what can be offered next year. A small school with small staff its difficult to offer everything that a larger school has to offer. We will still do amazing things. It will be looked at as a 5-8 group as it will be offered as a "middle school" opportunity. It may not be in the capacity that they are envisioning but maybe we can do something to bring some of these ideas to life.

- CTF (career and technology) Courses and Diverse Learning for our 5-8s - Process and Update
    - Surveyed/asked students. Grade 7&8 voices shared:
    - possibility of mixing 5/6 with 7/8 to open up two teachers for different classes.
        - Music - especially the guitars
        - cosmetology (specifically hair and makeup)
        - sewing/fashion
        - Fine Arts - Focus on Technique, different materials, and not just follow tutorials.
        - More Sport options - field trips as well
        - Mechanics (there is an understanding that this is not something we have the capacity for at this time)
        - Film Studies
        - Woodworking/Carpentry (Same as mechanics)

- Staff ideas:
    - Bringing in guests/parents/experts to demonstrate
    - Bus driver & bus cost
    - Having a parent/staff with the ability to drive a school bus, as Maddy did with ⅞ class for one of their field trips.

Budget information:

- Budget: Schools are funded based on the following class sizes. Class sizes above this threshold add flexibility to the school's operating budget, below, it depletes the budget. Our school budget must pay for: staff salaries, replacements for staff, professional learning so staff grow in their craft, furniture & equipment, subscription and resources, repairs, advertising - to name a few.
    - 19 is break even for Grades K-4
    - 24 break even for Grades 5-8

- Current registration grade #s
    - PreK - Up to 6 (3 registered for here, but their programming will be PUF at MCS)
    - Kindergarten: 16 (8 new families) -3
    - Grade 1: 16 (2 new families) -3
    - Grade 2: 9 (1 new family) -10
    - Grade 3: 18 -1
    - Grade 4: 16 -3
    - Grade 5: 19 -5
    - Grade 6: 11 -13
    - Grade 7: 12 (1 new family) -12
    - Grade 8: 10 -14 **Total -64**
    - PreK & K Nature Extension Program = currently 9 people interested need 13 to break even and possibly run it **Lisa Baker and I have had lots of collaborative discussions about mutually beneficial directions. She is supportive of where we're going, and it's most cost effective for families because of the change in funding (grant or subsidy)
- 2025-2026 St. Luke Teaching Team
    - Our St. Luke Team along with consultants and EICS Senior Administration are working collaboratively to review and organize class configurations for best learning contexts. They are not yet finalized, and neither is who is teaching what. However, our STL team next year is set.
    - PreK - TBD
    - Elementary: K-4 Team:
        - Aiden Ritcey - Welcome!
        - Katie Winnick
        - Sam Boehm
        - Angela Marple
        - Andrea Kroeker
        - Monique Jean-Burns
    - Middle School: 5-8 Team:
        - Andrea Kroeker
        - Andria Diduck
        - Braeden Lik - Welcome!
        - Angela Marple

    - Principal - Pamela Gravelle
    - Support Staff TBA
- Exciting Partnerships:
    - Grade 5-8 @ SCL Airport May 30th
        - kids will have an opportunity to go to the airport .

    - Beaver Hills Watershed Stewardship Society (BHWSS) is working with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) for a Hastings Lake Shoreline Restoration project and St. Luke was approached to help as they heard about our Nature programming! Our Grade 4s are headed there on June 5 to clean up the shorelines and plant some trees.
    - Mrs. Marple and Mrs. Kroeker have signed up for skills alberta where they send you boxes (try a trade).
    - tools and equipment can be donated. Carrie has offered to donate some.

Wellness

- Tree & Forest Play Tuesdays and Thursdays
    - Success
- This week's Underground Spirit Week
    - Shhh, it's a surprise!
- Picnic Tuesdays (whole school)
    - Response to having students all eat together
    - bringing the whole school together to eat.
    - looking for some picnic blankets
- Water System Update and Garden
    - We experienced some issues with the old water tank as there were some structural issues. A decision has not been made as to the solution. A temporary fix for us to have water has been made. Hauling water is necessary with the temporary fix.
- Nutrition Grant - down $10 000
    - highest grant with the smallest population.
    - It's important for these students to have a morning snack after a long bus ride.
    - revamping the program
    - pulling away from the nutrition program funding other events (shrove tues, hot lunch) for students and focusing on morning snacks.
    - look for other grants to top up our losses IF they can be applied while already having a grant.

Community Engagement

- Volunteer Appreciation - May 23 - we are organizing something special to say thanks!
- Track Meet - Parent volunteers needed to help Miss Diduck May 27.
- Conversation was had with Father Jim in regards to moving the OLPH mass earlier to accommodate our Advent Concert earlier. To be finalized at a later date but there is an openness to have masses moved a little bit.

- REAL Foundation Golf tournament - They fund our Grade 4 Bibles and Face to Face Ministries and much more! Thank you in advance for your support!

⇨ **Real Foundation Golf Tournament**

Invitation to participate, donate/sponsor: REAL Foundation Golf Tournament :The REAL (Religious Education Activities for Life) Foundation is once again asking for your support for our 22nd annual golf tournament on Wednesday May 21, 2025 at the Broadmoor Golf Course. This tournament raises funds to support Catholic education in the Elk Island Catholic Schools. These funds enable students to be inspired by Catholic speakers, attend faith-based retreats and leadership activities along with the goal of providing student scholarships in our high schools and parishes. This strengthens the Catholic education of Elk Island Catholic School students from kindergarten to Grade 12 in Strathcona County, Fort Saskatchewan, Camrose and Vegreville. - see poster below

1. The Golf Tournament is their only fundraiser
2. Do you know of companies who would be interested to participate/partner/sponsor?
3. At St. Luke, they have paid for: Face to Face Ministries in January, Grade 4 Bibles, Face to Face Ministries Retreat and they support Staff Professional Learning days

Discussion and Ideas:

1. Will class configurations be ready to view by the next meeting?
   It would be a goal for sure, the sooner the better for students, staff and parents.
2. Have more next year intention forms come in?
   Some families have not but staff is urging parents to fill out for planning.
3. Could SCL airport be a mechanic outlet for the 5-8?
   It is a liability for them to work on actual things. Maybe they have some "junkyard" things that the kids could work on or learn about.
4. Can we pull from our parent community "knowledge" in regards to having them come in and teach an option. ie. a hairstylist parent or mechanic parent?
   We have a great diverse parent group and we can look into that.
5. TUSC program - a tool to pursue their interests.
   Carrie has personal experience and her boys had great benefits.
6. Could a young entrepreneurs event be something we could incorporate?
   Kids build a business plan and product or service and try to sell it.
7. Nothing has been done to the area where the portable used to be, the ask was for grass. Has it been just forgotten? Mme. Gravelle will ask the question to the appropriate person.

8. Would it be appropriate to do a call out for monetary donations to support a breakfast program? Mme. Gravelle to look into. Do we need more after pulling back from other events funded by the grant?

2025 MEETING DATES

Final Meeting: June 9th, 2025 @ 5pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:14pm