

St. Luke School CSCC Meeting Minutes
April 21st 2026, 6:30pm
St. Luke School Library

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order @ 6:30 p.m.
2. Welcome Council and Guests
 - In attendance: Chad, Breanne, Alyssa, Kady, Janet, Janel, Kristin, Principal Lord, Vice-principal Pek, Andrea Long, Melanie
 - Regrets: Kenekukwu, Rebecca, Amanda, Elizabeth
3. Opening Prayers: Led by Vice-Principal Pek
4. Old Business
 - **Oven update**
 - The oven has been installed in the kitchen and seems to be working great. Melanie tested it out for cookies, works great
5. Other Reports
 - **Easter Basket Raffle-** Melanie
 - Just from the 3-way conferences- \$1840 was raised. Update from Principal Lord after the meeting was that \$2269.50 was raised in total
 - Charity vote
 - Survey was sent out by email to CSCC members/volunteers and the top two charities that were voted for were 55% fellow school and 38% saskatoon food bank
 - Suggestion for school was made by Principal Lord. Principal Steve Cole at St. Micheal's school may be a good option. The school recently lost their funding through Tim Hortons to go on their annual field trip. Tim Hortons changed their policy and now only students from the Calgary area can go. They are trying to do an alternative option which requires \$2400 and would appreciate the extra money as they still require \$800 to go
 - **Bingo Night – SLGA grant update**
 - Melanie stated that there was an error in the submission, so she has requested a new case leader to see what's going on. She has requested the same case leader as last year as we submitted the same information as last year, but it was rejected this year
6. Upcoming Fundraisers Updates
 - **Healthy Hunger-** Amanda not in attendance but doesn't look like there is anything new to report

- Principal Lord shared that the Swim date for the school will be June 17th which is a Wednesday
- **Action Item:** Melanie will let Amanda know the swim day date so that she can book the Healthy Hunger lunch
- Principal Lord has completed the budget transfer for a total of \$483 for the Prairie Grazer lunch that was done for the grade 8 fundraising
- **Grade 8 Fundraising**
 - Earth day- doing a bottle drive at the school. They had planned to also do a neighborhood bottle drive which was cancelled due to low participation rates. The bottle drives will end at the end of April
 - A second Prairie Grazer lunch is planned for the end of May
 - They may also do an ice cream sandwich sale but will reach out to Principal Lord to coordinate the date.
 - Unfortunately, they have been forced to cancel the grade 8 camping trip through Camp Kadesh. There was a policy change made at Camp Kadesh which led to them losing a lot of their staffing. There was concern about the safety of the kids with new staff and/or possibly not enough staff. To not lose more money, it was decided that it would be cancelled.
 - Instead of going camping, they will look at doing what they did a few years ago during COVID. The grade 8's are going to pick all their favorite activities, and they will book as many as possible. Shekinah camp is already booked which has all the same activities as Camp Kadesh.
 - With camp cancellation the question was asked if they would be losing the deposit. Principal Lord clarified that they lost the \$850 deposit, which will not come out of the fundraised money but will be covered through the reserve fund
 - One of the parents noted that a lot of the kids were unfazed by the camping trip cancellation, and seems like the parents may be more disappointed. For some families, they may already be doing a lot of camping/activities in the summer as well as for new coming families, some might not have frame of reference as to what the camping trip is.
 - Suggested that for next year, it may be time to come up with a new tradition for the Grade 8's
- **Grade 4 Batoche Trip-**
 - Busing for Batoche is now over double with a chartered bus from what it used to cost. It has been decided that instead of taking a chartered bus, the Grade 4's will be taking a yellow Hertz bus. The cost difference is significant (almost 4 times more to take the chartered bus).
 - Vice- Principal Pek reached out to Melanie about doing a donation to another school with the extra money fundraised for Batoche so an additional Grade 4 class would be able to go.
 - **Action Item:** Principal Lord is going to look into a school to donate the additional fundraised money from the Grade 4 bake sale so another Grade 4 class within the school region can do a Batoche trip

- The committee has met five times where they do a review of the last two weeks, then discuss plans for the next two weeks. It has been going fabulously- the pottery the kids have come up with has been great and the kids have loved it, even the non-artist kids are fully immersed in it. Therapeutic side of art has been a great experience throughout the school. They will be doing print making next
- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition** City-wide – one of our students won in his age level!
- **Traditional Knowledge Keeper** – Nancy Greyeyes visited the school for two days as part of the work with the artist in residence. She talked about making leather from elk hides, as we prepare for kids participating in this in May.
- **Smudging next week** – consent forms sent out. Will help to broaden student's horizons which will be part of the treaty raising flag. Unsure what will be the plan for the kids who are not participating. Falynn Baptiste came to speak about it and that it is a form of prayer with smoke being a way to cleanse and offer a prayer up, will be happening on April 30th

Looking Ahead:

April 21 – Gr 7 Band will participate in the Saskatoon Music Festival ending up pulling out. FNMI consultant Falynn Baptist to speak about smudging in Indigenous cultures.

April 22 – Rob Malo will be running workshops with our French immersion classes. French cultural presentation with fur trading, French music workshops, and the whole school will go to the big finale presentation in the gym at the end

April 23 – Student Retreat/Hot Lunch – pulse is coming- Mason will run workshops with the kids- resources to use in classroom if not in the retreat- created 2.5 hours of lessons-

April 27 – Gr 6 Immunizations

April 30 – School-wide smudging. We have sent out parent permission forms about this.

May 4 – 8 – Mental Health Week- school division has asked every school to make a plan for mental health week. Staff has come up with a good plan and Shelly will help take care of it

May 8 - PLD

Learning Goals – We will have three main learning goals this year:

1. Literacy goal – By June 2026, 80% of all Gr 1-8 students (except students with IIPs or EAL) will be at or above grade level in reading.
2. Staff Faith Formation – we will be using a series of videos called Search, that come with guiding questions throughout the year.
3. Social Emotional Learning in the Classroom – this is our major focus for the year. Staff will be doing a book study, using the book “Body and Brain Brilliance.” This is a workbook for staff to further their own knowledge, but it also comes with units for primary students and middle year students. We also plan to introduce land-based education (one unit) as studies show that getting outside in nature is beneficial to mental wellness.
4. We also plan to raise the Treaty 6 Flag in our gym in June (may 29th in morning then finale art exhibit in the afternoon- details to follow . Teachers will be teaching their Treaty Unit. We are working with our FNMI consultant to plan.

8. School Wish List

- **School-wide retreat** – we will be asking the GSCS Foundation for a grant but if we bring in a company to lead the retreat, they often cost around \$1400.

- **Gr 8 Farewell Photos** – the price has increased to \$16.65 including tax. We currently have 41 Gr 8 students.

9. New Business

- **Book Fair**
 - Opportunity to do a June bookfair through Scholastic. Hasn't been done before at St. Luke since Principal Lord has been at the school. Library is closed in June anyways so will be nice for the kids and would not be interrupting much if setting up a book fair
 - The fair will be run during the day- would be a one-day event and would need some parent volunteers.
 - A question was asked if it could be tied in with the Saskatoon Library Summer reading program? Principal Lord wasn't sure if that was possible. Melanie will reach out to Principal Lord to help organize some volunteers if needed.
- **GSCS Trustee Meeting-**
 - The meeting will be on May 20th at BJM school where they will be sharing a bit of the budget.
 - **Action Item:** If anyone is interested in attending the next CSCS Trustee Meeting on May 20th, please let Alyssa or Melanie know by email
- **BBQ grill set up**
 - Setting it up now that it is nicer weather as needed to clear out the area a bit to make room.
 - **Action Item:** Alyssa or Kristin will try to arrange for the BBQ to be set up in the next month
- **Indoor recess criteria**
 - What is defined as severe weather? If there is a variance of more than 10 degrees with the wind chill, this may fit the criteria to have indoor recess as the kids are not having any fun outside when it is super windy out (happened last week for one morning recess). Polar bear club is only run at lunch time if colder than -25 Celsius.
- **Saskatoon Public Library Lego Mosaic**
 - Running events at 4 different libraries within Saskatoon
 - Asked the libraries if there is opportunity to bring to the school, or if they could have the opportunity for the kids to go to the school. It is done by an outside consultant so it would require a formal request. Maybe something the grade 8 kids could do instead of the field trip
 - **Action Item:** Principal Lord will speak to the teachers and see if there is any interest in participating in the Library Lego Mosaic as a field trip

11. Next Meeting Date

- Thursday May 21st, 2026 at 6:30pm

12. Adjourn @ 7:20 pm