

**Saint Lawrence Catholic School
PTO February Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

1. Prayer

- Alexis McKenzie

2. Introduction of Officers

- President -Alexis McKenzie
- Vice President – Madi Haisha
- Treasurer – Sarah Grincewicz
- Secretary – Leann Munaco
- St. Lawrence Administration – Mrs. DiMercurio and Mr. Barker
- Teacher Representatives –Julie Tsatsos, Julia Rider, Diane Coste

3. Principal's Report

- March is reading month, starting 3/1/23. The theme is “reading is sweet!”
- There will be a spring concert for the 3rd and 4th graders. The date is 3/23/23.
- There is a play as well, Willie Wonka Jr. Performances will be on 5/19/23 and 5/20/23.
- Stations of the Cross is going on during Lent.
- Will have a Lent Service Project. See below.
- Start reports going out in the students' folders at the end of the week. One more will be done at the end of the school year.
- STL Gala is on 4/21/23. The theme is Hawaiian/Luau. That is a half day of school for students. There will be information going out about purchasing a dress down week for students to help fund the gala.
- No school dates: 3/13/23 (Professional Development for teachers/staff), 3/31/23 (Record's Day)
- No buses on 3/24/23.
- Future dates 2023-2024 school year
 - i. 8/28/23 – First day of school
 - ii. Full week off for winter break (President's week)
 - iii. Spring break will be AFTER Easter 2024

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- iv. 6/5/24 – Last day of school
- 4. Committee Chairs and Reports
 - Box Tops – Katherine Lucas – Deferred.
 - Christian Services – Rachel Zapczynski
 - i. Lenten Service Project – email sent out to families for donations needed. Items are also listed on school Facebook and STL website.
 - Shoppe – Sophia Martinez and Concetta Michael – Deferred.
 - Field Day/Fun Run – Mia Kozak and Laurie Zacharevich
 - i. Official date is May 23, 2023
 - Fundraising – Alexis McKenzie
 - i. Deneweth’s Greenhouse – more information to come.
 - Room Parent – Jill Tocco – Deferred
 - SCRIP – Christa Lass – No update
 - Student Enrichment – Madi Haisha and Rina Adam
 - i. Magic Carpet Theatre – went well. Everyone enjoyed the performances.
 - ii. Wildlife Safari – tentative dates are 5/9/23 – 5/10/23
 - iii. There will be a talent show on 5/11/23. More information coming home with students soon.
 - Parent/Teacher Enrichment – Rena Davis
 - Trunk or Treat – Alexis McKenzie and Madi Haisha
 - i. Will be more information in the fall 2023.
- 5. New Business
 - Playground Rehabilitation – Looking at adding more swings for the young students. Also looking to replace the basketball nets, at least 2/3 to be replaced. Looking into replacing the mulch as well. Will be considering a fundraiser to help fund.
- 6. Treasurer’s Report

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- Do not have updated number from February currently. Budget was approved and we are well within the working budget. Looking to use the additional funds for the playground rehabilitation.

7. Open Discussion

- Q: Are there plans for an end of the year event for kindergarten?
- A: There has been a picnic the last couple of years for the students and their parents. There are no plans for a graduation event currently.
- Q: For new enrollment, are there any plans to change the timing of preschool to have it mirror the school day?
- A: Not currently because of the number of students and the size of campus and safety concerns.
- Q: Any considering having preschool students attend latchkey?
- A: Not currently due to licensing.
- Q: Is admission into preschool first come, first serve?
- A: Yes. In school families have priority, then it goes by first come first serve. Nursery school emails to go out in the next 1-2 days.
- Q: What is the number of kids enrolled currently at STL?
- A: 983 students currently. Capacity is 1065. Class sizes are kindergarten 25 students/class, first through third grade is 27 students/class and forth is 25 students/class currently with a max of 27 students/class. There are aides in the classroom up through third grade. Kindergarten has full times aides/class.
- Q: Will all the kids fit in the auditorium?
- A: Yes. All the numbers above include preschool and nursery school. Those classes do not participate in assemblies, etc. in the auditorium.
- Q: Are parents allowed to attend mass on Wednesday?
- A: Only if the class is hosting. Never for all school mass.
- Q: Will they offer gym as a special all year for all classes?

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- A: Rotating schedules. There are 6 specials offered and only 5 days/week, so therefore there are more specials than days of the week. Looking at adding additional specials teachers next year. Specials teachers are hired through Avondale Community Schools. The state removed Media Center, which is while it was removed from the special offerings at STL. Specials currently include gym, art, music, health and Spanish.
- Q: Will it always be through Avondale?
- A: Avondale has the best working relationship with STL.
- Q: Has the financial reports been released from the Parish?
- A: Will get more information from the parish to answer this question.
- Q: Any other companies available for the book fair other than Scholastic?
- A: The librarian, Mrs. Thomas, has investigated multiple other different companies, but unfortunately they do not offer in person shopping options. The books were screened by parents prior to the fair. Only books that are appropriate for Catholic teaching will be available to purchase. Will continue to investigate other companies as that information becomes available.

8. Adjournment

- Next meeting 3/21/23 at 6:30 PM

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