

## **Parent Council Minutes for Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

Present: Jim Seutter, Darlene Janzen, Francis Poole, Jaime Peters, Andrea Breitzkreuz, Adrienne Drebert, Elaine Reed, Leah Schmidt, Raelyn Mellick, Devon Marshall, Aileen Bozic, Gillian Orquia, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Heidi Peters

Absent: Sarah Dyck, Shannon Anderson

Guests: Heather Lewis, Leah Unrau, Jeremy Teeuwsen

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Devotional – Devon

Motion to accept previous minutes by Raelyn and seconded by Aileen, approved by all.

Motion to accept February minutes by Aileen, seconded by Raelyn, approved by all.

### **Reporting:**

- 1) Budget – Leah
  - a) Operating Budget: \$19,761.18
    - i) Flight Fund: \$4,134.93
    - ii) Outstanding checks close to \$2,500
    - iii) Access to council: \$13,000
- 2) COSC
  - a) Teachers going on google meet
  - b) Report card won't look the same
- 3) Board Report
  - a) Distance learning in place
  - b) Funding returned from busing budget
  - c) Over 300 EIPS layed off
  - d) Over \$7M less from this year, if we're able to get back to normal
  - e) Bus fees to increase, not sure what that will look like with physical distance requirements
  - f) School year to officially end on June 19
  - g) Try to do grade 12 graduations with all restrictions needed
  - h) Having meetings about how school might reconvene (as normal, part-time or go back to distance learning) all things seem to be possible, could even be changes throughout the year. Alberta Ed will be the one to make the decision, look for an announcement in a few weeks.
  - i) School closure for Andrew, only 10 students enrolled

### **Action Items:**

- 1) Council Members
  - a) Potential members: Leah Unrau, Heather Lewis
  - b) Exiting members: Adrienne Drebert
  - c) Renewed terms: Heidi Peters and Kimberly Teeuwsen

- 2) Budget Updates
  - a) No puff funding or supports per student funding grant
  - b) SCA Elementary needs to find \$346,000
  - c) Less teacher time, less EA time, less counselling, less supplies/materials, more teaching required from APs, more supervision time.
  - d) Looks very possible for a partial re-entry
  - e) Budget has not been worse. We are in survival mode.
  - f) Potential to be involved with re-entry roll-out at EIPS
- 3) Staffing Update
  - a) Staffing: lose 2-2.5 teachers, lose 6 classified staff
  - b) Every single part-time staff member will be cut-back next year
  - c) SCA Society fees (\$17,000) cover an AP to receive a stipend to cover off time to help with SCA Society work.
- 4) Extra-curricular 2020/21
  - a) No field trips / in class field trips
  - b) No intramurals
  - c) Grade 6 campout: very unlikely in September. Might be able to do something in the spring if we can get on the other side of covid-19.
  - d) Christmas concert off the table, meet the teacher
  - e) Do not want to put out false hope, at this point there will be no extra activities
  - f) Mental health of kids is a great concern to everyone, hoping for a strong re-entry plan from EIPS.
  - g) Kids mental health along with staff health and parent health will be a priority
- 5) Mexico Missions
  - a) Wait and see position. Might be able to keep a distance learning going on.
  - b) Will not be sending or receiving people
  - c) Could look at some local opportunities
- 6) Orange Shirt Day – September 30
  - a) Yes, not sure what it will look like. Do we buy shirts for people or just advertise to wear one kids already have in the newsletter? Leaning to newsletter for the first year.
  - b) Gillian and Devon to explore more
- 7) Playground Update / Ministry Plan
  - a) Submitted the proposal to the SCA Society
  - b) Hoping to keep moving this forward
  - c) Request to use Propco funds
- 8) \$1,000 Covid-19 support
  - a) Unanimous to take some council funds that will not be used and help and encourage families by purchasing Boston Pizza gift cards for them. (previously approved via email)
  - b) Look at doing this again in the fall
- 9) Kleenex
  - a) Push back from EIPS that we cannot have this on the school supply list. Parent Council has approved this expense from our budget and will continue to do so.
  - b) Ordering through Grand & Toy for the coming year

10) Online Learning

- a) Appreciate the hard work everyone is putting in. There have been good and bad days for everyone.
- b) Report cards / assessments email from Sandra Stoddard: will look at the student throughout the whole year.
- c) Looking/hoping for some opportunity to be able to say good-bye properly.

11) Council Chair on SCA Society Board Request

- a) Secondary letter being sent to request council chair SCA Society board
- b) Want the chairs on the SCA Society board as a director (voting power)
- c) Potential for SCA Society member to join our council in the future
- d) Looking to keep the lines of communication open as we go forward, continue to do this verbally as we focus on relationship building

12) SCA Society Rep Jeremy Teeuwsen / Parent Info Document

- a) Jeremy was invited to our meeting to discuss the document prepared by the Secondary Council.
- b) He is preparing a Parent Info Document on behalf of the SCA Society to be sent to all parents.
- c) Jeremy has been working on this document with input from Devon to keep the key of building the relationship at the forefront.
- d) SCA Society looking at capital contributions and rent that comes in from EIPS and includes Secondary rent that comes in from EIPS being applied to church operating.
- e) Document looking at History, square footage items, insurance, rental fees, etc.
- f) Challenge with the document the Secondary School Council has put together is that it excludes the capital payments and maintenance reserve fund.
- g) Rent from the Secondary is applied to church operating. Jeremy would like to set up a meeting between the school councils and SCA Society to make sure everyone is comfortable with the document. Next SCA Society meeting is May 25, hoping final draft could go out to families in June.
- h) The goal of the document is to make things clearer. Nothing being done is inappropriate, but not everyone may agree with it.
- i) Thanks to Jeremy for working so hard with councils and SCA Society Board!
- j) Really excited for the ministry plan and what the future can hold for the school.
- k) Duane will be sending an email and will be looking for people to express interest in joining the SCA Society board
- l) With Jeremy Cook as the SPAC rep and Grace as the Elders rep, there is a lot of good momentum. Thankful for Wayne who got us to where we are right now.

13) Theme for 2020/21

- a) Fruit of the spirit
- b) Goal is for every student, staff member, and council member to know the Big 5 verses

14) Hospitality

- a) Sue Doupe retiring gift card from parent council (previously approved) – Aileen to work with Darlene
- b) Non-returning staff: gift card to staff for those that will not be returning next year. Final number to be confirmed by the end of the year. Motion to approve at least 8 gift cards of \$25 each, made by Gillian, seconded by Kim, approved by all. Aileen to work with Darlene.

15) Parent Ambassador - Raelyn

- a) Raelyn to check with Darlene on the number, roughly 15 new families.

16) Farewell to Members

- a) Adrienne Drebert: Thank you for giving of your time!

17) School Start Up 2020

- a) Write-on stationary has the list for grade 4-6 supplies
- b) Thank-you to the council for your support
- c) Fall will be dire and dramatic
- d) Survive then thrive
- e) We will be joyful people in the fall, there will be times we will be frustrated, but we will choose joy!
- f) Goal of council could be to uplift families and uplift staff

18) Parents in partnership

- a) Food meals prepped before covid-19 hit. Still roughly enough left for two families.
- b) AHS food safety rep told Aileen that because the church is a commercial kitchen and Aileen has taken the food safety course, we could make more meals, following the new restrictions.

**Note:** These minutes were approved via email by all voting council members following the meeting.

**Prayer Requests:**

- 1) Pray for next year, for God to guide us with ways to support all the kids, teachers, and school.
- 2) With regards to extra-curriculars – pray for God to provide a replacement or resolution to the Grade 6 campout.