

Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary School Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 7:15 p.m.

Via Google Meet

Present: Jim Seutter, Leah Schmidt, Heidi Peters, Kimberly and Jeremy Teeuwssen, Raelyn Mellick, Devon Marshall, Elaine Reed, Aileen Bozic, Sarah Dyck, Gillian Orquia, Shannon Anderson, Heather Lewis, Leah Unrau, Darlene Janzen, Jaime Peters, Francis Poole

Devotional: Sarah Dyck

Previous Minutes: Aileen Bozic

Reporting:

Chair

- Approval of Minutes- We discussed changing the word "access" in relation to the money available for council. Motion approved by Heidi Peters and seconded by Raelyn Mellick. Approved by all.
- Reporting to EIPS – Devon Marshall
- Budget/Accounting – Leah Schmidt - No changes. Leah brought up one accounting error and it has been reflected in the budget.
- COSC - Lesley Bowman is the new chair and Devon Marshall is the new vice chair. (We are proud of you Devon!)
- EIPS Trustee Report - \$6.1 million from government and approx. \$3 million of this went out to the schools on a pupil basis. PATs are now optional for first semester. The current priority is academics and athletics comes second until then.

Information Items:

- 1) COVID-19 Update- 6 elementary schools have Covid. SCA is doing well despite all of the constant changes. If kids have symptoms they can't just return to school with a negative test result; Symptoms must be gone as well.
- 2) Enrollment Update- 585 kids in total, 31 online. Some of these online learners are planning on returning in November.
- 3) Terry Fox Run – September 25th
The school raised over \$1,600
- 4) Orange Shirt Day – September 30th
- This was a success and raised awareness.
- 5) Thanksgiving Chapel – October 8th -
Each class had their own chapel and a video was sent out to parents.
- 6) Hot Lunch/Chip Day - This is trending in a good direction. We can proceed as long as parent volunteers are not in the school and meals are self contained. Both can be starting up

soon and conversations about logistics are happening around this.

7) Bright Space - This is our new online learning system. Staff is currently being trained and working hard to learn this. They are in a good place with it if a class needed to go into quarantine. Inservicing would be provided to parents on this, if and when needed. We are encouraged to login to it using our parent portal passwords.

8) Parents in Partnership - We helped 3 new families since our last meeting. We received veggie basket donations and passed them out as well.

9) Society Update -

- Propco meeting on capital is October 20th. This after the elementary meeting and I may not have the update for the 21st, but will try for it.
- SCAS October 26th next meeting, Chairs from the school councils are invited.
- Five areas of focus for the Society this year:
 1. Finance subcommittee: including next steps with fees
 2. Communications:
 - a. engagement of parent councils (standing update for school council meetings)
 - b. regular communications to parents and other stakeholders
 3. Succession planning for principals
 4. Monitoring plan: checking in on the health of the Christian component
 5. Ministry plan: tie in of SCAS ministry and financial plan into SPAC's planning process

Note that the aim will be to have future updates focus on the five areas of focus.

Jeremy also explained the function and purpose of Propco as a property company which owns the school and church buildings for protection legally.

Action Items:

- 1) School Education Plan – Francis Poole- Our 3 goals are currently: Literacy, Numeracy and Missions. This 3rd mission goal will be changed to focusing on building up the community through the pandemic. It

will be refined and sent out to council for approval.

2) Parent/Teacher Interviews – Francis Poole

-2 options discussed: A) Google meet B) Phone call.

The majority of council liked the google meet option with signing up for time slots.

3) New Student Welcome – Leah Unrau - This was very well received by students and parents.

4) Parent Ambassador – Raelyn Mellick and Elaine Reed contacted all the online learning families. New Family Connections - Raelyn also checked in with the families of all the new SCAE students too to see how their first month of school went. Overall these kids are really excited. Some online students wanted more social connections so suggestions were made for parents to connect with other online families through our facebook page. The online curriculum is focused on priority learning outcomes only. Online learners are being connected with other resources such as Raz Kids and Mathletics as well.

5) Hospitality Ambassador – Aileen Bozic - New Staff gift/card - These were sent out. Staff Retirement - Kathy Freeland is retiring after 30 years of service at SCA. A \$200 GC gift was motioned by Shannon and seconded by Elaine Reed. Approved by all.

6) Playground Update – Heidi Peters - Emails will be sent prior to the meeting with Propco on Oct.20th to be sure everything needed is prepared, communication is open and everyone is still on the same page with moving forward with the playground.

7) Bylaws – Devon Marshall - Meeting about this in late Oct. We will be able to give feedback on the changes as a council.

8) Facebook Update – Sarah Dyck - Facebook admin meeting was held to go over rules. On Oct. 1 parents who don't have kids in the school anymore will politely be kicked out. As a council we will be voting in any new admin for the facebook group. Shannon Box was voted in tonight as a facebook admin. Sarah will also be making a post to introduce the council members. She will tag us in the post.

9) Hoodies – Shannon Anderson/Jaime Peters - Proposal and flyer was sent out to council and discussed. Information about ordering hoodies will be sent out in the newsletter, facebook page, parent phone and emails. We will likely use google docs for orders. Payments can be made by cash or cheque only. There will be a sign up time in the gymnasium for parents (and kids) to come and see the sizes prior to ordering. All AHS protocols will be followed and exceed where possible. (Washing of hands, masks, socially distanced, etc) It was 8 for and 1 against for the sizing of the hoodies.

10) Extra point discussed- Aileen Bozic is the new chair on the secondary council. Congrats!

Closing

1) Bible Memory- Heather recited bmv and Leah will recite next meeting.

2) Prayer - Heather

Next meeting: Nov. 18th