

# Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary School



**SCHOOL MISSION:** To challenge students, through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence, and service to others.

**COUNCIL MISSION:** The mission of the SCE School Council, is to honor God in all that we do; and in an advisory capacity, to facilitate and participate in discussions and activities that will enhance students spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, & academic growth and overall well-being of our school community and community at large.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Annual General Meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm**

Via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/vtj-vfvd-ecz> (this link will only work when logged into Chrome with a Google Account)

Present: Jim Seutter , Leah Schmidt, Heidi Peters , Kimberly Teeuwsen, Devon and Ryan Marshall, Elaine Reed, Aileen Bozic, Sarah Dyck, Gillian Orquia, Shannon Anderson, Heather Lewis, Leah Unrau, Janet Vader, Darlene Janzen, Jaime Peters , Francis Poole, Laura Volkman, Jennifer Laurie, Kristin Tymchak, Erin Grynke, Kelly Tebay, Allisen Khajavi, Sandy Rysavy, Jacqueline and Sarah Gericke.

### **All Parents are Welcomed. Scripture by Devon Marshall and prayer by Heidi Peters.**

- Sarah Dyck - A moment of silence to honor of the 215 Children From Kamloops Residential School
- Devon shared school council mission (see above)
- Council member introductions

### **Updated Council Operating Procedures- Devon Marshall**

- Devon explained how our School Council took on the daunting task of updating and transitioning from Bylaws to Operating Procedures and creating a Mission Statement for our School Council. The goal and desire was to ensure the Operating Procedures best reflected & supported what we were hoping to achieve at the School Council table.
- All parents are welcome to be engaged & participate at School Council Meetings.
- Devon summarized how we chose to stick with a Representative Model, and have 9 defined positions with specific responsibilities on Council Executive. The 9 positions are defined in Section 9 (valued the relationships and knowledge that came with consistent, committed parents at the table and hope this creates a place where our parent community can get plugged in specific areas that they are passionate about)
- She explained the difference between being an Executive Member and a School Council Member is that those on the Executive commit to 2 year terms in a specific role with responsibilities, and also have the responsibility to vote on decisions that require a vote. All parents who attend the meeting are to be engaged and participate in conversation around matters that require a vote, but the 9 Executive are the only ones that vote.
- We do have a code of ethics (Section 17) that all parents of SCA are required to abide by at our School Council Meetings
- You can access the operating document from our school website under the School Council tab.

### **Review of 20-21 School Education Plan- Mr. Poole**

- Mr. Poole shared our school education plan (see website for document)
- It is a Plan that highlights the upcoming school year. It's always published online and has 3 main components:
  1. Literacy - Mrs. Janzen summarized the literacy goal. The focus was on a strong common school culture, common language across grades, extra support to readers, leveled literacy intervention, additional 1-1 support in early reading intervention, assessments 3 times/year and reading skills. The Fountas and Pinnell assessment is also used.

2. Numeracy- Mrs. Peters summarized the mathematics framework for the year. It's a balanced approach of teaching knowledge and skills but also conceptual understanding. The school uses programs such as mathletics, mathology, key terms, classroom assessments, math intervention programing instrument (mipi) assessments , and the grade 6's write PATs.
3. Engagement- Mr. Poole talked about what we have been doing to create a safe, caring welcoming school community. He shared about things such as the new playground and how our council worked towards bringing this dream to reality. He also chatted about the traffic study with a plan to make the loop a safer place for parents and students.

#### **Presentation of School Council Annual Report and Financial Statement- Devon Marshall**

- At the end of each school year, EIPS requires all the Chairs of School Councils to write an Annual Report and submit it to our Superintendent.
- Devon shared what our School Council focused on, how we achieved those focuses and what we hope to focus on this coming school year ( Read School Annual Report Pages 3-5) This will be available under the school council tab shortly.
- It also includes ways in which the parent council supported the school, staff, and parents.
- Leah Schmidt, treasurer, shares year end financials:
  - End of May balance is \$9,063.46
  - Care and compassion Fund \$3,931.86
  - Hot lunch credit \$1866.25
  - Accessible funds are: \$3,265.35

#### **Establish Meeting Dates for 21-22 School Year- Devon Marshall**

- Devon introduced and thanked our School Trustee Rep (Mr. Jim Seutter) who juggles multiple School Council meetings,as well as keeping in mind school events for our Admin Team & parents and also Secondary Council meetings. He attends all the meetings and reports on anything EIPS and Alberta Education related.
- We are proposing the following WEDNESDAYS for next year:
  - September (8)
  - October (20)
  - November (17)
  - January (19)
  - March (9)
  - May (11)
  - AGM June (8)
- These dates will appear in our School Newsletter as well as on our Facebook Page (starting time of 7:15PM)

#### **Election of Officers- Devon Marshall**

- We have one Executive position open for the 21-22 school year, the Service Coordinator position
- Devon read the Duties of the Service Coordinator Position from the OP (can be found on page 5)
- Nominated at this time is Kristen Tymchak.
- Kristen has let her name stand.
- No other nominations came forward.
- Hearing no other nominations we are declared **Kristen Tymchak acclaimed as Service Coordinator**. Congratulations and welcome Kristen!

**Next Parent Council meeting is September 8th 2021**