

Elementary School Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:15pm
Online via Google Meet

People in Attendance:

Francis Poole
Darlene Janzen
Jaime Peters
Janet Vader
Jon Alstad
Devon/Ryan Marshall
Leah Unrau
Heather Lewis
Leah Schmidt
Kristin Tymchak
Shannon Anderson
Elaine Reed
Sarah Dyck
Jim Seutter
Steve Mebs
Leah Alexis
Brad/Jenn Laurie

Lisa Harke
Laura Volkman
Jacqueline Newgard
Charissa Baerg
Jeremy/Kim Teeuwsen
Sandy Rysavy
Andrew Ignatiuk
Kelly Tebay
Karen Hauca
Miranda Odland
Dion Matheson
Jennifer Reirson
Greg/Jaci Ramsden
Sarah Gericke
Leanne Seelochan
Amanda Meints
Jen Oosterveld

Welcome & Introduction – Devon Marshall

-Good evening & welcome SCA Families! Thank you for taking time to be here tonight. If you could type your name, your students name & grade in the chat that would be helpful for attendance and if you are on Council Executive, please share which role you are in too. If at any time through out the meeting you have a question or comment, please feel free to ask it or type it in the chat.

Devotional & Prayer – Devon Marshall

-I'd like to share a short devotional called "Fearless Parenting" by Kathi Lipp that during tryout season for school basketball and Club volleyball coming up, felt fitting.

Is. 41:10

-Read devotion, scripture prayer from proverbs31.org

Agenda Approval/Previous Minutes - Devon Marshall

-At the start of each meeting, our Executive Council members will vote on approving our Agenda for the evening and if there are any additions to it; as well as the minutes from the previous meeting

-Do we have any additions to the Agenda?

-I'd like to move our Budget/Accounting, Trustee Report & Society Report to after the Key Communicator Action Item to allow Leah, Trustee Seutter & Steve time to sign on

-Could I have someone motion to approve the agenda with the mentioned edits please?

Thank you __Heather Lewis____. A seconder? __Kristin Tymchak____

All in favor?

Motion carried

-Could I have someone who was in attendance at the last meeting motion to approve the minutes as circulated?

Thank you __Leah Unrau____. A seconder? __Shannon Anderson____

All in favor?

Motion carried

School Council Mission –Devon Marshall

I'd like to share our School Council Mission:

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 the overall well-being of our school community and community at large

-All parents who attend School Council meetings are encouraged to engage and participate in all conversations.

-I'd like to highlight that each parent is valued and brings a unique perspective that is worth sharing. Our code of ethics holds us to each practice the highest standards of honesty, accuracy, integrity & truth; and to respect the personal integrity of each member of our school community

COSC –Devon Marshall

-We had our second COSC meeting of the year on Nov 3. There were 33 people in attendance. One of EIPS' longtime focuses has been advocating for the Govt to replace Sherwood Heights' building. If you have friends who's kids go there, I'd recommend asking them what it's like. It is the largest Jr High in EIPS and has the smallest gym. Some classes have to do gym in a classroom. Their heating system is so old they can't get parts for it. Teachers arrive early to open their classrooms to hopefully get warmer air in before students arrive. When they do arrive most students are wearing their winter jackets and gloves in their class. Heights' School Council is hoping our community will join them in advocating for these kids. There is a website www.replacesherwoodheights.ca that we will post on our Facebook page with ideas and info for how we as a community can support these kids.

We had a presentation from the RCMP as they are focusing this year on building public trust & confidence through engagement and relationship building. For those that helped last month at Hot lunch, you would have met our new SRO. Officers are becoming more active in our schools and as well as school patrols (speed enforcement around schools, traffic etc). At that time, they had

completed over 1,000 school patrols to date.

We discussed pooling our \$500 AB grant money for parent engagement together in hopes of getting a greater return on what we'd be able to offer parents at our schools and community.

Our ATA President shared teachers concerns about the new curriculum, which we will be discussing at greater length in this meeting.

And Associate Superintendent Stoddard presented and discussed Assurance Review with us at length which we will also be highlighting in this meeting.

Principal's Report -Mr. Poole

-Mr. Poole is going to share on some information items. If you have any questions on any of the items that he shares on, please feel free to type them in the chat or save them as he will answer questions at the end

Mr.Poole introduced Miranda Odland the new secretary at SCA Secondary

Mr. Poole shares on:

21-22 Key Areas

- greatest commitment to see school return to as normal as possible as quickly as possible
- more effort put in with vaccine checks, etc.

COVID-19 Update

- no cases October to Nov.6
- about 5-6 cases over November break
- done now; no new cases
- some students are still isolating after their November break holiday

Disruption Money

- assessments were done on students
- funding confirmed from the district
- students given screener assessment in Math and Literacy
- those below the 25th percentile get extra funding
- trying to figure out how to use the money
- money right now is targeted to Gr.2/3
- money for Gr.1 in the New Year
- not equal for every school/ based on need

Hoodies

- Mrs.Peters
- supply that was on hand for this year ran out
- had to order more

Remembrance Day Chapel

- Miss Schellenberg, Mrs. Vader, Pastor Cook, student involvement
- was sent to all families

Hot Lunch

- first one went very well; another one on Friday, Nov. 19

Staffing– Mr. Poole

- Jon Alstad shared about himself and his position at school as the Counsellor
- Grade 1-6 participated in Safe and Caring Schools

Staff Retirement– Mr. Poole

Ms. Janzen is retiring at the end of the year

Mr. Poole shares. Connect with Elaine Reed (Staff Ambassador)

Casino Bylaw Survey – Mr. Poole

- 20 years ago a bylaw was made that no casino can be in Sherwood Park
- relooking at this again in a survey; would have to remove the Bylaw to change things

Assurance Review – Mr. Poole

Mr. Poole shares

- give accounting for school at meeting
- survey done; will go on website after results review

First Nation, Metis & Inuit – Janet Vader

- I would like to invite Mrs. Vader to share as our First nation, Metis & Inuit lead
- Treaty 6 land
- showed map of basic boundary areas (part of AB and SK)
- recent signings in 1944 and 1950
- Includes Dene Suline, Cree, Nakota, Sioux, and Saulteaux people
- Nov. 17 Gr. 1 First Nations Food Tasting

Teacher Gifts – Mr. Poole

- Yes they are allowed for Christmas!!

Key Communicator & School Community Coordinator – Sarah Dyck & Shannon Anderson

- December: mention wanting to bless our EA's, Custodians & Librarian (working with Elaine Reed)
- set up a PayPal on Facebook last year
- there will also be special Christmas things on the Facebook page through December
- December: Partner with Mrs. Wielinga to highlight Christmas books on our FB page (Shannon Anderson and Heather Lewis)
- January start Meet the Teacher (with Elaine Reed)

Budget & Accounting Report -Devon Marshall

- Leah Schmidt, our Treasurer, will share our budget to date

Bank Balance: \$16,195.61

Hot Lunch Credits: \$324.75

C&C Fund \$3,431.86

Accessible Funds \$12,439.00

-We currently have approximately \$8000 accessible in our account at the moment.

-Care & Compassion Fund

-Yearly Expenditures coming up are:

April: \$500 for Spring Musical

May: \$180 for bus driver appreciation (18 x \$10)

June: \$500 for Reading Program, \$600 for Kleenex boxes, \$250 for Staff Pizza Lunch, \$500 for Year End Event, Retirement Gift

Any questions at all?

-Could I have someone motion to approve the Yearly expenditures totaling \$2530

Thank you __Elaine Reed____. A seconder? __Leah Unrau____

All in favor?

Motion carried

EIPS Trustee Report -Trustee Jim Seutter

Now that the Election is over and I am elected, I am looking forward to serving as your school trustee liaison.

Trustees have had our first Board Meeting on October 28. We elected Trina Boymook as Chair and Colleen Holowaychuk as Vice-Chair.

A motion to move 3 modulars to SouthPointe School from FTV was passed at the Board Meeting on October 28, 2021. This has prompted an agenda request to review the Utilization and Attendance Boundaries for S.E. Strathcona County. (FTV, AEL, AJS and UNC).

Received AB ED Learning Gap Funding (\$700000) for grade 2 and 3 so far this year. Grade 1 funding scheduled for later.

Assurance Reviews (formerly Results Review) for Central Office and Schools happen in November (Zoom). See schedule details.

- LLR and FTV - Nov 26 pm; SCE-Nov 29 am; HHE- Nov 24 pm

ASBA Fall Meetings occurred November 15 and 16 in Edmonton.

Board Retreat is set for December 6 and 7 in Camrose

2022-23 Draft Calendar is under Trustee discussion - What do you like/dislike about the current Calendar?

An AB ED grant of \$500 dollars to each Alberta School Council needs to be planned for and spent this year. (COSC -Jan. mtg)

Parent opinions/comments about Calendar: keep November break!
start in September not August
Sept. 30 off
move November break up to the day after
Halloween
day off after Halloween

Mr. Seutter: would like more Professional Learning Days due to new curriculum but not in place of November break, etc.

Is Early Dismissal necessary or important?

Keep 181 Instructional Days

Curriculum: listen to teachers

Mr. Poole: should be the parents being heard not teachers/admin; survey to parents about what they'd like to see with the calendar?

Society Report –Steve Mebs

-Steve Mebs from the Society will be sharing an update with us

Information can be found on the Society website: www.scasociety.ca

- Non-paying parent update: 39 families
- Parent question: Do we get to vote on options to get parents to pay? Is there a way to get the info in front of people? Suggestion for a video clip to get people's attention; Have specific parents been contacted?

New Curriculum Presentation –Ryan Marshall

-It's my pleasure to introduce tonight's guest presenter. Not only is he a good looking father of 3 daughters that attend both SCA Elementary & SCA Secondary, but he is a former teacher & AP of SCA Elementary, and is currently working at EIPS' Central Office as Director of Instructional Supports. He is also my husband who will be celebrating 25 years of being with me next year. I have asked him to come and share on the process of the New Curriculum and how we got here, along with where it is headed and how it will affect our children and our teachers.

Ryan shares

Too much, too fast; slow down of the roll out is needed

- this will be a challenge for the teachers for sure (For example, partners for Science will all need to be recreated)
- too many outcomes (for example, currently Gr. 1 LA has 96 and the new one has 273)
- No standard over the grades (where is the grade differential?)
- the government needs feedback based on the gap in COVID knowledge and the gap in the new curriculum
- We need to email Nate Glubish and Jordan Walker (MLA's) and fill out surveys, contact the minister of education and Jason Kenney

- We need to ask for a slow down of the roll out; we don't want this curriculum to negatively affect our kids

AB Ed parent info session on Dec. 8 (virtual)

Questions: What supports has AB Ed said they will provide/fund for teachers in order to learn and implement the new curriculum? Resources, consultants to support, etc?

Not much

No extra money earmarked to support schools in implementing this new curriculum?

Some but not enough for all schools and staff

link: <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>

Dismissal -Devon Marshall

Council Positions

Chair: Devon Marshall

Vice Chair: Leah Unrau

Secretary: Heather Lewis

Treasurer: Leah Schmidt

Compassion Coordinator: Gillian Orquia

School Community Coordinator: Shannon Anderson

Staff Ambassador: Elaine Reed

Key Communicator: Sarah Dyck

Service Coordinator: Kristin Tymchak