

SCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL March School Council Meeting
March 9, 2022 at 7:15PM (Virtual)

Attendance: Devon Marshall	Nate Peters
Leah Unrau	Lisa Harke
Heather Lewis	Kelly Tebay
Sarah Dyck	Jon and Laura Volkman
Kristin Tymchak	Jon Elzinga
Gillian Orquia	Leanne Seelochan
Shannon Anderson	Jennifer Reirson
Elaine Reed	Allisen Khajavi
Francis Poole	Jesse and Amanda Meints
Jaime Peters	Neil Rysavy
Darlene Janzen	Cohen Stuart
Janet Vader	Dion Matheson
Jim Seutter	Abosedede Dada
Steve Mebs	Teresa Tessier

Welcome & Introduction – Devon Marshall

Devotional & Prayer – Sarah Dyck

Prov. 3:5: God gives us the tools we need. We don't have to do it on our own.
God uses the willing.

Agenda Approval- Devon Marshall

Motion to approve the agenda

Shannon Anderson

Secunder: Heather Lewis

Motion carried

School Council Mission –Devon Marshall

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.

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 and truth; and to respect the personal integrity of each member of our school community

Budget & Accounting Report -Devon Marshall

- Leah Schmidt, our Treasurer, could not be here tonight, but she has passed on the budget to date to share.

-We currently have \$9,181.56 in our account.

-Outstanding Cheques is: \$585.52

-Hot Lunch Credits is \$212.25

-Total available funds is \$8,383.89 *We have one more hot lunch to pay for out of these funds as parents were able to pre pay for Jan-March, so we still have approx. \$2400-\$2600 in expenses to come out

-We do have the following to come out of our School Council Funds:

Spring Musical \$500 - April

Bus Driver Appreciation \$10/driver - May

Reading Progress Award \$500 - June

Staff pizza lunch \$250 - June

Year End Event \$500 - June

Retirement Gift \$200 - June

Approximately \$2130.00 to come out, which will leave us with roughly \$3653.00

COSC -Devon Marshall

-We had two COSC meetings since our last School Council meeting. There were 29-30 people in attendance. Our Board Chair shared that they approved for funding to go to support the new curriculum implementation by hiring 7 teachers to plan & create lessons for the new curriculum and to support teachers with the implementation. They have hired 2 FSLWs (Family school liaison workers) to help with student attendance, mainly in Junior High, as well as French supports. The Board is sponsoring 1 School Council Rep from each school to attend ASCA Conference virtually (April 22-24). I will not be able to attend this year, but if anyone is interested, please let me know! Budget will be coming out at the end of March. And some exciting news for our community is that Sherwood Heights is getting a new design for the school in next years budget.

The ATA rep shared how our current government has increased financial support for Home Schooling & Private/Charter schools but has decreased money going to Public schools through our tax dollars. SCA is an alternative program in a public school, this negatively affects our children.

Mr. Liguori shared that EIPS' goal still remains to be operational (meaning they need all their staff) as COVID restrictions ease. Cleaning & hand washing will remain a priority but masking and co-horting is no longer needed.

We went over EIPS' new 4 Year Ed Plan that they created with the input from parents based on the survey that 4523 parents, 1351 staff and 1330 students participated in. They really listened to the feedback from the surveys and EIPS' priorities will be:

1. Promote growth & success for all students
2. Enhance high quality learning & working environments
3. Enhance public education through effective engagement

Each Priority has goals and outcomes with it.

We heard from Professor Amy VonHeyking who was involved in the development process of the new AB Curriculum and had the opportunity to ask questions. One of her big questions to ask the AB Govt was “Why is this necessary to re-do all the subjects?” If anyone is interested in listening to her session, please let me know and I’ll pass on the link to you.

COSC has booked Dr. Jody Carrington for a Virtual Session for all EIPS parents on MARCH 22 from 6:00-7:00PM. Link will be on our Facebook page and EIPS’ website.

Society Report –Steve Mebs

See SCA Society Website for Report: scasociety.ca

Principal’s Report -Mr. Poole

-COVID-19 Update

-thrilled mask requirement is lifted; life isn’t back to normal though; a few lingering things; lots of struggling families

-EIPS 4 Year Ed Plan

-not fully complete

-Re-registration

-better than the last 2 years (lost 40 to homeschooling)

-569 students are registered; new families; and increase in Ethnic families; there is still some room in a few grades

-capacity is about 580

-P/T Interviews

-back to in person! Gym for childcare

-Spring Musical

-it’s been awhile; lots of practice for Lion King April 27/28

-Playground Update

- fence separating the school and the new subdivision; swings are set up now!!

Western Day

- cowboy coming; horses, petting zoo, Dangerous Dan

- this will happen in May

Some events can’t happen still, especially for Kindergarten; ie: no Grandparent’s Day; will have Kindergarten Mom’s Coffee night and may have an abbreviated Father/Child night

EIPS Trustee Report -Trustee Jim Seutter

March 6, 2022 Trustee Seutter School Council Report

We are changing the Operating Procedures for Covid 19 to give more liberty to students, parents and staff as per Ab Ed requirements. Check the EIPS Website for details.

Big news item- We received notice that funding is approved to proceed with design work for a replacement K-9 school at the Sherwood Heights school site.

The New K -6 Curriculum is still receiving encouragement to be delayed. Other School Divisions and the ASBA are doing the same.

Its time to start Budget 2022-23 deliberations for EIPS submission to Ab Ed at the end of May (about \$200million).The Funding Manual with details arrives at the end of March.

Work on the EIPS Four Year Education Plan: 2022-26 continues with some notable changes like a shorter Mission statement and Caregiver rather than Parent.

The Board Room is now open for normal in-person operations.

School Ed Plan – Mr. Poole

- draft needs to come before the Fall
- 3 goals: Literacy Growth
 - Math
 - FNMI understanding for school community

\$500 AB Grant– Devon Marshall

-As mentioned we will be having Dr. Jody Carrington share virtually, please feel free to invite your friends & family to listen as well. She does have very colorful language, so be aware if little ones are around you may want to have airpods in. Every time I listen to her though, I am inspired and motivated to remember what matters most. Our kids.

March 22 from 6:00PM-7:00PM

First Nation, Metis & Inuit – Janet Vader

-going to Saddle Lake on Mar 10- help with refurbishing their facilities (bringing some trolley carts, etc)

- Janet Vader, Brad McCoy, Rebekah Trask, Steve Boyko, and Naomi Arzate are going
- taking lunch and treats to the students
- Mavis Giant, their principal, is having health issues,
- still looking for a teacher
- have some kitchen needs that we could maybe help with

Key Communicator – Sarah Dyck

-Use the Facebook group to communicate with other families

Learning Disruption Funding –Mrs. Peters

-Grade 2/3 pullout groups happening- for lagging skills in Literacy and Math; meet 2 times a week

-Grade 1: no information still; still in a holding pattern

Assurance & EIPS Survey – Mrs. Peters

-2 surveys of interest

-coming out soon by email

School Fees – Mr. Poole

-Each year at all EIPS schools, principals are required to share what they believe will be next years school fees. This is different than our Society fees. This is for things like Field trips, etc. This is to allow parents the opportunity to provide any feedback to our Admin team which we had at our January meeting.

-small increases due to facility and busing costs ~\$5

-increase for school supplies in Kindergarten to Grade 3 because of increase in product costs ~\$1-\$8

Council Membership – Devon Marshall

There are 9 distinct roles on our School Council.

In June at our AGM, the following positions will be available:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Treasurer
4. Compassion Coordinator

Leah Unrau has asked to move from Vice Chair to Staff Ambassador for next year. I am so pleased that I have already had Lisa Harke express interest in the Chair position, Leanne Seelochan for Vice Chair, Laura Volkman for Compassion CO-ordinator and Dada Olukunmi for Treasurer! If anyone else has interest, please feel free to reach out to me any time; you can also find our Operating Procedures under the School Council tab online.

This is Gillian Orquia's last School Council Meeting with us as their family will be moving this Friday to Sooke, BC! Gill, I just wanted to let you know how glad I am

that you chose to join School Council 2.5 years ago. Your passion for Christian Education and to be a part of a caring school community was such an asset to our school. I know you guys built deep relationships here with staff, students and families. You guys will be greatly missed and thought of as you start this exciting new adventure.

April Meeting – Devon Marshall

We have added a School Council Meeting for the month of April. SCA Society is working really hard to ensure clear, consistent communication opportunities with parents and felt it would be beneficial to have a meeting in April to share on some exciting things they are working on. We will also discuss and share relevant School Council items at it and Mr. Poole and I discussed having an opportunity for parents at this meeting to share, celebrate or highlight a moment or positive experience their children have had this year at SCA. An opportunity to “Shout Out” to our amazing staff & students!
It is set for April 13 at 7:15PM.

Bible Memory – Mr. Poole

-Members of the Executive are required to memorize what is known as the “Big 5”. They are the scripture verses around the rotunda. Mr. Poole will quiz us at random on them.

Dismissal -Devon Marshall

-Our next School Council Meeting is on April 13th
Motion to adjourn the meeting?
Leah Unrau
Secunder?
Shannon Anderson

Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

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