

**SCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL April School Council Meeting  
April 13, 2022 at 7:15PM**

**Attendance: Devon Marshall, Francis Poole, Janet Vader, Elaine Reed, Kristin Tymchak, Jim Seutter, Steve Mebs, Leah Schmidt, Lisa Harke, Sandy Rysavy, Kelly/Brad Tebay, Jennifer Laurie, Jaci Ramsden, Charlene Mebs, Jon & Cori Harbourne, Jon & Andrea Elzinga.**

**Missing: Heather Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Leah Unrau, Sarah Dyck, Jaime Peters, Darlene Janzen**

Welcome & Introduction – Devon Marshall

Devotional & Prayer – Devon Marshall

**Hymn written by Isaac Watts, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”.**

Agenda Approval/Previous Minutes - Devon Marshall

Motion to approve Agenda – Kristin Tymchak

Secunder – Leah Schmidt

Motion carried

March 9 Minutes

Motion to approve – Elaine Reed

Secunder – Kristin Tymchak

Motion carried

School Council Mission –Devon Marshall

**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.

-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

Budget & Accounting Report -Leah Schmidt, Treasurer

- We currently have \$5,506.70 in our account.
- Outstanding Cheques is: \$1,389.21
- Hot Lunch Credits is \$212.25
- Total available funds is \$3,905.24

We have another hot lunch deadline this evening for hot lunch next week. We will have a munchalunch deposit and lunch expenses to come out, in addition to regular chip day invoices.

### COSC –Devon Marshall

-We had our COSC meeting last week. Our Board Chair shared that she had met with MLA Jordan Walker in regard to the replacement school for Heights, EIPS is thrilled to finally be getting some traction. It's budget time; kind of waiting to see what it looks like for EIPS schools.

The top 3 capital priorities for 2023-2026 is for funding of construction to replace Heights & Campbelltown, and then replacing the following schools Rudolf Hennig, Fort High, and James Mowat.

The ATA rep shared about the protest on April 2 to Ditch the Draft in regard to the new curriculum.

The ASCA Conference is on April 22-24. I will not be in attendance unfortunately as I will be in Calgary. We won't be sending a proxy vote this year.

Mr. Liguori shared an excellent presentation on why data matters. You can access his slides on EIPS' website under COSC (<https://www.eips.ca/download/38626>). I'd highly recommend looking through the slides. Alberta used to be one of the top in the world for the data in the education world that was collected and utilized.

Mr. Liguori focused on PAT score predictors for completing High School based on meeting LA PAT standards starting in Grade 3.

For example, if your child meets the standard on their LA PAT in grades 3, 6 and 9, their chance of completing high school based on the data obtained over the past 20 years, is 81%. Now let's say a child doesn't meet the standards in grade 3, and there is no intervention, and they don't meet the standard again in grades 6 and 9, their chance of completing high school drops from 81% to 12%!

HOWEVER, if a child doesn't meet the standard in grade 3, BUT the school & parents intervene, and that child meets the standards in grades 6 and 9, they now have a 55% chance of completing high school.

It was very interesting data from the PATs for EIPS' schools and I loved hearing Mr. Liguori's passion and wisdom on the data collected for EIPS.

It led to questions such as: knowing these stats, what are elementary schools doing to help more students reach the standard in grade 3 and again in grade 6?

What does this mean with the new curriculum, will data be able to be collected to see how our kids are achieving?

There's been a lot of talk around the new curriculum and the content and the implementation, but not much, if any, around how it will be assessed and how and what data will be collected from it.

Principal's Report -Mr. Poole

Mr. Poole's Updates:

-COVID-19 Update – cases continue in students, staff and families but things are carrying on.

-Re-registration – We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest elementary school withing EIPS. Enrollment is up by 10 students for fall, however we know numbers will change over the next few months.

-Spring Musical – Students and teachers and staff are working hard on the play! It was postponed from March to April which was a very good decision. Encouragement (emails) are welcomed by the teachers who are committing so much time to this exciting event! Students will attend the matinee. Some of our Trustees, our MLA and MP will attend.

-Extra Curricular 22/23 – we will need to see what Extra Curricular activities will be offered and supported.

-School Theme 22/23 – Celebrating the Goodness of God!  
Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

-Security Cameras – Cameras are being serviced and upgraded for more effective use.

-Grade 1 Distribution Funding – Funds just arrived! New staff hires will work with grade 1 students in LA and Math in groups. Starting immediately until early June.

-ECS Moms Coffee Party – 65 moms attending this evening.

-Intramurals – Boys floor hockey has commenced. 8 teams made up of boys from grades 4,5,& 6. This runs for 6 weeks.

-Staffing Update – Darlene Janzen is retiring.  
Jon Alstad will become the Assistant Principal.  
Erin Tomkins will become our School Counsellor.  
Mrs. Koppel has resigned to pursue a new direction.

Volunteer Tea – May 26

Western Day – May 19! It will include things like a petting zoo, Dangerous Dan, Assembly, A special guest.

EIPS Trustee Report -Trustee Jim Seutter

Hello- welcome to another School Council Report

It has been a relatively good time of in-school learning with limited Covid-19 interruptions in the spring season. Trusting that we will be able to finish the school year with in-school classroom instruction.

The 3- Year Capital Plan has been submitted with confirmation that Sherwood Hts./Campbelltown K-9 School as the # 1 Project. Design funding has been approved by AB ED.

Budget discussions are actively going on at the Trustee meetings this month getting the \$200 billion Budget ready to submit at the end of May. Capital Reserves and Bus Fees are getting a lot of attention in the discussions. Funding cuts to Small Schools are an issue.

The Board has sent letters of concern to Minister LaGrange about New Curriculum implementation delays and Gas Subsidies with the escalating costs for bus fuel.

Any questions for discussion are welcome

Easter blessings are extended to you and your family.

Society Report –Steve Mebs

This portion of the meeting can be accessed by going to the Society website:

[scasociety@SPAC.ca](mailto:scasociety@SPAC.ca)

All reports to the Council are available on the Society website.

New K-3 Curriculum – Mr. Poole

\*Big announcement from AB Ed today about the new curriculum! It's been released! All subjects in K-6 are to be implemented by September 2024!

-What is EIPS/SCE doing to prepare staff & students for the new curriculum?

-\$59 million committed to K-6 implementation for 2022-2023....what does this look like for SCE? (40,000 students)

-AB Ed retaining \$14.8 million

\$500 AB Grant– Devon Marshall

We had Dr. Jody Carrington share last month with our EIPS community. It was very well attended and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I hope those that attended were inspired and got something out of it. For those that didn't I do have the link that expires soon that if you reach out to me, I can send you the link to listen or watch it.

First Nation, Metis & Inuit – Janet Vader

Mrs. Vader is our First nation, Metis & Inuit lead.

Mrs. Vader will present at the Easter Chapel to the students tomorrow.

God is using us and our community. We are blessing others and we are being blessed. (Example of our desire to support Shawahnekizhek School and a quest for a stand up freezer. Trail Appliances has donated a brand new freezer for free!) At Saddle Lake School, the students learn Cree, AB curriculum, Bible lessons.

Key Communicator – Sarah Dyck

Not in attendance.

Celebrations – Devon Marshall

Devon provided an opportunity for parents to share something positive that has happened to your child at our school. A shout out to our teachers that can be passed on to Mr Poole in an email to send to the staff as well to celebrate them. This came from Devob calling Starbucks to let them know what an amazing job they had done and how grateful they were that I called.

-Share story of Mrs Stadnyk and Readers Workshop and now Readers Theatre!

Gratitude was expressed for the consistent and cheerful parking lot and loop staff. What an amazing job they do greeting our children each morning! They do it with a smile and cheerful hearts! And sometimes, often, creative costumes on under those coats that keep them warm from the Alberta elements! Thank-you!

Council Membership – Devon Marshall

Update on our School Council Executive Membership.

There are 9 distinct roles on our School Council.

Next month at our AGM, the following positions will be available:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Compassion Coordinator
6. Staff Ambassador

Heather Lewis has let Devon know she will not be able to continue in her position as Secretary on School Council for next year. Heather has done such a great job taking our minutes each meeting and she will be greatly missed in that role! We do have Lisa Harke, Leanne Seelochan, Laura Volkman and Dada Olukunmi have expressed interest in some of the positions that are available. We will have another spot vacant so if anyone else has interest, please feel free to reach out to Devon any time!

#### May Council/AGM Meeting – Devon Marshall

-Our last School Council Meeting is coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup>. As of now we will be able to have it in person at the school in the Art/Science room!

We will have our regular School Council Meeting starting at 7:15PM and will have the opportunity to hear from our guests from FFHM in Mexico. They will be sharing with us some insight in to their lives and the ministry down there and how we can continue to support them.

We will then have our AGM that night from 8:45PM-9:15PM.

The council members and attendees expressed a desire to have a hybrid model for upcoming meetings as it would broaden options for people to attend.

#### 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 May 11th

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Elaine Reed

Secunder – Leah Schmidt

- Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

#### Council Positions

Chair: Devon Marshall

Vice Chair: Leah Unrau

Secretary: Heather Lewis

Treasurer: Leah Schmidt

Compassion Coordinator: Vacant

School Community Coordinator: Shannon Anderson

Staff Ambassador: Elaine Reed

Key Communicator: Sarah Dyck

Service Coordinator: Kristin Tymchak

