

SCA Elementary School Council Meeting
September 14, 2022, 7:15pm
In Person (Art/Science Room)

Attendance: Lisa Harke, Leanne Seelochan, Sarah Dyck, Heather Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Kristin Tymchak, Jason Beck, Kevin Semenjuk, Chris Little, Andrea Timmermans, Laura Volkman, Leah Unrau, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Francis, Poole, Allisen Khajavi, Amanda Meints, Jaci Ramsden, Dada Olukunmi, Charlene Mebs, Jim Seutter, Leanne Austring, Janet Vader

1. Welcome- Lisa Harke

Good evening everyone. Thank you so much for being here tonight and for giving your time and energy to being a part of this school council meeting. I know that September is a big month for all of us as we navigate busy calendars and transitions into school and all of the other things that fall brings. It is an absolute joy and blessing to be together.

2. Devotional & Prayer- Lisa Harke

As we've begun this new school year and as we also venture now into the start of a new school council year, God has been pointing me toward the word and idea of 'foundation'.

Isaiah 28:16 says this: Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.

When I came to really know Jesus 10 years ago, I quickly realized that I need to rebuild the foundation of my life. It was a season of fruitful but sometimes difficult work because I had already done several decades of building upon a weak foundation. As I worked on making Jesus the foundation of my life at that time, so many things in my life (such as my way of thinking, my habits, how I spent my time, my friendships, my marriage) - they all needed to be reassessed in light of my new reality of who Jesus is and who is and who I was in Him. It was an intense season of demolition, construction, re-framing and re-building my life. God supported me so faithfully through that process and I am so grateful for it and for the solid foundation that I now have in Jesus. I can now continue to build my life confidently, knowing that my foundation is firm.

As it relates to school council, God has given me a particular gratitude that as we all come together to help support and build a great school year for our students, families and staff, that we do not have to do that by starting from scratch or rebuilding an entire foundation. Many have gone before us in previous years and done so much work to lay

a Christ-centered, kingdom-oriented foundation and to build into that: excellence, integrity, policy, procedures, sound practices and so much more. I hope that we can honor what has already been built, and continue to add meaningfully and beautifully as we pour our own gifts into this current year.

Let us pray. God, thank you that you have given us the ultimate foundation in your son, Jesus - He is precious indeed. Thank you that upon the foundation of Christ, we can confidently know who we are and build our lives upon the deep love that you have for us. I pray for your Spirit of wisdom over us as we gather tonight. May all that we say, do, and work towards be a reflection of your goodness and grace. Help us to build your unshakable kingdom as we support and encourage the work that you are doing in and through the community of SCA elementary, we are so grateful to be a part of it. In Jesus name, Amen.

3. Land Acknowledgement by Mrs. Vader - Treaty 6

4. School Council Mission, Structure & Introductions - Lisa Harke

Mission statement: 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.

The School Council is also in full support of the mission statement of the School: "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."

The School Council will undertake discussions and activities that will enhance student learning and foster the well-being and effectiveness of our School community

Representative Model:

- 9 parents who are elected to the executive council (@AGM in May, 2022)
 - Each of these parents is elected into a role with specific duties and responsibilities
 - These are the voting members of the school council
 - Act as representative of the parent community

- Non-voting members
 - All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in school council meetings

- Principal, 2 Vice Principals, Teacher Representative, EIPS Trustee (Jim Suetter)

Introductions:

- Name
- If you hold a position on the executive council - what that is
- Kids/grades

5. EIPS Trustee Report (Trustee Suetter)

September 2022 Suetter Board Report

- I am back from medical leave for Hip Replacement Surgery of May 2 nd and doing well—what an amazing process
- Attended Board Meetings June 16, August 25 (2) & Sept. 1
- Some important Board topics:
 - June 16 – Hillshire Boundary Adjustment—New Curriculum
 - Update—Locally Developed Courses
 - August 25—Pancake Breakfast Central Office---Trustee School
 - Liaisons -LLR, FTV, HHE and SCE
 - Chair and Vice-Chair election – T Boymook -C Holowaychuk
 - EIPS Public Engagement Strategy -3 Year Plan
 - September 15 – Acting Chair Schedule 2022-23
 - – Committee Appointments 2022-23
 - – Other-See EIPS Web Site

6. Approval of Previous Minutes (May 11, 2022 Council Meeting & AGM)

Our school council met on May 11, 2022 for the last meeting of the 2021-22 school year and included in that meeting the AGM (annual general meeting). The minutes from this meeting are posted on the SCA Elementary Website under the school council menu.

Discussion: Lisa Harke

Motion: Leanne Seelochan

Secunder: Janet Vader

All approved: All in favor

Motion carried

7. Approval of Current Meeting Minutes

Now we would like to approve our agenda for tonight's meeting (as posted on our SCA elementary website).

Discussion: Lisa Harke, no questions

Motion: Leah Unrau

Seconded: Kristin Tymchak

All approved: All in favor

Motion carried

8. Budget/Accounting

Account Summary - Dada

New budget report is to follow at next meeting.

Current Account Balance - \$3817.96

September Expenditures to be approved (Lisa):

New Staff Gift Cards (\$15/new staff member)- 1 new staff member

Gr. 1 Literacy Night support (\$200)

New Student Lunch (\$250)

Question was raised: "Where does the money for school council come from?"

Answer: Chip days and hot lunch.

Discussion: Lisa Harke

Motion: Laura Volkman

Seconded: Leanne Seelochan

All in favor: All in favor

Motion carried

9. Principal's Report (Mr. Poole):

Mrs. Peters not in attendance as she is filling a temporary role. She is returning in November.

Permission Click is a new system. Check and make sure you have the correct email listed in your parent portal so no permission forms are missed.

- Field Trips
- Retreats- Grades 4, 5 and 6 one days retreats
- Meet the Teacher Night - September 21, 2022
- Hot Lunch - New system- Healthy Hunger
- Orange Shirt Day- September 30, 2022
- Terry Fox Run
- New Families

- New Student Lunch - 34 new students
We are the 2 or 3 largest school in Elk Island with 581 students.
- Staffing 2022-23 - Miss West Grade 5, Mrs. Tomkins-School Counselor
- STAR Assessments - Reading and math tests in fall and June.
No extra funding received. This is a wonderful tool for accountability.
- Cross Country - Not available. Has not resumed with any schools in our area since COVID.
- Gr. 1 Literacy Night - Tuesday September 27- learn strategies and win prizes!

10. COVID Recovery Council (Mr. Poole)

Trauma from missed opportunities and events

Classes being sent home

Support the school- return to normal

Encourage to recovery

11. EIPS Overview (Mr. Alstad)

Elk Island Public Schools is the 5th largest school division in Alberta.

EIPS has 17000 students in 43 schools.

Superintendent: Mr. Mark Liguori

School Board -9 Trustee Elected

The Trustee assigned to our school is Mr. Jim Suetter

Each school has a School Council

Committee of School Councils (COSC)

-parent group comprised of School Council Representatives, EIPS trustees and administrator

-meets the first Wednesday of each month (Oct-May) to discuss education issues and trends.

Three Christian Schools in EIPS:

-SCA Elementary (k-6)

-SCA Secondary (7-12)

-Fort Christian School (k-9)

Logos Christian Program

-Wesboro (k-6)

-Brentwood (k-6)

-Sherwood Heights (7-9)

12. COSC (Lisa)

COSC Overview:

- (EIPS) COSC stands for Committee of School Councils
- Purpose of empowering, engaging and supporting school council representatives
- Consists of representatives from school councils within EIPS, EIPS Superintendent, Board of Trustees chairs/members, ATA representative
- Meet a minimum of 7 times/year. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month
- First meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:30pm
- Opportunity for a parent to take on role as a COSC representative for our school

13. School Education Plan (SEP) (Mr. Poole)

On school website.

14. FNMI (First Nations, Meti, Inuit) (Mrs. Vader)

Planting hearts

New flags

15. Facebook (Sarah)

There is an elementary parent facebook page. If you would like to join you can request to join.

16. School Theme 2022-23 (Lisa)

- Our school theme this year is “Celebrating God’s Goodness”.
- Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him”

17. Great Day of Giving, April 28 (Mr. Poole)

Goal is \$100,000.00

18. Council Meeting Dates (Lisa)

Proposed school council meeting dates for this school year:

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (w/AGM)

19. Bible Memory (Mr. Poole)

Leanne Seelochan - Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

Dada Olukunmi -

John 3:16

We want to be a school of excellence and influence.

Meeting adjourned 8:59pm.