

**SCA Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**November 16, 2022, 7:15pm**  
**In Person (Art/Science Room)**

**Attendance:** Jim Seutter, Janet Vader, Heather Lewis, Lindsey Heerema, Dada Olukunmi, Steve Mebs, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Shannon Anderson, Leanne Seelochan, Kevin Semenjuk, Andrea Timmermans, Chris Little, Chris Hammond, Jamie Peters, Francis Poole, Jon Alstad, Lisa Harke

**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.

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, and academic growth and the overall well-being of our school community and community at large.

To this end, I encourage your participation. I ask that your question and comments be kind and respect the dignity and value of all people.

**2. Devotional & Prayer- Leanne Seelochan**

**3. Introductions - Everyone**

**4. Previous Minutes/Approval**

Our school council met on October 19, 2022. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the SCA Elementary Website under the school council menu.

Motion: Leanne

Secunder: Lisa

All approved: Motion Carried

**5. EIPS Trustee Report (Trustee Seutter)**

- EIPS Superintendent Mark Liguori has officially announced his intention to retire effective June 30 of this school year. The Board of Trustees will need to recruit a new Superintendent as Liguori transitions to Retirement.
- The Board approved Calendars for school years 2023-24 and 2024-25 which will follow a similar pattern to the current model.

- Budget audited reports for the year 2021-22 have been received from our auditor (MNP LLP) for Board review and approval. Also, the current year budget (\$200 million) is being reviewed and adjusted for final enrollment and new spending priorities.
- School Assurance Review meetings are coming up in December and School Council Chairs are invited to participate. (LLR and FTV -Dec. 6, SCE -Dec 1, HHE-Dec 5)
- “Mask use remains a personal choice for school families and will not be mandated by the Division” (recent quote from the Communications Department). However, EIPS will follow the AHS Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Schools
- The Annual Education Results Report for 2021-22 is in the final production stages to be submitted November 30 to Alberta Education (Read the comments from Trina Boymook.)

#### **6. Society Report - Steve Mebs**

- Costs and Benchmarks (financials) -program fees vs. other alternative schools, Operating Expenses, Maintenance Capital Costs, Annual Budget Process
- Link to full presentation: [here \(SCA Society School Council Presentation - Nov 2022\)](#)

#### **7. Budget Reporting - Dada Olukunmi**

#### **8. COSC Report - Lisa Harke**

##### COSC Overview:

- (EIPS) COSC stands for Committee of School Councils
- Virtual meeting held on Wednesday, Nov. 2
  - Assurance review
  - Parent engagement strategies (surveys, etc) - key stakeholders in our public education, highlighted importance of parents engaging to have their voices heard and have their thoughts expressed - these impact decisions/school education plans/etc.

#### **9. Principal’s Report (Mr. Poole):**

- Remembrance Day Chapel
- EIPS Assurance Review - Upcoming on Dec. 7
- Bullying Awareness
  - Mrs. Tompkins has been giving presentations to all classes on relationships and bullying

#### **10. COVID Recovery (Mr. Poole)**

- Christmas Concert
- Collection Drives
  - Current collection drives: Hope Mission, Mustard Seed, Basically Babies, We Care
  - Chip Day - proceeds go to Missions
  - Partnerships
    - FFHM (Foundation for His Ministry)/Mexico Orphanage
    - Shawahnekizhek Academy (at Saddle Lake)
- Staff/Student Floor Hockey Game

#### **11. Parent Teacher Interviews- In person November 30 & December 1.**

- Interview meals for teachers - Lisa
  - Parents are providing a potluck on Nov 30 for teachers
  - Ongoing need for volunteers

#### **12. Staff Retirement**

- Mr. Foster will be retiring at the end of this school year
  - Gift Card

#### **13. PAT (Grade 6) Results - Mrs. Peters**

#### **14. Key Communicator**

- Plan for a Facebook-led collection of funds for Christmas gifts for non-homeroom staff

#### **15. FNMI (First Nations, Meti, Inuit) - Mrs. Vader**

- Grade 1 First Nations food tasting
- Dec. 5 - trip to Shawahnekizhek Academy
  - Lunch and kitchen cabinet delivery and install
  - Funds to provide them a staff Christmas party

#### **16. Great Day of Giving, April 28 - Mr. Poole**

- April 28, 2023
- Soccer theme, free student hot lunch, AM assembly at the school, PM assembly and grand celebration at SPAC
- Goal of raising \$100,000
  - \$50,000 for new school technology
  - \$50,000 for a new soccer field at the orphanage in Mexico

- If donations exceed \$100,000, the surplus will be divided equally between additional school technology and missions (put into the missions fund for future mission-related activities/opportunities)
  - We will put forth a motion to approve this at the January council meeting

**17. Bible Memory (Mr. Poole)**

**18. Thank you and dismissal**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM
- Next meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023