

**SCA Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023, 7:15pm**  
**In Person (Art/Science Room)**

**Attendance: Shannon Anderson, Janet Vader, Heather Lewis, Jennifer Laurie, Brad Laurie, Lindsey Heerema, Leah Unrau, Steve Mebs, Jaci Ramsden, Leanne Seelochan, Lisa Harke, Kevin Semenjuk, Andera Timmermans, Chris Hammond, Jaime Peters, Jon Alstad, Francis Poole, Busayo Disu.**

**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- Shannon Anderson:**

Holy Moments -We make ourselves available to God  
-Collaborate with God  
-Rely on Holy Spirit  
-Share God's love

**3. Introductions - Everyone**

**4. Previous Minutes/Approval**

Our school council met on November 16, 2022. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the SCA Elementary Website under the school council menu. Motion: To approve the minutes of the Nov. 16, 2023 school council meeting as posted.

Motion: Shannon Anderson  
Seconder: Leanne Seelochan  
All approved: Carried

**5. Budget Reporting - Dada Olukunmi**

Book Balance as of January 18, 2023 = \$9,352.45

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

If you are interested in the information that was shared at the meeting please see the link below.

Here is the link to January slides:

<https://scasociety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-January-Society-Update-for-Councils.pdf>

The link to whole list of presentations is:

<https://scasociety.ca/about-us/>

## **7. EIPS Trustee Report (Trustee Seutter)**

- Best wishes in the new year for you all.
- Having received Superintendent Liguori's retirement notice effective June 30, the Board has undertaken a search and appointment process for a new superintendent. This is important work for the Board as we only hire one employee who then is responsible to hire staff and lead all the operational activities mandated by Board policies.
- Assurance Reviews were completed in December for Schools and Central Office. Thank you to School Council Chairs who attended and gave account of their supporting activities for the School's Education Plan.
- It is Registration time February 1- 28 for students for the 2023-24 school year. Check the EIPS Web Site for details.
- School Fee parameters for 2023-24 are being considered at the upcoming January 19 Board meeting.
- The Annual Education Results Report 2021-22 has been published and a copy provided to each School Council Chair.

## **8. Principal's Report (Mr. Poole):**

- EIPS Assurance Review
- Re-Registration- February 1-28, 2023
- Parent/Teacher Interviews/Meals- March 21, 2023
- Staff/Student Floor Hockey
- Christmas Concert
- Trip to Mexico coming up
- SCA Reading Day- Author and Illustrator Mike Boldt

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

- Intramurals

#### **10. Engagement Grant (Lisa)**

- Alberta's government is providing more than \$1 million directly to school councils through the Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant to enhance collaboration between parents and schools on education priorities. This grant gives each school council in the province \$500 this year under a new direct funding approach.
- The ASCE Grant is intended for parent involvement and engagement activities that:
  - broaden the number of school events that include parents
  - diversify the communication tools used to reach parents
  - seek out the advice and ideas of other parents
- Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:
  - workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
  - information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
  - parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.
  - programs to support families including those of English language and of indigenous learners
  - parent resources and tools in multiple languages
  - events to engage parents on important local issues
  - parent engagement in promoting the value of arts
  - trainer or facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above
- Examples of non-allowable expenses include:
  - entertainment costs, meals, snacks or, other food
  - capital asset purchases
  - activities that have already taken place
  - organization memberships or conference fees
  - fundraising events
  - prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
  - payment to school board staff including honoraria or, gifts
  - entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances
- Link to resource: [School councils | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx)
- Discussion

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

#### **12. Key Communicator (Facebook)**

#### **13. Assessment (Mrs. Peters)**

Grade 2-4 - Literacy, Numeracy in small groups

**14. Learning Disruption Funding (Mrs. Peters)**

Still more absents than before COVID

**15. Curriculum Update**

K-3- LA & Math

K-6- Phys Ed & Wellness

**16. School Fees**

-Most likely an increase of \$5.00 per student.

**17. Membership Update**

- Lindsey Heerema - to join the executive council, service coordinator position that is currently vacant.

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

- Hot Lunch
- Soloist
- Goal of raising \$100,000
  - \$50,000 for new school technology
  - \$50,000 for a new soccer field at the orphanage in Mexico
- Surplus funds: If donations exceed \$100,000, the surplus will be divided equally between additional school technology and missions
  - Motion: I move that in the event that fundraising donations exceed \$100,000, all additional funds will be divided equally between missions (funds held in the Society Missions account) and school technology (funds held in the school council fund/school fund). Additional funds allocated to these accounts will be held until needed (as determined by the school and parent council)
    - Motion: Leah Unrau
    - Second: Leanne Seelochan
    - All in favour: Carried
- Council Gift
  - In the spirit of leading by example, I purpose that we, as a council, contribute to the great day of giving.
  - Discussion
  - Motion: I move that as a parent council, we contribute \$1,000.00\_\_\_\_ from our parent council account to the Great Day of Giving
    - Motion: Leanne Seelochan
    - Second: Lindsay Heerema
    - All in favour: Carried

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

**20. Thank you and dismissal**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023