

SCA Elementary School Council Meeting
March 8, 2023, 7:15pm
In Person (Art/Science Room)

Attendance: Jaci Ramsden, Laura Volkman, Leah Unrau, Lindsey Heerema, Jim Seutter, Janet Vader, Leanne Seelochan, Lisa Harke, Kevin Semenjok, Jaime Peters, Jon Alstad, Francis Poole.

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.

2. Introductions - Everyone

3. Devotional & Prayer- Lisa Harke

International Women's Day

Mary's Song (the Magnificat) Luke 1:49-55

Prayer of Blessing in honor of Women by Erin Matteson

God of Sarah and Hagar, Naomi and Ruth, Esther and Deborah, God of Mary and Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, Lydia, and all the unnamed women of scripture,

as you anointed these women with the oil of faith and calling, so anoint women everywhere.

as you blessed these women with finding the courage and strength, persistence and perseverance within them, so bless women everywhere.

as you transformed the world through the vision and work of these women, continue to transform the world through the vision and work of women everywhere.

Throughout our world, may women continue to form and build community in ways that birth justice, love and peace among us.

God, bless the women who continue to work tirelessly, often unnoticed, but full of beauty and power, for all manner of good.

Continue to make them vessels of your sustenance; instruments of your peace; an inspiration to all. Amen

4. Previous Minutes/Approval

Our school council met on January 18, 2023. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the SCA Elementary Website under the school council menu. Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 school council meeting as posted.

Motion: Leanne Seelochan

Seconder: Lindsay Heerema

All approved: Carried

5. Budget Reporting - Dada Olukunmi (or Leanne)

Since our last meeting, our account has seen the following:

Revenue:

Healthy Hunger January 2023 \$538

Healthy Hunger February 2023 \$386.05

Expenditures:

Chip Day (Jan) \$ 459.65

Chip Day (Feb) \$354.56

Chip Day (Feb) \$343.98

Gift for New Superintendent \$47.25 - Sandra Stoddard

Council Team Building \$142.83

Great Day of Giving \$1000.00

Current Balance: \$7,928.23

Expenses to be approved (Lisa)

Literacy Awards for Club Reading \$500 - Books

Kleenex Fund \$250

Bus Driver Appreciation \$150 - Gift Cards for 15 drives, probably Tim Horton's

Staff Pizza Party \$320

Administrative Professionals' Day \$75 - office staff

Superintendent Retirement Gift for Mark Liguori \$50- gift card

Mr. Foster Retirement Gift \$200- gift cards

(This would be a total of \$1,545 out of the current balance. Leaving us \$6383.23 if approved)

We move to approve the expenses as listed.

Motion: Leah Unrau

Seconder: Laura Volkman

All approved: Carried

6. EIPS Trustee Report (Trustee Seutter)

- Trustees have concluded our search and selection of a new Superintendent and are pleased to announce **Sandra Stoddard** as our new leader effective July 1, 2023.
- As we move ahead over the Spring season the next major work will have the Board working on the 2023-24 Fall Budget. It is a complex document involving around 200 million dollars with many decisions about priority spending areas.
- A new provincial funding model for Student Transportation is due to be announced in the next while so that will delay the setting of bus fees to later in the Spring.
- Good news continues regarding the funding of the construction of Sherwood Heights in the Provincial Budget recently announced. Combined efforts with Campbell Towne.

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

- EIPS Assurance Review - Mrs. Peters- Results in May or June. It is a public report and can be requested.
- Re-Registration 580 Students so far.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews/Meals

8. COVID Recovery (Mr. Poole)

- Jump Rope for Heart - Mr. Fung - \$1200 raised.
- Reading Day - Mike Boldt - Hot Chocolate, Thank you parents for helping make this day great.
- Red/Pink Day

9. School Fees - increase of 5%

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.

- Link to resource: [School councils | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx)
- We have decided to use our grant money to put together a variety of parent resource books. If you have ideas or books you are interested in, let me know!
- We are hoping to

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

Grade 6- Blanket exercise

Grade 2 - Chapel- focusing on respect for all cultures.

Grade 5 - April Chapel - Metis escape room.

12. Community Update

- Sherwood Park Sobeys (both locations) have been participating in Toonies for Tummies, a charitable campaign to partner with the community to raise money for EIPS students. To date, over \$10,000 has be raised and distributed to 24 EIPS schools to buy healthy snacks and meals, in addition to supplementing nutrition programs already in place.

13. EIPS Budget - 5% increased, based on growth

14. New Superintendent - Flowers sent

15. Mexico Missions- Will get a report from Leanne at next meeting.

16. Curriculum Update - It is reported that Elk Island has done a great job supporting teachers well through these updates.

-K-3 - LA & Math

-Grade 6 - Phys Ed & Wellness

-Grade 4-6 - LA & Math 2023- 2024

-K-3 - Science 2023- 2024

17. May Meeting - May 10. 2023

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

-Wear blue t-shirts

-Event to involve family participation

19. Bible Memory (Mr. Poole)

20. Thank you and dismissal

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm
- Next meeting & AGM: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

