

**SCA Elementary School Council Meeting  
September 13, 2023, 7:15pm  
In Person (Art/Science Room)**

**OUR MISSION: 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.**

**Attendance:** Francis Poole, Kelly Tebay, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Kevin Seweujuk, Sarah Dyck, Chris Little, Mackenzie Groenewegen, Alexandra Groenewegen, Jaci Ramsden, Melissa Seglie, Lisa Harke, Leanne Seelochan, Laura Volkman, Leah Unrau, Lindsay Heerema, Jon Elizinga, Jenn Laurie, Brad Laurie, Jim Seutter, Chris Crocq, Steve Mebs, Tyler Honeyford, Deborah Carlton, Trena Taralson, Allisen Khajavi, Jaime Peters, Evan & Rachel McCoy.

**1. Welcome- Lisa Harke**

**2. Introductions - Everyone**

**Meet the team!**

**Lisa Harke (Chair)**

**Leanne Seelochan (Vice Chair)**

**Jaci Ramsden (Secretary)**

**Dada Olokunmi (Treasurer)**

**Leah Unrau (Staff Ambassador)**

**Laura Volkman (Compassion Coordinator)**

**Sarah Dyck (Key Communicator)**

**Lindsey Heerema (Service Coordinator)**

**Kevin Semenjuk (School Community Coordinator)**

**Staff Members: Mr. Poole, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Alstad, Mrs. Vader**

**3. Devotional & Prayer- Lisa Harke**

Ephesians 1:9-10

With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - ***to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.***

As we begin a new school year, it feels important to center ourselves around a common vision of unity that I am hopeful will be the heartbeat of our school council throughout the coming year. God has uniquely gifted and equipped each one of us to be a part of the whole, with the ultimate goal of building us all up in perfect unity.

With regard to our specific context as a school council, we are unified around a common 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."

With our purpose in mind, let's begin our year!

Prayer

God, thank you for bringing us all together tonight. I pray that tonight, and in this coming year, that your goodness, your peace and your blessing would be upon us.

I pray for a unity and oneness of heart, mind and spirit as we all come together under the authority of the risen and exalted Jesus.

By your Spirit, help us to love you and to love each other and so advance your kingdom as we participate in what you are doing by engaging in the work that you have uniquely planned and equipped each of us to do.

We pray for your wisdom to lead and guide us; and for your love to inform who we are and all that we do.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

#### **4. Previous Minutes**

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 school council meeting as posted.

Motion: Leanne Seelochan

Seconder: Laura Volkman

All approved: Carried

## **6. Budget/Accounting Reporting**

Our source of revenue is chip day and hot lunch. Andrea Elzinga is heading up hot lunch again this year.

Our closing balance at the end of last school year (June 26, 2023) was \$13,688.27  
That includes a portion of the money that we are holding from the Great Day of Giving future use on technology (\$7,717.01).

That leaves us with \$5,971.26 as our working total.

## **7. EIPS Trustee Report- Trustee Seutter**

-Cathy Allen elected Chair- Susan Miller elected Vice Chair. Thanks to Trina Boymook for her terms of service as Board Chair.

-Our new Superintendent Sandra Stoddard has invited three new members to join the Executive Team (Ragan Johnson, Ryan Marshan, Weylin Gilewich).

-Coming to the September 21 Board meeting is a French Immersion Update and Next Steps Report with a decision at the October 19 Board meeting.

-Board meetings for 2023/24 are usually scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

-As usual, any questions or comments are welcome.

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

<https://scasociety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-09-18-Society-School-Council-Presentation.pdf>

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

- Field Trips- 3 per grade/year. Watch for your Permission Clicks.
- Retreats:

Grade 4- VanEs  
Grade 5-Birch Bay  
Grade 6-Nakamun

- Meet the Teacher Night- Wednesday September 20, 2023
- Hot Lunch- Healthy Hunger platform again.
- Orange Shirt Day/Terry Fox Run • Choir - September
- There will be no musical this year but instead there will be a choir to audition for. This will be open to Grade 5 & 6 students.
- New Families- approx. 25 new students.
- New Student Lunch
- Staffing 2023-24 - 4 new staff members. \$15 Gift cards and hand written notes delivered this week.

This will be Pastor Cook's last year.

Mrs. Stadnyk is retiring and this will be her last teaching year.

- STAR Assessments- LA and Math
- Grade 1 Literacy Night- fun time for parents, includes teacher skits and prizes.

In 1998 SCA joined EIPS.

- PAT's- Grade 6 only.  
Standardized testing, good accountability.

Psalms 119:16 "I delight in your decree; I will not neglect your word."

#### **10. Action Items:**

- 1) New Chair/Superintendent**
- 2) COSC- Committee of School Council**

#### **COSC Overview**

COSC stands for Committee of School Councils

Purpose of empowering, engaging and supporting school councils

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 4, 2023

- 3) School Education Plan (SEP)- on school website.**
- 4) FNMI - Orange shirt day**
- 5) Missions-** Friends from FFHM coming to speak and share in October.
- 6) Facebook - Sarah Dyck**
- 7) School Theme: 2023-24- Psalm 34:8**

#### **8) September Expenses**

Motion: Leah Unrau  
Seconded: Leeane Seelochan  
All approved: Carried

LSCA Elementary School Council  
September Expenses to be Approved

Gift Cards for New Staff (4 x \$15 each = \$60)

New Student Lunch (\$350)

Grade 1 Literacy Night (\$200)

Mom's Coffee Party (\$100)

**9) Council Meeting Dates**

**These are our proposed meeting dates, will confirm these dates at our first meeting. All of our meetings will start at 7:15 pm (as sharp-ish as we can so if you can plan to arrive by 7:10 that helps us start in a timely manner). Thanks!**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**10) Bible Memory- The big 5.**

**So in everything do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12**

**Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Matthew 22:37-40**

**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16**