

SCA Elementary School Council Meeting/AGM

May 21, 2025 7:15pm

In Person (Art/Science Room)

OUR MISSION: To invite students, through Christ-centered education. To know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, in order to pursue a life of godly character in service to others and achieve their academic potential.

Attendance: Jonathan Elzinga, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Lindsey Heerema, Kevin Semenjuk, Chris Hammond, Jen Reirson, Cathy Allen, Melissa Seglie, Maira Quintanilha, Darren Driedger, Deanne Craig, Leah Unrah, Laura Volkman, Janet Vader, Teresa Tessier

- 1. Welcome – Lindsey Heerema**
- 2. Introductions – Everyone**
- 3. Devotional and prayer – Leah Unrau**
 - **Matthew 19:14 Focus on children**

Reporting

- 1. Approval of Minutes of March 5th, 2025**
 - Motion, Seconded, All Approved.
- 2. Approval of Agenda –**
 - Motion, Seconded, All approved
- 3. Budget/Accounting – Kevin**
 - chip day expenses
 - staff appreciation
 - \$500 for club reading prizes
 - \$9,600 in the bank and excess of \$2,300
 - Source of revenue is from Chip Day and Hot Lunch
- 4. COSC –Last meeting was May 7th. Positive meeting. Campus EIPS program – for the trades.**

Big thank you to Lindsey for attending throughout the year. It's a big commitment and much appreciated to have our school represented.

5. EIPS Trustee Report – Trustee Cathy Allen

- Thank you for the invite to the volunteer tea – I had a lovely time and enjoyed the women at my table. We are all more similar than different from one another.
- Mr. Hagens recognized as an outstanding first year teacher.
- High school students can stay in their school but take a program from another school and be recognized at both schools ie: Fort Saskatchewan home school but Cosmetology at Bev Facey. Each high school in division will have offerings suited to their campus. Lamont will have an entry level nursing assistant preliminary program. Students can start getting hours towards a blue book and credits towards graduating. Transportation is the problem, but EIPS is working on it.
- Budget – receiving final budget for discussion and approval next week.
- Staff retention and equity. Continue training our Educational Assistants.
- Technology and AI. Focus on equity in education in rural.

Big thank you to trustee Cathy Allen

6. Society Report – Teresa Tessier

- Program Update #2
- Enrollment 1276 for 25/26, good growth
- Goal of transparency and communication
- Reviewed annual presentation plan
- Key staff changes
- Review of chapel days for both schools
- Spiritual life classes available for grades 7-12 reviewed
- Leadership 9 update
- Missions National
- Local Missions that the elementary and secondary focus on

Big thank you to Nate and Teresa for giving the Society updates at our meetings

Information Items:

7. Principal's Report – Mr. Elzinga:

- With attendance up we are ahead of budget
- **Choir** was a highlight of the year. 60+ students.
- **Watoto children's choir** was a huge success – excellent attendance

- **Family Handbook – recently updated** – Soft rollout for the rest of the year and will be focused on in September 2025.

8. Mr. Alstad -

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Thanks to Laura for organizing the meals.
- **Reading day was on March 20th before spring break.** Great way to lead into spring break.
- **GOA Assessments** – kindergarten to grade 3. September, January and May/June

9. Counsellor's Report - Mrs. Tomkins

- Volunteer Tea - 130 people turned out. Very successful.
- Human sexuality presentations to grade 5/6 students last week

10. Missions update – Pastor Driedger

- How to grow your child's prayer life – magnets for the fridge
- Would the council support this and pay for it with extra funds? Motioned, council will support payment.

11. FNMI Report – Mrs. Vader

- Grade 5 presentation with Mrs. Vader.
- Grade 3 at end of the month
- Saddle Lake visit next week to Shawahnekizhek Academy – taking soccer nets and balls as per their request as to how we could bless them
- June 21st National Indigenous Peoples Day. In honour, we will hold “Lunch on the Land” Friday June 20th. Whole student body goes outside and eats lunch. Families are welcome to come and eat with their kids.

Action Items

12. Bible Memory

The big 5

Psalm 23 recited by Janet Vader

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

AGM Meeting –

Mr. Elzinga –

Review of School Education Plan:

- Three areas of focus: Literacy, Numeracy and Student Leadership
- How can we be good neighbours now that we are in a neighbourhood? Be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Lindsey Heerema –

Presentation of School Council Annual Report and Financial Statement

- Summary of the council year 2024/25
- School theme - The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. Psalm 23:1

Election of Officers for 2025-2026

Leah Unrau and Sarah Dyck are stepping down.

Maira Quintanilha will join the council as vice chair.

Deanna Craig will join the council as Key Communicator.

Pastor Driedger closed in prayer.