

**SCA Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**October 18, 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:** Jamie Peters, Francis Poole, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Kevin Seweujuk, Chris Hammond, Amy Frederick, Richard Frederick, Jaci Ramsden, Leanne Seelochan, Dada Smart, Kelly Tebay, Lindsay Heerema, Jim Seutter, Janet Vader, Laura Volkman, Jenn Laurie, Brad Laurie, Lisa Harke.

- 1. Devotional- Leanne Seelochan-** Eph 2:10- Our Identity in Christ. We are a masterpiece. We are chosen, known and loved. Everyone is included.
- 2. Welcome- Lisa Harke**
- 3. Introductions - Everyone**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 school council meeting as posted.

Motion: Leanne Seelochan  
Seconder: Kevin Seweujuk  
All approved: Carried

- 5. COSC- Mr.Poole-** Sandra Stoddard discussed a 3 year plan.

- 6. EIPS Trustee Report- Trustee Seutter**

The number 1 decision issue for the EIPS Trustees is the French Immersion Program Location.

At its October 19 Board meeting, 3 options are being considered.

Option 2 considers relocating all EIPS Secondary French Immersion programs, grades 7-12 to Bev Facey Community High; and, relocate or establish additional programming for Grades 7-9 at Bev Facey Community High.

This is the recommended option to the Board from Central Office Administration with Implementation for the 2026-2027 School year.

**7. Society Report** - Will be presented at the November 15 meeting.

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

- ECS Mom's Coffee Party - October 19. Lori Thune to present.
- Healthy Hunger- hot lunch, looking for volunteers.
- Picture day reboot- November 1, 2, with class pictures being taken November 21, 2023.
- Little Mermaid- SCA Secondary will provide a matinee performance for the whole elementary school to enjoy. This will happen in May.

**9. Action Items:**

**1) Terry Fox Run-** Great weather, raised over \$2000.00

**2)New Student Lunch**

**3)Intramurals-** Girls are playing soccer, boys are playing floor hockey.

**4)Character Dress Up Day-** Grade 1 & 2 for reading week.

**5)Grade 1 Literacy Night-** great turn out of around 90 parents.

**6)Parent-Teacher Supper-** opportunity to sign up to bring food for the teachers during interview nights.

**7)Parent/Teacher Interviews-** will occur on Dec 5 & 7, 2023.

**8)Key Communicator-** Sarah: lots of engagement

**9)First Nation Metis Inuit- Janet Vader-** please see diagram below. This is a great visual of the program that Mrs. Vader leads.

# Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary School

## First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education



### Grade Experiences

In addition to the curriculum, each grade will focus on a different aspect of First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture. In the course of a school year, every grade will have a unique experience which will increase knowledge, generate empathy and encourage conversation amongst students, staff and parents.

### Library Resources

Our library is equipped with a vast collection of books related to Indigenous education. We have a good balance of both fiction and non-fiction, at every level of understanding and age appropriateness. Our librarian is deeply invested, well informed and very relevant and current with her knowledge of authors and resources and communicates this effectively to students of every age.

### Staff Professional Development

Each staff member is in possession of a collection of resources to deepen their knowledge of Indigenous culture. They also have access to many resources with lesson plans, activities and other varied learning experiences that can be used in the classroom. Professional development is ongoing throughout the year and collaboration happens naturally and effectively.

### Partnership with Shawahnekizhek Academy

Our school continues to have a partnership with a Christian school in Saddle Lake, AB called Shawahnekizhek Academy. We provide financial support, professional support and prayer support to the staff and students of this school. Throughout the school year, staff from SCE visit Saddle Lake and share ideas, resources and collaboration with them. Mavis Giant also shares her expertise about Indigenous culture with our staff and students.

### Prayer

We as a school ascribe to the Bible verse in Galatians 5:14 which says "...love your neighbour as yourself." The First Nations, Metis and Inuit people of Canada continue to be our neighbours, our colleagues and our friends. We, as a Christian school, teach our staff, students and parents to love and celebrate those around us, just as Jesus Christ would have.

### Music, Dance, Art

Throughout the year, staff and students experience various projects that engage students in the Arts and celebrate First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture. This allows students to celebrate the beauty of nature that our Creator exhibits. It also builds camaraderie amongst our student body and gives us the chance to recognize our students who identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit.

#### **10) Missions Presentation - Foundations for His Ministry**

We were so privileged to have Leo and Esmeralda Martinez and Abby Martin join us for our meeting. We were blessed by their story as they shared all about their roles, challenges, joys and success at the mission. Leo is the Director of Operations, Esmeralda is the school Principal, Abby is currently working at the mission in Tijuana, but assisted with translating during the trip. We were tremendously blessed by their story and received a beautiful prayer of blessing. There is always an opportunity to support FFHM, as well as child sponsorship.

<https://www.ffhm.org/sponsorships>

#### **11) 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**

