

**SCA Elementary School Council Meeting & AGM**  
**May 22, 2024, 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:** Lisa Harke, Laura Volkman, Teresa Tessier, Leanne Seelochan, Chris Crocq, Dada Smart, Jon Alstad, Leah Unrau, Dave Unrau, Erin Tomkins, Melissa Seglie, Steve Mebs, Francis Poole, Cathy Allen, Lindsey Heerema, Janet Vader, Chris Little, Jonathan Elzinga, Jaime Peters, Chris Hammond, Kelly Tebay

- 1. Welcome & Call to Order @ 7:19pm - Lisa Harke**
- 2. Introductions - everyone**
- 3. Devotional & Prayer- Pastor Cook – Faithfulness**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> fruit of the spirit
  - What does it mean to be faithful?
  - Definition: follow through with a commitment regardless of the difficulty
  - God is faithful; Psalm 33:4
  - We are called to be faithful; faithfulness is a great quality to have
  - The Bible talks about God rewarding us for being faithful, Matthew 25:23
  - Pastor Cook says thank you for being faithful people who made it possible for staff to do what they do with the students; Giving your time and heart to students, staff, families. Psalm 78:4
  - Prayer
- 4. Prayer – Leah – for pastor Cook**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024 school council meeting as posted.

**Motion:** Laura Volkman  
**Secunder:** Lindsey Heerema  
**All approved:** Yes
- 6. Budget/Accounting Reporting – Dada – in AGM portion**

## 7. Expense Approval

- **Motion:** Approve the following expenses: \$350 for year-end staff pizza party and \$50 for thank you gifts for teachers leading choir (Miss Roussel and Miss Charr)

**Motion:** Leah Unrau

**Secunder:** Lindsey Heerema

**All approved:** Yes

## 8. EIPS Trustee Report - Cathy Allen –

- Alberta District School Counsel Engagement Award went to EIPS
- Alexis Kotronis is the Edwin Parr teacher nominee
- Board approved 3 year capital plan
  - Expansions, renovations, new school buildings for multiple schools in district
- Budget is the same, although we didn't get funding for inflation
  - didn't get funded for insurance and utility increase, so we have had to dip into reserves; may need to look at wants vs needs for future;
  - Grant for 'reset rooms' is ending in June
  - Everyone gets transportation rebate (40% rebate to current student riders)
  - Thank you that we are encouraging our kids at home and cheering them on

## 9. Society Report - Steve Mebs –

**Link to Presentations:**

[2024-05 Ministry Plan & Budget \(scasociety.ca\)](https://scasociety.ca/2024-05-Ministry-Plan-&Budget)

[2024-05-SCA-Society-Update.pdf \(scasociety.ca\)](https://scasociety.ca/2024-05-SCA-Society-Update.pdf)

- Approve Ministry Plan for the next year
- Review the Society Mandates (9)
- Overview of society
- Key strategies for 2024/25: Relationships and Shepherding; Change (new people, new roles, new leaders), Collaboration, Christian Worldview Training/Flourishing Schools
- Budget planning – review last year's budget and discuss next year's budget (Programming fees, Missions, and Administration)
- Review of past year (slideshow presentation):
  - 1,225 students anticipated enrollment for next year
  - Great relationship with EIPS and Superintendent
  - Mission and Vision were updated this last year
  - Current Alternative Program Agreement with EIPS expires in 2025, so we renewed until 2030. Everyone happy.

- Spiritual Programming: Chapels and Devotions; Bible classes; Retreats; Other programs like seminars, food drives, and more; Gr 9 Leadership class to Victoria; Missions National at Teen Ranch in Ontario; Local missions;
- Facility Updates: approved major maintenance projects – new Elementary roof; boilers need replacing at Secondary, (MRF fund, Society, Propco) reserves will cover these costs

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

- Moral Education: Gr 5-6 went well
- Little Mermaid was outstanding at SCA Secondary
- First year for choir, went great – Performed at Legislature, Oil Kings game, and more, thank you to Ms. Roussel and Ms. Sharr for leading that
- Staffing: budget and staffing late this year – new Pastor, new Principal, former teacher coming back from mat leave, all should be firmed up in the next few weeks
- Welcome new Principal Mr. Jon Elzinga: Was a student here K-12, Started career at SCA Elementary until moving on to multiple other schools, he has 2 daughters at the school, his wife is Andrea, he loves camping, golfing, Oilers, and they have 2 family guinea pigs
- Budget: pretty status quo which is great, budget is good and we are in a good place; not fantastic but not terrible
- Volunteer Tea: May 23 in the gym

#### **11. FNMI - Mrs. Vader –**

- Went to Shawahnekizek in April, did a craft with kids, finally saw the completed kitchen (video tour), they are so thankful there, they have so little but they are so thankful and full of joy

#### **12. Missions**

- To whom much is given, much is expected
- Mexico/FFHM – had party for the kids at the school, we sent funding for instruments
- The Lord is good to us
- Leo and Esmeralda will come again for a visit in the Fall

#### **13. Key Communicator – Lisa**

- Organizing summer park dates for parents to stay connected
- Advertising for Mr. Poole's Retirement party

#### **14. PAT Exams**

- Social and Science PATs are taking place this year; LA & math were cancelled but we are doing a school created assessment for those subjects instead
- Next year PATs are going digital

#### **15. Curriculum Update - Mr. Alstad**

- We have been implementing new curriculum over the last few years
- Next year is the new 4-6 Science curriculum
- Year after (2025-26) will be the new K-3 new Social Studies
- Haven't heard about Fine Arts

#### **16. Farewell to Members**

- Members Leanne (Vice Chair) and Lisa (Chair) heading to SCA Secondary School Council; Dada (Treasurer) is also stepping down in her role – thank you for your service

#### **17. Principal Farewell**

- Event is Wednesday at 1:30pm at SPAC
- School Council to assist
- If you can help, chat with Mrs. Peters
- Kid-friendly, student-focused celebration

#### **18. Bible Memory: Galatians 5:22-23**

### **Annual General Meeting - May 22, 2024 @ 8:35pm**

#### **1. Review of School Education Plan - Mr. Poole**

- Every school is required to have a School Education Plan
- School goals/priorities/strategies/measures (more growth in reading, writing, math and FNMI understanding, and more)

#### **2. Presentation of School Council Annual Report and Financial Statement – Lisa**

- Overview of our year
- Review members and non-members
- Review meeting dates
- Review school council activities this past year
- Review of engagement opportunities attended by a council representative
- Looking ahead to next year
- Financial summary of the year

**Link to Presentation:**

**[School Council Annual Report 2023-2024 & Election of Officers - Google Slides](#)**

**3. Election of officers for 2024-25 Council Executive**

Continuing in their current roles: Laura Volkman (Compassion Coordinator) & Sarah Dyck (Key Communicator)

Staff Ambassador Position - plan to fill this position with an interested candidate in September 2024 - indicate interest to Mr. Poole

6 positions to fill today - 3 current members and 3 new parents have put their names forward for the following positions...

**Chair - Lindsey Heerema**

**Vice Chair - Leah Unrau**

**Treasurer - Kevin Semenjuk**

**Secretary - Melissa Seglie**

**Service Coordinator - Chris Little**

**School Community Coordinator - Chris Hammond**

**Move to elect officers as indicated**

**All in Favor: Yes**

**4. Closing Prayer - Lindsey**

**5. Meeting Adjourned at 8:57pm**

Minutes Recorded by Laura Volkman