

SCA Elementary School Council Meeting

November 20, 2024 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, Jaime Peters, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Lindsey Heerema, Chris Little, Chris Hammond, Kevin Semenjuk, Jen Reirson, Cathy Allen, Nate Peters, Shelley Schmidt, Melissa Seglie, Maira Quintannilha, Darren Driedger

- 1. Welcome – Lindsey Heerema**
- 2. Introductions – Everyone**
- 3. Devotional and prayer – Darren Driedger**

Psalm 23. Very endeared to this Psalm. Used in many situations. God promises he will meet all of our needs. Teaches us about who God is and who we are.

Reporting

- 1. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2024**
 - Motion, Seconded, All Approved.
- 2. Approval of Agenda –**
 - Motion, Seconded, All approved
- 3. Budget/Accounting – Kevin**
 - o \$7,400 came in for chip day money
 - o Last month expenses were Hot drink expense, Mexican missionaries, dinner and a gift for baby.
 - o \$10,918 in the bank account.
 - o Source of revenue is from Chip Day and Hot Lunch
- 4. COSC –Last meeting was November 6th. Great meeting. Next meeting January 8th, 2025.**

Presentation from Mr Markus Reed.

-School council engagement grant – going towards grade 1 literacy night. Any suggestions for the balance, please bring forward. Last year the literacy night got the whole grant plus \$200 from council money. Timeline for utilizing the grant is sooner than later. Should be submitted as soon as possible to get the approval from EIPS.

- any feedback please give to Lindsey asap.

5. **EIPS Trustee Report – Trustee Cathy Allen**

- A second Trustee has moved out of the ward and therefore you have to resign, Jacqueline Shotbolt. From Fort Saskatchewan, moved to BC for family needs. Resignation was October 31 which got us into year prior to municipal election and therefore not required to have a by election. We normally have 9 and right now running with 7. It would be \$250,000 to run the by-election for two new trustees. Not money that should be spent that way and will instead remain in the classroom.
- Trustee Seutter's salary stayed in the budget, \$39K, going back into leveraging student achievement. Principals relied on to show greatest need.
- Trustee Shotbolt's salary will stay in the governance budget as well. Can't be pushed into the classroom now but will continue to be kept for other things.
- Municipal election, next year, there could be 9 new trustees. How do you on board 9 new trustees to ensure they can hit the ground running? They have a gentleman hired for October 2025 to help with this.
- Do we think it's a good idea to have a candidates submit a criminal record check? A \$1,000 deposit? Does this affect who would run? They need to create a bylaw before December 31.
- Modular classrooms – request to Alberta Ed to change a number of units for this year. If approved there will be 2 new ones, some demolished and some relocated throughout the division. Each move costs \$300,000 and therefore hope Alberta Ed will assist us.
- Legislation – assembly is back in for fall sitting. Watching Bill 27, education amendment act. A lot of information. Opt in or out. Bill 29 – fairness and safety in sport – affects school teams in any school division. French immersion – transition from Ardrossan to Salisbury high school, September 2026, when new French school opens. What is the best plan to move forward. Can not be ran in two sites, very difficult and need to address all issues.

- We should know by the end of December what the new calendar will be.

6. Society Report – Nate Peters

- Financials 1: Costs and Benchmarks
- Alternative program fees for programs where buildings are not owned by the school board (like SCA), Excludes private schools. We charge the same price per child up to 3 children then half per child after that.
- Other schools have a registration fee per family and/or a one time capital fund cost
- SCA cost increase of 5%.
- We have a unique gift in Alberta that we can offer this, other provinces are private schools and significantly more expensive.
- Reviewed Operating and Maintenance Expenses (day to day) and Capital Expenses (larger longer term) for both SCE and SCS
- Annual Budget Process – January fees get set to deliver in February
- Reviewed 2024/2025 Budget
- January’s presentation will be on audits and what 2025 budget/expenses may look like.

Information Items:

7. Principal’s Report – Mr. Elzinga:

- **Remembrance Day Chapel** – great chapel, well attended
- **EIPS Assurance Review** – meet with other school administration to discuss education plan and challenges and share. Full day of vulnerability. Monday, November 25th. Please remember us in prayer.
- **Staffing Update** – Mrs Shannon is now on maternity leave. 5B. Mrs. Jenkins (gr. E) is on leave until Christmas. Janelle Hay has stepped in to cover her class.
- **Picture Day** – Edge imaging. Very long process. Class picture day was tricky to book. We intend to use someone else next year, Offspring Photography.

8. Mr. Alstad -

- **Christmas Concert** - Ms. Roussel, Mr. Fung and Mrs. Briscall are heading it up. December 12th, 6:30pm for grade 1-3 and 8pm for grade 4-6.

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – December 3 and 5 – report cards go out next Friday. Monday the 25th, interview bookings open.

9. Mrs. Peters -

Staff/Student Floor Hockey game – January 24th

PAT Results from June 2024 – Reviewed for grade 6 science and social studies.

- We are expecting PATs for math and LA will resume this year. Social will occur and uncertain for science. This is for grade 6.
- EIPS has decided to pilot digital implementation of PATs for this year.
- Anticipate 25/26 school year being a mandatory digital implementation.

10. Counsellor's Report - Mrs. Tomkins

- Bullying awareness week, activities and acts of kindness. Mrs. Tomkins is giving presentations in every class.

11. Missions update – Pastor Driedger

- Excellent 10 day visit from Leo and Hesse in October. We had 11 classroom presentations. Kids loved interacting with them.
- Hats for Missions was a huge success \$1,800
- Toys for kids collection drive – December 6th

12. FNMI Report – Mrs. Peters

- Visit to s Shawahnekizhek Academy happened on November 1st and it was a great visit.

Action Items

13. Parent/ Teacher Interview Supper - Lindsey

- December 3rd, almost all spots are filled.

14. Staff Ambassador – Jen

- Hot drinks delivered November 5th, very well received. We would like to do it again in February. Can we approve budget?
- Motioned, seconded, all approved.
- Christmas encouragement appreciation piece for staff, 40 cards for teachers. Budget of ~\$25.

- Motioned, seconded and all approved.

15. Key communicator (Facebook) -

- Good participation.

16. Bible Memory

The big 5

Mathew 7:12 recited

Mr. Alstad closed in prayer.

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