

## **SCA Elementary School Council Meeting**

**January 15, 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, Jaime Peters, Jon Alstad, Erin Tomkins, Lindsey Heerema, Chris Little, Kevin Semenjuk, Jen Reirson, Cathy Allen, Nate Peters, Melissa Seglie, Maira Quintanilha, Darren Driedger, Deanne Craig, Leah Unrau, Laura Volkman

- 1. Welcome – Lindsey Heerema**
- 2. Introductions – Everyone**
- 3. Devotional and prayer – Laura Volkman**
  - Joy
  - Difference between happiness and joy
  - True Joy comes from Christ and can not be taken away.

### **Reporting**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2024**
  - Motion, Seconded, All Approved.
- 2. Approval of Agenda –**
  - Motion, Seconded, All approved
- 3. Budget/Accounting – Kevin**
  - chip day expenses
  - \$10,462 in the bank account.
  - Source of revenue is from Chip Day and Hot Lunch
- 4. COSC –Last meeting was January 8th. Great meeting.**

## 5. EIPS Trustee Report – Trustee Cathy Allen

- Concern around cyber security breach of PowerSchool. Affect on high school marks, credit tracking, ID numbers. Crises team has been working 24 hours.
- Contact made to anyone in the system from 2009. January 17<sup>th</sup> contact will be made.
- Multiple provinces affected.
- Who is responsible if there is a problem with the data that has been breached. PowerSchool, not EIPS.
- Discussion over encryption of our school data specifically and if there is another provider we can use outside of PowerSchool. How can security be further enhanced to ensure this does not happen again? Mr. Elzinga said EIPS has, over the last couple years, enhanced their IT security significantly.
- Fall budget passed.
- Assurance reviews were great this year. Focus on what is needed for advocacy work and what affects the budget.
- AERR – required by Alberta Education. How did we do and what is the work we still have to do. Document produced. A 4 pager and a booklet.
- New school is named Forest Grove School. K-9
- Allowable fee increase will be 2%.
- Draft junior high curriculum. Math, Social Studies, Phys. Ed and Wellness. Not by grade but by subject.
- CALM is a graduation requirement right now and may get moved into junior high curriculum. Implementation is September 2026.
- Trustees Election is October 20, 2025. Criminal Record Check must be included in nomination packages. 4 spots available for sure.
- Calendar - 1h 45min debate for the Trustees. 600 pages of feedback. Child care is the biggest concern. Catholic division is going with the same calendar so the whole division will be on the same calendar. Discussion with Boys and Girls Club as to if they could come into schools to assist with supervision and oversight. Potentially programs in high schools that could help.
- Research supports improvement in teaching and learning through collaboration. Educational Assistants need to be involved as well.

- This is a 2 year calendar commitment. It will be resurveyed in 2 years.
- Time will be made up by 5 minutes earlier each day and ending 4 minutes later. (9 minutes added to each school day).
- If you have any questions, reach out to Cathy Allen directly at: [cathy.allen@eips.ca](mailto:cathy.allen@eips.ca) or 780.417.8109

## 6. Society Report – Nate Peters

- Financials 2: Audits and Fee Setting
- Facility Updates – SCE roof replacement was costly and not expected. Also replace boilers. We have a strong maintenance reserve fund. This will come down to 0 in the next few years.
- Increased enrollment bumped up received funds from EIPS
- South gym – how could this space be used if not a gym? How would we fund it? Could it be a multi use space?
- 23/24 Audits – Available on the Society Website.
- MRF reserve – school portion for **Maintenance Reserve Fund** (MRF) has been established. \$235,760 is goal for end of 2026.
- 2025/26 fees may increase between 2-5%, likely 3%. Additional funding goes to support MRF
- Question asked what fundraising could look like? Nate said alumni programs that would require volunteer commitment or staff involvement.
- The school mortgage will be paid off in 2032. Surplus funds will be able to go to the MRF.

## **Information Items:**

### 7. Principal's Report – Mr. Elzinga:

- **EIPS Assurance Review** – met with other school administration to discuss education plan and challenges and share. Full day of vulnerability. Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Was a great conversation and very enjoyable. Shared our school successes and future plans. Lindsey attended as well.
- **Re-registration** – February 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> for returning students.
- **Open house** – January 30<sup>th</sup>

- **School Fees** – striving for every grade to have 3 field trips. It is getting harder with the low field trip fee. Proposing a \$1 increase on field trips.
- **Spring Choir** – Grade 5 & 6 students. Auditions January 27<sup>th</sup>. They will sing at the Legislature, Oil Kings game, Palm Sunday at SPAC and Volunteer Tea.

#### **8. Mr. Alstad -**

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Thanks to Laura for organizing the meals.
- **Christmas Concert** – Huge success
- **Reading Day** – March 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Staffing** – Jamie Peters last day January 24<sup>th</sup> until November as she has taken a contract position with Alberta Education. Mr. Alstad will move out of the class and be in office full time. Looking at coverage for the classrooms.

#### **9. Mrs. Peters -**

- **Staff/Student Floor Hockey game – January 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Kids are trying out.**
- **Government Alberta Assessments K-3** – Some teacher facilitation, some substitute and some one on one. We try to make it as low stress as possible.

#### **10. Counsellor's Report - Mrs. Tomkins**

- Listens to students and suggests resources. Helping them do the best they can academically. Will help update individual program plans.
- Assists with placing families with community resources.
- Assists with accommodations for achievement testing.
- Helps with new students/kindergarten students.

#### **11. Missions update – Pastor Driedger**

- We Care Collection Drive – partnership with SPAC. Replenish supply.
- Three staff members are traveling to Mexico for spring break to visit our partnership there.
- Grade 4 lunch prayer club, 3 session per class. Why do we pray, how do we pray?

#### **12. FNMI Report – Mrs. Vader**

- Grade 2's had a visitor, Goota, a self-described 'proud Eskimo woman'.
- Kids loved it, she was an excellent visitor. She brought food to sample.

- Learned about seal consumption
- Played games as a group
- She said Eskimo means strong, proud, resilient.
- February will hold a blanket exercise for grade 6's

### **Action Items**

#### **13. Key communicator (Facebook) -**

- Good participation.

#### **14. Bible Memory**

The big 5

Mathew 22:37-40 recited.

Laura Volkman 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**