

**SCS Council Minutes**  
**September 4, 2019**

In attendance:

Aaron, Karla, Michelle, Ange, Jon, Alison, Devin, Ryan, Pauline, Roberta, David, Trina, Laurie.

1. Call meeting to order. Welcome and Introductions: Aaron Box
2. Opening Prayer: Jon Elzinga
3. Addition made to agenda: PEP TALKS- Krista Scott
4. Review and Accept minutes from May: Ange Huth motioned, Karla Alton seconded.
5. School Council Report: no representative attended.
6. New Business: Group voted in new Executive members. Krista Scott accepted the position of Vice Chair with the agreement that she would not be held to section #8 in the bylaw. Krista cannot commit to taking over the position of Chair in two years as her child will have graduated. All voted in favor- motion carried. Ange Huth voted in as the new Secretary, all voted in favor - motion carried.

-It was recommended that the minutes from May 2019 be posted online under school Council tab so that all groups can read the new policy regarding council attendance and Membership.

-Meeting dates for 2019/2020 will be the third Wednesday of the month, at 7pm in the Commons.

-All future minutes will be sent to the Executive and Jon Elzinga for ratification within 24 hours of the meeting. The team will then have another 24 hours to edit and then the minutes will be forwarded to Lori Theune within a week to be posted online.

-Discussion had regarding communication efforts. Looked at ideas of how to increase our online presence.

-Aaron Box will do a brief presentation in the general session at the Meet the Teacher night on Sept. 9. Council members recommended to attend and be available to meet with parents.

-Aaron agreed to make available a handout for parents listing ways to connect with Council. Krista Scott will send an email to Mr. Camponi, Mrs. Tuckwood and Mr. Elzinga to find out specifically where parents can access info on the Council.

-Council discussed ways to move the Teacher Survey Online Involvement to possibly an app that would allow teachers to update their needs and for parents to be able to sign up directly. Krista mentioned the app called "Volunteer Spot".

-Karla has volunteered to take over the Facebook group for Council and to keep it

Updated.

7. Aaron addressed the question of Administration engagement and what we want to see in the meetings. Krista discussed how things are done at the COSC meetings. Recommended having access to certain reports, the priorities of the Admin, results review and to use the parents for feedback in regards to decisions the Admin may be looking at. Jon shared that he will be the Admin that will be coming to every meeting this year.
8. Aaron discussed ideas of how to increase parent involvement this year. Word of mouth, post it and push it often, increase presence on social media. Will address this at the Meet the Teacher presentation, specifically to the parents of grade 7's, to make sure they know that our meetings follow a town hall approach, and are open to all. Make sure parents know that they are welcome at any meeting, that regular attendance is not a must. Krista and possibly Devin will help Aaron address this at the meeting.
9. Group discussed what presenters we would like to see for future meetings. Krista will reach out to SAL and FACEY to see the list of presenters that they have used.
10. Krista shared background on PEP- Parents empowering Parents. This is a partnership with Saffron to do a monthly newsletter on digital awareness. The link for this is provided in the COSC minutes, Aaron will forward the link to Jon to be added to weekly updates for posting.
11. Jon Elzinga stated that any information that needs to be included in the weekly updates needs to be forwarded to Lynette McElheran by Tues/Wed in order for it to be included in the Friday posting.
12. It was agreed that there was a need for someone to take on the responsibility of increasing our digital presence. Karla has agreed to take this on if another parent does not volunteer.
13. Trina shared the Trustee Report (let me know if you want me to type out the report and post it here??)
14. Jon Elzinga shared Admin report. Staff update included Matt Mathieson leaving SCS to cover as acting Principal at another school, this is expected to last 6-8 weeks. Nadine Lennox has stepped in as acting AP, and Leah Tuckwood will assist in covering Counselling. Kevin Chambers has returned and will teach grade 9 Science. Victoria Biel is on staff now teaching grade 9 English.  
-SHOW LOVE 2.0 - carrying on this year. Focusing more now on how do we show love to our community.

- October 18: Pastor Jimmy and Sandy will be coming from Belize to visit and be available to talk in the classes. Mission trips will resume this year. Matthias Cheung will be heading up Local Missions.
- First Monday of every month there will be an open assembly for students in the Link.
- Sept 6: Encounter will launch with an all school lunch and food truck.
- Sept 9: Meet the Teacher Night
- Sept 16: Photo Day
- Sept 27: All school Encounter
- October 29: Parent/Teacher Interviews

15. Jon reported for the Society Board: waiting for Budget update, should have that by the October meeting. Dwayne Ceelochan is the Chair of the Society Board. Aaron shared that the board is seeking three new members. Anyone interested can contact Aaron, Jon or Dwayne before October. Aaron is looking at joining the Society Board to have a council presence there.

16. Aaron will be completing the Financial Statements from last year to send to Mark Liguori as a wrap up from fundraising completed.

Aaron Box motioned to close the meeting, Karla Alton motions, Pauline seconds. Next meeting will be October 16, 2019.