### SCA School Council Meeting May 19,2021

Attendance:

Trina Boymook

Krista Scott

Jon Elzinga

Aileen Bozic

Jeremy and Kim Teeuwsen

Matthew Spronk

Angie Fehr

Kelli Littlefair

Devon and Ryan Marshall

Nate Peters

Jen Oosterveld

Melissa Wall

**SCA Society Report:**

Task Force is underway to work on formal agreement.

-working on financial and non financial components.

-all “big” issues have been brought forward

-budget reviewed and will keep consistent until task force has completed it’s work.

-hope to have results in the fall from task force.

**Trustee Report**

The Board will be meeting on May 20 to do an in-depth review of the draft Budget. The Board will meet again on May 26 to approve a $197.18M operating budget drawing $6.85M from operating reserves.

The Board provided the Minister a detailed review of the draft K-6 curriculum completed by Janice Aubrey, a curriculum expert of considerable renown not only in Alberta, but on the international front as well. The information she’s summarized in her report not only aligns to what we are hearing from our parent community but reflects what we’ve heard from our business community as well. The report is a high-level governance summary of the strengths, opportunities for improvement and areas of concern as this important work continues, which we will be sharing with parents.

Board Chairs and Superintendents met with the minister this afternoon to be debriefed on the return to in person learning.

Lengthy discussion on curriculum and how province is signaling they'll implement without pilot.  (58 boards not piloting 3 will pilot only parts of curriculum. )

EIPS hired consultant to help with feedback.

Return to unperson learning on May 25. Only 25 school days left in year.

Social studies needs a full rewrite.

Very difficult situation.

Jeremy wants to get people meeting with MLAs, Trina says we struggle to get meetings with any of our three reps.  Much different than previous three govts she's worked with.

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COSC Report

* Last meeting for this school year, had 28 in attendance
* ATA is offering lawn signs in support of Public Education for $4
* School Trustee elections will take place this coming October
* Discussed Sherwood Heights Replacement school efforts. Their staff and students have to wear jackets and gloves in class in the winter as the boiler and system is so old it can’t be repaired anymore, for gym class, they have so many students that some classes have to go upstairs or outside to accommodate the requirements. A website is being created to share stories and build awareness in the community to own this as not just a Heights problem but a ShPk issue as we have students in our community not being able to receive a quality education and teachers having to teach in dire circumstances (www.replacesherwoodheights.ca)
* Went over how to write a SC Annual Report
* \*NEW this year, Reports are due by June 25th!
* COVID Update: 37 active cases, total of 98 cases to date, moving back to semesters for high schools, open to doing quarters again if needed for the health & safety of students
* Grad: schools will host as per AHS restrictions, which keeps changing…
* Budget: less money, not as dire as I thought it may have been
* Shared on experiences at ASCA conference which I, Aileen & Krista attended at the end of April. Enjoyed Dr. Stelmach’s session on her research on the parent/teacher relationship and how its ben impacted through COVID. Attended a draft curriculum session, and a session that reminded me of Dr. Jody Carrington (De-escalating Emotional rsponses)
* Positive response from SCS’ hosting Dr. Alex Russell, parents were grateful this was opened up to our community; Ardrossan Jr/Sr hosted a Saffron session virtually last Monday which was open to all parents in EIPS as well
* Any questions?

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Admin Report –

Admin Report - May 19

1. Budget Update - The Budget was submitted at the end of April. We are projecting a student population of 607 students. An increase of 10 students from a year ago. The total budget was $3,680,965 an increase from $3,618,924. With the increase in student population being in high school, we have had to add a few new sections to lower class sizes in high school and therefore the increase in the budget will have a negligible impact on changing operations in the school.
	1. Other Factors influencing the budget:
		1. Standard cost for Certificated and Classified Staff
			1. Every position has a “standard cost”
			2. The standard cost in EIPS has increased for all staff as there have been very few retirements (1.7% increase)
		2. Focus on Learning Loss & Social/Emotional Support
			1. The Board has authorized a 1-year influx of money to help support Learning Loss and Social/Emotional Support due to COVID. 2 years at $500,000 each year across the entire division
				1. Focus on Learning Loss

Must be used to directly focus on helping student learning (ie: Intervention)

Money divided amongst schools based upon the number of students in the red on the STAR test, historical data, former PATs, Diploma and MIPI results

Our allocation is $11,054

* + - * 1. Social/Emotional Support
	1. To improve social issues around transitioning back to in-school programming and fallout from COVID
	2. Allocated based upon the number of students
	3. Our allocation  is $18,674
1. Both Allocations will be used towards providing an additional EA. Having an additional EA will put more adults in the classroom to help our struggling students. More adults in the classroom means additional support and intervention for our struggling students
2. Timetable
	* 1. After obtaining feedback from parents and staff, there was overwhelming support for having junior high schedules follow a semester format next year.
		2. The timetable is close to being released and has a balanced junior high semestered schedule with two core subjects per semester.
3. Q&A
4. Devon asked about problem with PhysEd being missed over a semester.  What things can they do to prepare their Grade 6er?
5. Jon says 82 minutes is not just straight writing. Hopes teachers will be mixing things up and keep things from being stale.  Options go throughout the full year and most of those have an activity part.  Matt mentioned elementary kids may have 10 periods, but they're in the same class all the time.  Same challenge is there.  Will continue to monitor and adapt.
6. Angie asking about whether Grade 6 parents were part of the survey.  Jon only sent to 7-9s as they were the ones who experienced it.
7. Angie asked what the 7,8,9 breakdown was like for support.  Jon's perception is pretty consistent across all grades.
8. Angie asked what happens if next year is still COVID reality.
9. So many kids are struggling with depression, suicidal thoughts, what happens next year if they go through it again?  Trina says their pledge is to make investments in social/emotional for the kids.  Reviewing and assessing everything that was done and seeing what can be done differently if required.  Sports and field trips may not be ready in September, but will endeavour to get back to them.
10. Staffing Update
	1. Incoming Principal - Mr. Spronk (returning to SCA and is currently the principal at AL Horton)
	2. Incoming Assistant Principal - Naomi Arazate (coming to SCA from Fort Christian and is currently the school counsellor at Fort Christian)
11. Interview with the New Principal
	* 1. Tell us about your family
			1. My wife Deeana and I have been married for 10 years. We both attended SCA as students. We have been blessed with three beautiful children, Kariss, Krew, and Kai.
			2. How many years have you been a principal?
			3. I have been a principal or assistant principal for seven years and have been in four different schools during this time.
			4. Why do you love working in a school?
			5. The students. It is special to be part of someone’s developmental years and to see the positive impact that you have on their life.
			6. What is it that you love about SCA?
			7. The community and my passion for Christian Education. As parents, Deeana and  I have two goals in raising our children. It is for them to love Jesus with passion, and to love people on purpose. I appreciate the opportunity that I have to work with young people around these goals both at home and at work.
		2. What are your plans for the summer?
			1. Going to fill up the swimming pool on the back deck and play with the kids as well as read a couple of good leadership books.
12. Graduation Update - June 24 & 25
	* + 1. Will be an individualized graduation ceremony for each student that is honoring and memorable
			2. We are still working through clarification on the different restrictions from AHS regarding how many people will be allowed and what the event will look like.

Q&A

Grad is June 24/25 - individualized ceremony.  Details are still being worked out.  Clarifications still need to be done.

Trina said School Board Association will be meeting with Minister's office to see if they can be consistent with other events (funerals, weddings, etc).

Krista thinks grad is not being advocated for as the whole year has been lost.  Concerned about impact of unacknowledged loss on these students.

When are cap and gown being distributed?  When will the bookings be opened up?

Will use same system as for school interviews.  We should know details hopefully by June 1, but we need those details first.

Krista is worried about completion rate and thinks we need things like grad to help with motivation.

Can the school email with Grad parents directly vs messages to students through Brightspace.

Trina will pass on these stories and concerns for the meetings with the minister.

Angie asked about gifts or other out of the box answers.  Jon says that is happening, the grad pictures will go on the big sign for the week.

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Aileen thanked Trustees for supporting chairs in going to ASCA Conference and AGM.

Ecovision program was mind blowing! Aileen Encouraged parents to look into it.

Dr Stelmach’s presentation was really excellent in showing the lens where everyone was and is during the pandemic. Would be an excellent presentation to bring to families of EIPS.

Course on FNMI treaties and land acknowledgement was really eye opening.

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SCA Secondary School Council Minutes- Chair year in Review

This past year it is easy to say it has been a a difficult year for everyone. This pandemic has thrown many different curveballs to students, teachers, school administrators, the school division and families. We have worked hard together as a school community to make these many transitions as easy as they can be for everyone involved but most importantly our students.

I want to look at some of the highlights over our past year together.

First let’s celebrate our school and the great work it has done to continue on in its mission work both locally and globally. Missions could have been easily something pushed aside while dealing with the many different struggles of this past year but it was not. Mr Merta thank you for sharing your passion for global mission work with school families and bringing the global mission of Shelter Canada to our school. I believe it was a great success not only for the families who have new homes but it was something very positive to focus on throughout the year. Mr Mattehson thank you for all your work to bring the Dr Alex Russell presentation to our school and being willing to share it with the entire Strathcona community. I am happy that school council was able to work alongside an admin team who values the continuation of our missions program during difficult times. I look forward to what projects School Council can help support in the upcoming year.

Another highlight of our year that I would like to reflect upon is when Mr.Boyko came to share about his passion for First Nations, Metis and Inuit education. Hearing all the different ways he helps bring this education forward in our school was inspiring. His work towards educating in reconciliation is another important part of our roles in our community. School council looks forward to being able to support Mr.Boyko in his work in the upcoming year.

 I am pleased to say that our work with SCA Society has improved. It is a slow process but it is a process moving in the right direction. There has been more open communication between both the parents and the society reps that I believe we are on the right path to building stronger relationships between all stakeholders. I want to thank Jeremy for continuing to be present to parents during our meetings this past year and being open to working with parents. Jeremy, thank you for sharing with us your valuable time. My goal as chair next year is to continue that forward momentum with society and working with our new society representative.

I want to acknowledge the school board and its commitment to the importance of continuing to support school councils. Your support allows parents voices to be heard not only on a district level but also provincial level. With out your support many schools would be left with out a voice.

I would like to thank Board Chair Trina for continuing to make yourself present for our council meetings. I have learnt that this is not a common practice in all school divisions so we are very blessed to have you here with us. We appreciate the continuous information and knowledge you share with us and providing parents the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to continue to work with you in the fall.

Next year our school council will be looking for parents who would be willing to volunteer their time in the roles of Vice Chair and Secretary. If you have any questions about these roles please reach out to me through our school council email or our Facebook page and I will be happy to discuss each role. scsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

I want to thank Krista, our vice chair, who guided me this year in my role as school council chair. I was honoured to walk this journey with you this past year. You have provided me with wonderful guidance throughout this process that I truly believe has helped set my role as chair to be successful. Your wisdom and knowledge will be greatly missed next year.

To our school admins, thank you for being a part of our meetings.Thank you for all the different reports you have shared with us through out the year. It has been wonderful to work with all of you on different projects.

 Matt we wish you the best in your new role at Fort Christian as they are lucky to have a wonderful leader in their school.

Jon I want to say I was privileged to work along side you for my first year as school council chair. I thank you specifically for all your patience you have bestowed upon me this past year. As I learnt about my new role you encountered endless emails and even more thoughts and ideas from me and you met each with such grace. This year I appreciated your constant communication with parents most of all, it made a year full of so much uncertainty feel more in control. You have been an excellent leader through out this pandemic. I want to wish you the best as you move on to Millshaven they are very lucky to have you as their new leader and you will be missed over here.

Moving on to next year and our goals and priority’s as council.

* To continue to support our mission for school council, working with administration in an advisory capacity and to facilitate and participate in discussions representing the parents perspectives.
* To be an influential and impactful advocate for our school and community.
* Continue to foster a positive and collaborative environment.
* Continue to build regular communication with SCA Society with regular reports.
* To engage in conversations and deepen parent awareness around First Nation, Metis , and Inuit treaty and land knowledge, working with our schools FNMI teacher lead Mr Boyko and the district . Bringing forward the desire to share land acknowledgements at future meetings and the importance of this.
* To continue to represent our school at monthly COSC meetings. To be our parent voice in the district and provincial levels.

Thank you to all the parents who were present at our meetings this past year. It is your voice that school council represents and I am honoured you choose me to do that this year!