

SCA Society Non-Paying Parent Update

SCE / SCS School Councils

November 2021



Recap Current Situation

- **39 families** not paying fees in whole or part (**6.6%** of students) for a total of **\$96K**
- None of these families have indicated financial need is the concern
 - Anecdotes indicate some of these families may be going through financial or personal difficulties
- Finalized provincial funding letter from EIPS
 - -\$85K vs -\$138K

Cost vs Revenue Calculation (Total)

Surplus/Deficit Calculation	Expected	Unpaid Fees	Actual
Capital (SCE mortgage)	\$827,880.00		
+ Admin	\$145,009.00		
+ Christian	\$376,747.00		
+ Ops	\$1,041,371.54		
+ Maint	\$354,661.56		
= Total Costs	\$2,745,669.10		\$2,745,669.10
Income from EIPS	\$1,061,755.00		\$1,061,755.00
+ Fees from Parents	\$1,694,440.00	-\$95,919	\$1,598,521.00
= Total Income	\$2,756,195.00		\$2,660,276.00
Income	\$2,756,195.00		\$2,660,276.00
- Costs	\$2,745,669.10		\$2,745,669.10
= Surplus/Deficit	\$10,525.90		- \$85,393.10

Realities

- Legislation gives legal basis for someone to be in an alternative program and not pay fees
 - If we can't fund the program we could eventually end up:
 - Ending the SCA alternative program
- OR
- Returning to a private or charter school model
 - Increase of \$5K-\$10K per student (\$19K one school in Calgary)

Options

- Increase fees to other 93.4% of paying parents
 - Edmonton Christian covers roughly \$80K of bad debt this way
 - “Bless those who curse you”
 - \$89 / student
- Cut costs from our budget to stay balanced
 - Won't be able to cut much until affects campus pastors, 2nd assistant principals
- CRA ruling on receipting may give some options
- Possibility of using collections agency was suggested to us
- Exploring options around participation in extracurricular items

January Council Meeting

- Society will bring a recommendation on setting next year's fees and collect parent feedback
 - Expecting an increase based on non-paying parents
 - Expecting an increase based on cost of living increases for salaries