



Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Executive Meeting

Monday, March 11

8pm Teams meeting

Minutes

1. Welcome and Prayer—Sharla opened with devotions from Rise & Shine and prayed
2. Review Agenda
3. Introductions
4. Review of minutes from town hall—Kaylee read the minutes from the February 12 townhall
5. Principal's Report – Barbi Wall—see attached
6. Member business:
7. Question from parent re: executive meetings being “exclusive” possible speaker suggestion.
8. Meal for staff for Christian ed week
 - first week of May—
 - Coffee on the Monday
 - Wednesday for Lunch
 - Kaylee, Tara and Tiffany will take care of the coffee and lunch
9. Honorary gift for Jodie from town hall—agreed on it. An Honorarium of \$100-\$150 (cash or gift card) \$ 100
Chapters gift, bag of our Cupper's coffee and a cute cup. Sharla will get the gift and Barbi will deliver it.
10. Next Meeting Date:
 - town hall: in person at ICES May 22 @ 7:30pm
 - Executive meeting teams June
11. Closing and Prayer—Meeting Closed with Prayer by Sharla at 9:00 pm



ICES SCHOOL COUNCIL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

March 11, 2024

TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

Our community partnership for the month of March will be a food drive for the Interfaith Food Bank – this initiative aligns with the Justice Seeking theme of our March 20 chapel. At our Justice Seeking theme chapel on March 20, Les Vonkeman will be our guest speaker. Les is an alumnus of ICS who has worked for the Lethbridge Police Service since 2001 in various capacities and has created programs to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous together to forward reconciliation.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We know that school supplies can be expensive. In an effort to keep school supplies equitable for all families, we are planning to change the approach to equipping students for the 2024 - 25 school year. As a Division school, ICES has access to multiple resources purchased in bulk at a lower cost through Lethbridge School Division. Hence, supplies would be purchased in advance by the school and provided to classrooms. Families would then pay the school a standard fee per child. Gym shoes, headphones and backpacks would not be purchased by the school. We intend to pilot this for the 2024-25 school year as a way for supporting families and gather feedback regarding preference.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING – SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

On March 6 – 8, Mrs. Croil, Mr. Riewe and Mrs. Wall had the opportunity to gather with other Christian school leaders from across Canada, the USA, and Korea. It was invigorating to gather with these leaders, to hear from various Christian school stakeholders, and to experience the Celebration of Learning at Surrey Christian's Fleetwood campus. The conversations were rich and we came away with much to ponder as we continue to move forward with Teaching For Transformation at ICES.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Open House – we would like to change our Open House from the Thursday prior to school beginning, to the first Tuesday/Wednesday of opening week. What are your thoughts around this?

Staggered Start – after discussion with staff, we see merit in a staggered start for the early grades, but not the higher grades. Hence, Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2 would have

a staggered start and possible Grade 3, but Grades 4 and 5 would begin with full class on Tuesday, September 3. What feedback would you have around this proposal?

Meet the Teacher – Is there still merit in having this evening? We have had minimum engagement from families for the past few years.

SPRING PROGRAM

Spring Program will be on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 at Trinity Reformed Church.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and prayers.

In Christ,
Mrs. Wall