

## Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 6, 2022

7:00 pm -8:00 pm – presentation by Lisa Romaniuk on “Understanding your child’s love language”

The presentation will be on the school website.

[www.5lovelanguages.com](http://www.5lovelanguages.com) for a free quiz

8:00 pm regular meeting via teams

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer – Sharla – Read from Proverbs
  2. Review Agenda - Sharla
  3. Approval of minutes – Sharla Jan 23 minutes
  4. Reports from:
    - A. Society board representative – Mitchell Muizelaar – Sent his regrets
    - B. Ed center School Liaison – Andrea Anderchuk
- Happy to be at the school at world book day! Really enjoyed her time
  - Board meeting: - Garry station new school is out for tender
  - working on next year's budget
  - e-sports are really becoming popular
  - 360000 grant was approved for keeping our children safe around digital electronics
  - Had a wellness round table
  - Boost Program had rolled out

- rolling out a wellness program for staff
- attended the job fair at the UofL
- parabites program on “effective inclusion”
- Town Hall on February 7, 2023
- Board retreat is early March
- Community conversation in online 11:30- 1:00 pm the next one is March 7th
- City of Lethbridge will not be voting in wards so the board doesn’t need to take any new steps currently.
- attended the think out loud program
- March 21 indigenous flag raising
- Question about the “boost” program. Is there something similar for the middle schools for those kids who might be struggling.

C. Teaching for transformation: - Mike Greeno “wonderful times”

Referencing Matthew 18 :2-4 using 3P’s PAUSE, PONDER, PLAY

- Wonder Sessions on Capitals, Space, Stories
- 5. Principal’s Report – Barbi Wall – See attached
- 6. Member business
- Ainsley Croil spoke about how she will be applying for a grant for a “lockdown kit”
- March 23 Spring program – theme “God’s Creation”

7. Executive meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Online
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> in person – town hall
8. Closing and Prayer – Sharla
9. Adjourned – 9:00pm



## ICES SCHOOL COUNCIL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT February 6, 2023

### A. Mental Health Capacity Building Team

The Division's Mental Health Capacity Building Team concluded a three-week residency at ICES in January. Three programs were offered:

EEP and Kindergarten – *I Am In Control* (self-regulation)

Grades 1 – 3 – *Kids Have Stress Too*

Grades 4 & 5 – *Peer Relationships*

Presentations were well-received and Mrs. Trepner is providing follow up lessons to the Grade 1 – 3 classes, using the *Little Spot Lessons*.

### B. Grade 5 Basketball

Our Grade 5 basketball teams began their after-school basketball league on Tuesday, January 24. Their league games run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15, concluding with a tournament on the afternoon of February 10 at Wilson Middle School. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their skills and interact with other students. Practices take place during the lunch recess rather than after school.

The school has also ordered double sided jerseys (school logo and numbering). These will belong to the school and students can use them for volleyball and basketball next year.

### C. Spring Program

Spring Program will be on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30.

### D. ICES Deep Hope

Since the beginning of the school year, the ICES staff have been working on a collective Deep Hope (Vision Statement) for our school. This aligns with the Teaching For Transformation (TFT) framework used in our classrooms. The longstanding Mission Statement remains the same: *"To provide a Christian environment in which God calls His children to develop and use their gifts for joyful service in His kingdom."*

### E. Grade 5 Band

ICES has offered a band program for the Grade 5 (and former Grade 6) students for 25 years. While this is a unique opportunity for the Grade 5 students, it is not without challenges, including extra costs to families whether renting or purchasing instruments. As we do not operate on a middle school model, with options, Band becomes a required class. In contrast, throughout Lethbridge School Division,

students can begin band in Grade 6 as an option which provides students with alternate choices as well.

From a programing standpoint, 2 Band classes per week results in one less General Music class and one less Art class. If we were to eliminate Band from Grade 5, these subjects would each have one more block. These extra blocks would better support students progress in both subject areas. Additionally, ICS school has full sets of ukuleles and guitars for student to learn which comes at no extra cost to families.

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

In Christ,  
Mrs. Wall