



Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Executive Meeting

October 16.2023

8:00 pm – VIA teams

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer – Barbi Read Fall from the blog: My Faith Journey
 - Freda Middel Read at this morning Staff Meeting
2. Review Agenda
 - Minutes read by Sharla Hummel
3. Approval of minutes
 - Minutes approved by Kaylee DeHaan
 - No objections
4. Principal's Report – Barbi Wall
 - see attached report
5. Member business
 - talked about Topics/ Speakers for February 12, 2024 Townhall
 - Lisa Romniak-
 - has spoken on Love Languages and Resiliency
 - We have no School Resource Officers for the district because of being shorted staffed, so hard to get them to come and talk about technology or topics like that.

- AHS Dietian

 - have come in the past and did a presentation on creative lunches

- Monica Loewen

 - topics on family, or she has contacts to different people for different topics

- Presentation on kid mental health or socialization

 - because our children have been greatly affected since COVID

- Our Literacy and Numeracy Teacher

 - could do a presentation on how parents can support there children at home through literacy and numeracy

 - she is a very engaging speaker

- Had discussion about choosing a speaker and then asking the speaker to give us a list of topics to choose from

- Discussion on how we as parents appreciate splitting up the donations throughout the year and that it can be more engaging for the children with learning about the different organizations and that there is less pressure around Christmas for the parents

- Excited that chapel groups are starting and that they are being well received by the students

- excited that all the Pre Covid group can start up again for the grade 5 students.

-Tiffany attends Parents Who Prays on Tuesdays at ICSS and asked Barbi for prayer requests for the school

-for the teachers attending the PCCE Teachers convention that they can have safe travel and that the convention can be something that refreshes and encourages the teachers.

- for the educational assistants in our school. What they do is hard work, that they will be encouraged in the work that they do with the students that they work with.

6. Closing and Prayer- Sharla closed in Prayer



OCTOBER 16 SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING Principal's Report

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On behalf of the ICES staff, thank you for the beverages and treats on October 5 – this was a wonderful surprise that was deeply appreciated by everyone.

TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

This year we are partnering with local agencies monthly to collect various items to support their ministries. In October we collected non-perishables for the Interfaith Foodbank and in November we will be collecting socks and toques for Streets Alive. December will continue to have a focus on funds for Compassion Canada and in January we hope to partner with My City Care. Another food drive will take place in the spring as this is a time of significant need at the Food Bank.

SCHOOL THEME & CHAPELS

Our first theme chapel using the new time and chapel groups went well. The throughline for this focus was *creation enjoying*. In the staff skit, the students were introduced to a new character – a butterfly – who was transformed from a lowly caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly. The theme chapels will be as follows:

October 19 – *idolatry discerning*

November 15 – *community building*

December 13 – *God worshipping*

January 17 – *order discovering*

February 14 – *servant working*

March 20 – *justice seeking*

April 24 – *earth keeping*

May 15 – *beauty creating*

June 12 – *throughline review*

Looking ahead to Spring Program, we are hoping to continue the theme and embed some of the characters that have been presented at the theme chapels.

ICES WELCOME & DEEP HOPE

We have two bulletin boards that are being redesigned with more permanent messaging. The large bulletin board in the front foyer will feature the word “welcome” in multiple languages – many of which are represented in our ICES community. The smaller board beside the front office will feature our ICES Deep Hope.

SCHOOL MERCHANDISE ORDER

School merchandise orders can be placed through the on-line store until October 23 with the hope that the orders will arrive prior to the Christmas break. As requested, multiple exemplars of colours and size are available for families to access.

BACON FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the generosity of our school community and others \$2185 dollars was raised!

GRADE 4 & 5 CLUBS

Grade 4 and 5 students are now busy with their various service groups. Clubs include:

- Recycling (Earth Keeping) Club
- Lunch Leader Club (Community Building)
- Milk Club (Servant Working)
- Audio Visual Club (Order-Discovering)
- Intramural Club (Servant Working)
- Monday Observances Club
- Recess Helpers (Community Building) Club
- Learning Commons Helpers
- Lost and Found Club

LOCKDOWN BINS

The Ladies Auxiliary funded the request for resources to create lock-down bins for each classroom. Once all the resources have arrived, the bins will be stocked and placed in the classrooms.

OPEN HOUSE & MEET THE TEACHER

The Open House held in August, prior to school start up, is purposeful for families to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, drop off school supplies, and clarify any other details in advance of the first day of school. However, the Meet the Teacher evenings for the past two years, have been sparsely attended, which some teachers not having any parents attend. Is the Meet the Teacher evening necessary?

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is wonderful to partner with you.

In Christ,
Mrs. Wall
ICES Principal