



Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Town Hall Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024 teams meeting

7:00-7:30 pm – presentation by Jodie Babke, Division Literacy lead

Topic: literacy home supports for families

7:30 – regular meeting

Agenda

- Welcome and Prayer- Sharla opened with devotions and prayer
- Review Agenda
- Introductions
- Review of minutes from executive—Kaylee read them
- Welcome to
 - Board of Trustees Liaison – Allison Purcell
 - Executive council Liaison – Mike Nightingale—happy yo be here
 - GOOD TURN OUT at townhall
 - working on next year's budget
 - Society Board Rep – Laura Maljaars
 - nothing to report
 - next meeting March 27
 - Friends of Immanuel Dessert Fundraiser March 20 parking lot—nothing more, the group is meeting to talk about the possible choices before next year and than they will bring them to the society at the Society meeting next November
 - Teaching for transformation (TFT) – Mike Greeno and Alan Riewe
 - using early dismissal days to do this and liking using the chapel groups
 - Shining our light in the community- Right now doing hygiene items for my city care, going to do a food drive around easter, and then My City Care—stuff the bus
- Principal's Report – Barbi Wall—see attached

- Member business

-Carrie Boschman- shared about Division Student Council Meeting

- The grant- if we don't use it we lose it

- partner with other schools about technology possibly use the grant money for this

-Sharla asked where and what happens after a policy discussion, like the LGBTQ+ policy,--SOGI. They review policies every 5 years.

- the district isn't part of the SOGI groups, ie. SOGI 123. Our school district becoming part of SOGI 123 (is it)

- will have to wait till we hear more about the new government announcement

Next Meeting Date: executive meeting: March 11 - teams

town hall: in person at ICES May 22 @ 7:30pm

- Closing and Prayer- Sharla Closed in prayer



ICES SCHOOL COUNCIL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
February 12, 2024

GRADE 5 BASKETBALL

Our Grade 5 basketball team completed their after-school basketball season on Friday, February 9. This has once again been a great opportunity for students to develop their skills and interact with other students in our Division.

FUNDRAISING

Little Caesars Pizza Kits

Orders for the Little Caesars Pizza Kits closed on February 11. Thank you for your generous support of our fundraiser - \$1,000 was raised to fund field trips and in-class programming. Orders will be delivered to ICES the week of February 26. Messaging will be sent out when the date and time are confirmed. Thank you in advance to our School Council Executive who will be there to help us sort and organize these orders.

Bacon

ICES will be doing another bacon fundraiser, beginning on April 8 and closing on April 22. The link for ordering will be provided once it is live and will be posted to the school website as well. Delivery of orders will be on Thursday, May 2.

TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

Our community partnership for January/February has been collecting personal hygiene supplies for My City Care. These will be highlighted at our February 14 chapel and a representative from My City Care will be present to receive the various donations for their ministry. 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 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.

FRIENDS OF IMMANUEL

Traditionally, ICES has provided various themed baskets for the Friends of Immanuel event. Students may bring items to contribute to their grade level's basket which are then compiled and donated for a silent auction with funds going to the Society. Is this sustainable for families? Last year, these baskets generated just over \$2000.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING – SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

On March 7 and 8 Mrs. Croil, Mr. Riewe and Mrs. Wall will be attending the PCCE Leaders trip to Surrey Christian School for a celebration of learning around TFT. This will be a great opportunity to connect with other leaders involved in Christian education and to see the way Surrey Christian School has embedded Formative Learning Experiences (FLEX) into their educational experience. Thank you to PCCE for funding 2 of the 3 participants for this event.

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