



## Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Town Hall Meeting

*Wednesday May 22, 2024 @ 7:30 in the ICES Wellness Space*

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer- Sharla opened with a devotion from Faith, Hope and Love called The Cross of Hope, and then opened in prayer
2. Review Agenda
3. Introductions
4. Review of minutes from Executive Meeting from March 11- Kaylee read them.
5. Welcome to
  - 5.1 Board of Trustees Liaison – Allison Purcell- was present at the meeting
    - she told us that the budget was presented
    - the Assurance Plan was to pass this week
    - she was able to be part of the Christian Education week chapel and really enjoyed it
    - Alan Riewe asked about the new K-6 Social Curriculum Pilot- there isn't a definite yes or no
  - 5.2 Executive council Liaison – Mike Nightingale-absent
  - 5.3 Society Board Rep – Laura Maljaars- was present
    - Reminder of the Society Meeting at ICS on May 27, 2024 @ 7:30 pm, which 4 board members will be elected and the budget will be presented
    - Transportation Rebate for all families and a new bus was purchased
  - 5.4 Teaching for transformation (TFT) – Mike Greeno and Alan Riewe
    - Alan was present

- TFT was a success this year
  - Enjoyed working with community partners and the grade 4 students were able to tour My City Care
  - Grade 5 are doing a celebration of Learning
  - Hope to do a school wide Celebration of Learning next year
  - Staff and Students liked the school wide chapel groups
6. Principal's Report – Barbi Wall—see attached
  7. Edu Deo Malawi Presentation – Warm Heart Project – Ainsley Croil
    - Ainsley presented that she with other teachers are going to Malawi in July to work alongside Edu Deo with helping and assisting teachers and how important education is.
  8. Member Business—no new members business
  9. Next Meeting Date: Executive Meeting via Teams June 3 @ 8:00 pm
  10. Next Town Hall Sept 2024 TBB- will discuss at executive meeting
  11. Closing and Prayer- Sharla closed in prayer



## **ICES PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**May 22, 2024**

### **ICES DEEP HOPE – May PL Day**

On May 21, ICES and ICSS staff met at Southern Alberta Bible Camp to continue work around Teaching for Transformation. Time was spent aligning our individual deep hopes with the ICES Deep Hope of – *Equipping Learners, Nurturing Faith, Flourishing in Community*. Work around Deep Hopes for common spaces (gym, music room, art room, wellness space, learning commons, computer lab) was also initiated. Thank you for Mr. Riewe and Mr. Greeno for their leadership for these sessions.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK – May 6 – 10**

Our Grade 4 classes co-lead the school community in a combined chapel at ICSS to begin the week. Chapel was well-attended and at the conclusion of the chapel, our bus drivers were honoured. Students shared tributes to their individual bus drivers and each driver was presented with a large thank you card, signed by the students of ICES. Moving forward, the chapel format of the two campuses meeting together to begin the week is something we would like to continue. Similarly, our Thanksgiving chapel will also be with ICSS as our gym will be set up with the gymnastics equipment for the month of October.

Tuesday was our Grandparents Open House which was also well-attended. The new format of a come and go event has been positively received as the time commitment is not as extensive, parking challenges are alleviated somewhat, and the focus is on time spent one-on-one with the students. Participation levels were high for Hats on for Mental Health on the Wednesday and Thursday was a welcomed pause! We were thankful for beautiful weather on the Friday, as the Spring Carnival was held outside due to the obstacle course set up in the gym. Once again, excitement and energy levels were high for that fun-filled afternoon!

Thank you to the ICES School Council for honoured our staff with special beverage orders on the Monday of Christian Education Week as well as for providing a delicious luncheon for the staff on Wednesday. Your generosity and thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated by our staff.

## **STAFFING – 2024-25**

Looking ahead to next year, our teacher staffing allocation remains the same:

Kindergarten (2 programs) – Kathryn Ferrie

Grade 1 – Carolyn Kruisselbrink & Dana Heshka

Grade 2 – Julian Hazell & Ruth Vanden Heuvel

Grade 3 – Freda Middel, Jackie Postman & Cheryl Winkelaar

Grade 4 – Mike Greeno & Nadyne Alaric

Grade 5 – Leslee Shenton & Alan Riewe

French – Laura Peters

## **FUNDRAISERS**

These are the fundraisers we have initiated this year:

*Bacon* – September & April

*Little Caesars* – February

*Cupper's Coffee* – year long

We do not want to inundate parents with ongoing fundraising initiatives and have tried to be mindful of a respectful itinerary. Does this present timeline work well for parents?

## **FleX (Formative Learning Experiences)**

This year we were more intentional around being a light in our community and supporting local agencies as well as a few global initiatives (Compassion Canada and Edu Deo). Each month, we partnered with a community support in a simple but meaningful way that responded to their specific needs. As always, participation is optional. Was this too much?

## **YEAR-END PICNIC**

The Raymond Aquatic Centre is booked for our year-end picnic on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:15.

## **SCHOOL ASSURANCE PLAN**

Please see the presentation. At the end of May, the School Assurance Plan will be posted to the school website under the *About* tab – *ICES Plans & Reports*.

I am grateful for such a supportive parent community who continue to choose Christian education for their children. It is an honour to partner with you as ICES seeks to equip learners, nurture faith and help our students flourish in community.

In Christ,

Mrs. Wall

ICES Principal