



**Immanuel Christian Elementary School**

**School Council Town Hall Meeting**

***Monday, September 23, 2024***

***7:30 ICES Wellness Space Agenda***

1. **Welcome and Prayer**- Sharla opened with prayer and devotions from Rise and Shine
2. **Review Agenda**
3. **Introductions**- Executive- Sharla (chair) Tiffany (vice chair) Tara (treasurer) Kaylee (secretary)  
Introduction of everyone in the room
4. **Review of Minutes from town hall May 22 Minutes**- Kaylee DeHaan read the May 22, 2024 Minutes
5. **Welcome to**

#### **5.1 Board of Trustees Liaison – Craig Whitehead**

- was a teacher/ trustee in the Palliser division
- tomorrow- boundary review for new Westside school
- Kinder play program-parents still have to pay (Medicine Hat Public does this.) 2 pilot schools- Nicolas Sharen, Senator Buchanan
- Chair- Christine Light
- 163 policies that the districts have- working with Brian Callaghan to get down to 20-30 policies and the other ones are procedures.
- wants to be very active in our school.

-if you have a concern with the district don't be afraid to reach out.

## **5.2 Executive council Liaison – Robbie Charlebois – Associate Superintendent of Human Resources**

Not present

## **5.3 Society Board Rep – Joni Brandsma**

- Bits and Bytes have come and gone,
- November 25- Society Meeting- ADHAC committee to present
- November 16- Fall Fundraiser
- LGBTQ+- already had a meeting and revised the document.

## **5.4 Teaching for transformation (TFT) –Alan Riewe**

- this year is just Alan Riewe,
- Theme Chaple are exploring the schools deep hope- on early dismissal days
- meeting with the grade levels weekly- working on FLEX projects and prep for Celebration of Learning in the spring
- on track to have a celebration of Learning in March
- Heritage Celebration on Dec 5, Christmas traditions, to bring the community together.

## **6. Principal's Report–Barbi Wall—see attached**

## **7. Voting for new executive members – Chairperson**

- Sharla Hummel and Jodene Moradel will co-chair; Carrie Boschman will serve as the ICES Division School Council representatie

## **8. Member business**

- request- as parents we can get communication from teachers.

## **9. Next Meeting Date – executive meeting- TBD Town Hall- TBD**

## **10.Closing and Prayer-Barbi closed in prayer @8:36 pm**



## **ICES PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**September 23, 2024**

### **A. SCHOOL THEME & CHAPELS**

This year, our school theme will be the ICES Deep Hope – Equipping Learners, Nurturing Faith, Flourishing in Community. The various pieces of this will be embedded into our monthly chapels with the hope that students will gain an understanding of this collective Deep Hope for our ICES community.

### **B. PASTOR APPRECIATION BREAKFAST – September 13**

We had an amazing turn out from our pastoral community at our Pastor Appreciation Breakfast again this year! A “Save the Date” was sent to pastors in mid-June and followed up by student invitations during the first week of school.

### **C. TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION**

This year, Mr. Alan Riewe will be our TFT Lead Teacher. In an effort to move TFT forward and prepare for the March 13 Celebration of Learning, each grade-level team has a weekly mutual block designated for working with Mr. Riewe. It has meant for some creative scheduling, but intentionally embedding time designated for collaborative TFT work also affirms the priority of this important work.

### **D. SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS**

ICES holds 3 fundraisers to raise funds for school/student activities and resources. Here is the timeline for this year:

Bacon: Oct. 8 – 24 (November delivery)

Little Caesar's Pizza: February 7 – March 3

Bacon: April/May (delivered prior to the May long weekend)

## **E. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Last year, our school partnered with various local and global community agencies to support their ongoing work. Although participation is voluntary, we do not want to overwhelm our ICES families. More information will be communicated prior to each initiative. Here is an overview of this year's partnerships:

October – Food Drive for the Interfaith Food Bank

November – Shop of Wonders (My City Care)

December – Compassion Canada

February – Personal Hygiene (My City Care)

March – Food Drive for Interfaith Food Bank

April/May – Edu Deo (Spring Program & Spring Coin Carnival)

## **F. SUPPLIES**

The survey for parent and staff feedback pertaining to the change in school supplies remains active until October 1.

## **G. OCTOBER LEARNER CONFERENCES – October 22 & 23**

On October 22 (afternoon and evening) and 23 (morning), parents and guardians will have opportunity to schedule 15-minute meetings with the teacher(s) of their child(ren). Unlike Report Card conferences which focus on the report cards and academic growth, in these meetings emphasis is placed on who the child is as a learner from the perspectives of the teacher and the parent. In November, the Report Card will serve as a snapshot of where your child is at academically.

These October meetings will be instead of Report Conferences in November. Although there will not be any formal Report Card Conferences, if parents have questions around the report cards, they may reach out to their child(ren)'s teacher(s).

## **H. ICES OPEN HOUSE**

This year Open House was aligned with the opening of school. What is your feedback around this new format?

## **I. TECHNOLOGY**

### Student Technology Use Policy

ICES students are permitted to bring electronic devices for use on the bus, however any electronic device should not be used during school hours (at recess or in class). If a student is using an electronic device during school hours, the following policy will be acted upon:

1. First time – device will be taken from student and given to the principal. The student must then talk to the principal before getting the device back.
2. Second time – device will be taken from the student and given to the principal. The student will need to talk to the principal; however, the device will only be given to the student's parent/guardian.
3. Third time – device will be taken from the student and given to the principal. Student must talk with principal, and principal will then give the device to the parent/guardian after one month.
4. Fourth time - device will be taken from the student and given to the principal. Student must talk with principal, and principal will then contact parent/guardian and determine appropriate form of action.

Cell phones are often equipped with cameras. Students may not take pictures at school. To satisfy legal requirements around the protection of privacy, photography at school is allowed only for school purposes and with the permission of a staff member. Permitted photos can only be used with parental consent.

The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to cell phones, iPads and any other electronic device. Parents send cell phones to school at their own risk.

Smart watches and other similar personal devices are only to be used as a watch.

We anticipate the upcoming school year as we partner together with our families and churches in developing Christian education as we strive to equip learners, nurture faith, and flourish in Community.

In Christ,  
Barbi Wall  
ICES Principal