



Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council Executive Meeting

Monday October 28, 2024

7:00 pm – VIA teams

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer – Jodene read devotions and opened in prayer
2. Review Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes- Kaylee read the September 23 Townhall Minutes Jodene accepted, Tara seconded it
4. Division School Council Meeting Update – Carrie—see attached

5. Principal's Report – Barbi Wall—see attached
6. Book February townhall with guest speaker –
 - talked about different topics
 - Jodene brought up the topic of Grief/Loss from a child's perspective
 - Jodene/Barbi are going to reach out to a few different people on this topic

7. Member business-
 - possibly do a thank you to Sharla Hummel for all the years that she has been on student council
 - will look into possibly changing the May 21 town hall—tabled til the new year
 - talked about possibly for next year for the Christmas Heritage Celebration to have a handmade market as part of it.

8. Upcoming Meetings –
 - 8.1 November 18 - Townhall on Teams
 - 8.2 January 13 - Executive
 - 8.3 February 24 – Townhall on Teams
 - 8.4 March 24 – Executive on Teams
 - 8.5 May 21- Townhall at ICES
 - 8.6 June 16 - Executive on Teams

9. Closing and Prayer- Jodene closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:12 pm



SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Principal's Report

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TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

FLEX Projects

Grade 1 kicked off our year with their Feed The Hungry campaign. They made posters to display around the school, collected the donations and delivered these to the Interfaith Foodbank where they also had a tour of the facility. They will be sharing in our next theme chapel on November 18.

Grade 4 will once again be collecting various items for My City Care's *Shop of Wonders*. Like Grade 1, they will not only collect these donations but will also deliver them and have a tour of this unique ministry to our city.

During the Advent season, Grade 2 will be promoting the traditional partnership with Compassion Canada.

Christmas Heritage Celebration – December 5

We have appreciated the response to the family survey which was available. Teachers have plans in place for how their classes will be involved in this exciting event. Additionally, Ralna Moore, our communications officer will be doing family pictures and there will be opportunity to gather so sing carols in the The Hub for a time in the evening.

BACON FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the generosity of our school community and others \$2147 dollars was raised!

GRADE 4 & 5 CLUBS

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

Lunch Leaders Club (Community Building) – Mrs. Shenton
Milk Club (Servant Working) – Mrs. Schellenberg
Intramural Club (Servant Working) – Mr. Greeno
Recess Equipment (Community Building) Club – Mr. Riewe
Learning Commons Club – Mrs. Konynebelt
Lost and Found Club – Mrs. Alaric
Music Club – Mrs. Middel

OCTOBER LEARNER CONFERENCES

This format was different from previous years. Teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents earlier in the school year.

GRADE FIVE VOLLEYBALL

ICES has 2 teams in the Division Volleyball League. Our season will run from November 13 to 29 which is the season Bonanza.

GRADE FOUR AND FIVE OPPORTUNITY

On November 28, Grade 4 and 5 students have opportunity to sing various Christmas pieces as well as play the hand chimes for the division leaders of 7 school divisions in southern Alberta. We are honoured to be invited and look forward to shining His light in our greater community. Mrs. Middel is leading the rehearsals and preparations for this event.

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

In Christ
Mrs. Wall
ICES Principal



Division School Council Report- Carrie B.

- Complete minutes from the meeting are located on the Lethbridge School Division website at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/412988>

a. Elected DSC council:
Shelley Roest (chair – LCI)

Nathaniel Kinisky (Vice Chair - LethChristian). Carrie Boschman (Secretary - ICS and GSLakie)

b. Reminder to submit School Council Year End Reports to Tina Carnegie if not already done so.
- Suggestion: to print out these forms to use THIS YEAR and fill in as the year goes by.

c. Selected volunteers for advisory committees (will serve for one year term)
- Policy Advisory Committee: Meets 1st/2nd Wednesday of each month and discuss policies that are due for analysis. Public feedback is requested and available after each of these meetings. Link is found on the school division website.
- Poverty Intervention Committee: meets 4x/year – advocates for students in need and seeks to find solutions/funding/ideas to implement
- Division Wellness committee – understanding and supporting student social- emotional wellbeing
- Community Engagement Committee: open to anyone interested in attending. Typically the last Wednesday of the month. Meeting at 7pm at the Education Center. (Ways to increase community engagement, involved with the ICE scholarship, input on One Division – One Book ideas.
- School Calendar Committee – there will be an info session at the next Division School council meeting to explain calendar formation processes.

d. Trustees' report (Genny Steed) – The Board of Trustees meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm. (Met: October 22nd)(Next meeting: November 26th)
The public can attend in person, watch live through YouTube or watch afterwards.
The link is on the division website. Highlights can be found at <https://www.letbsd.ab.ca/download/471589>

- Motion passed requesting information from the Superintendent about grade configuration (grade 6s to middle school and grade 9s to high school). Is this best for students? Are school capacities changing? Are transportation needs being met?

- the Board is advocating to the Government of Alberta for fully funded Kindergarten
- Complete meeting minutes can be found online and should be sent to each school council chair.

e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) – each school council is to decide to become or decline membership within ASCA (\$100 membership is paid for by the Board of Trustees along with \$250 bursary for someone to attend the AGM each Spring)

- Record this decision in the minutes and report to Tina Carnegie

f. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (ASCE Grant) - \$500/school council to be used for parent engagement opportunities (specific items can/cannot be paid for with this money) – Money is typically available in January through the School's General Ledger but we can begin to brainstorm ideas. To be used to provide an opportunity for parent engagement.

LAST YEAR: Kaylee Low spoke on Technology and Brain Development.

g. Personal Mobile Device and Social Media Procedures –a public feedback opportunity will be available in November via the school division website.

h. DIVISION WIDE Town Hall Meeting – February 4, 2025

-Brainstorm: What topics would you like to see discussed at Town Hall? (Bring ideas to DSC in November to share with the Board of Trustee Liaison)

i. School Council Information/Training night – date and time to be announced.

- TOPICS: Role of school council within the school. Roles of each executive member. How to set an agenda. Timing of communication and protocols? - Brainstorm/Share: OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST?

j. PARENT LEARNING SESSIONS: 30 minutes prior to each DSC meeting is a learning session for parents. We are looking for ideas for these sessions: what are parents interested in or want more information about?
Anyone can attend a learning session and are not obligated to stay for the DSC meeting.

- Brainstorm/shar

NEXT DIVISION SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, November 4, 2024 at the Education Center

Parent Learning session @ 6:30pm

- DSC meeting to begin @ 7:00pm