



Immanuel Christian Elementary School Council

Executive Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

7:00am teams

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer- Sharla opened with devotions from a Year with God called: Relationship between God and Man. Sharla also opened in prayer.

2. Review Agenda

3. Review of Minutes from town hall minutes- Kaylee read November 18 minutes.

4. Principal's Report – Barbi Wall

-- see attached

5. Town Hall speaker- Melissa Stroeve- Run Free Counselling
emotional development and understating anxiety.

Fee: \$135 for r counselling session. How much to spend?

pay: \$135 for presentation and prep time

6:30-7:30-presentation

6. Christian education week lunch/ donuts after spring program

Christian Education Week is May 12-16- Tara is going check on funds for teacher lunch and coffee

-Spring Program is April 3, Donuts for April 4- Coaldale Bakery, Barbi will pick up
7. Next Meeting Date – executive meeting: March 24,2025
Town Hall dates: Feb 24, 2025 on Teams

8. Closing and Prayer

Principal's Report January 13,2025

FLEX (Formative Learning Experiences) PROJECTS

Grade 4 – My City Care's Shop of Wonders

For FLEX this year grade 4 students partnered with My City Care's "Shop of Wonders" campaign. The Shop of Wonders provides Christmas gifts for families in need. We launched our FLEX project in math by having students learn about money and then going through different store catalogues to compile their ideal Christmas wish lists. This then led to a discussion about families that can't buy gifts and how we can take action to be servant workers in our community. We had Pastor Tim Tribble come in from My City Care to share more details about the organization and the Shop of Wonders specifically. Grade 4s then brought in Christmas gifts to be donated for the month of November. During this time we had the opportunity to go and tour the Shop of Wonders and see how it is organized and operated. We even learned about opportunities to volunteer there. – Mr. Greeno & Mrs. Alaric

Grade 2 – Compassion Canada - \$1,259.50 raised

Grade 2 is desiring to "be a blessing to others" and "grow towards" the plans and purposes God has for us. We had a guest speaker come and share a need for fresh water in San Jacinto, Colombia. The students were excited to show Servant Working and leadership by accepting the challenge to provide families with the gift of clean water for all life. Compassion Canada not only provide water and sanitation supplies, but will also provide for the people's spiritual needs and present them with the gospel, our hope of Living Water!

Our whole reason for choosing to partner with Compassion Canada is that we have been able to see firsthand how well they manage their finances, meet real needs in troubled places, and they have always been eager to send a representative to explain the need through stories, pictures, and demonstrations. We have seen time and time again that students who catch a vision to see God's kingdom established on this earth are not only willing, but eager to put their hand to the plow! That was on ample display this year as our students diligently researched the need, planned and executed a fundraising effort, created an inspirational movie to encourage the rest of the school

community to join us, and finally, work so hard on an individual level to raise money for this worthwhile investment. – Mr. Hazell and Mrs. VH

Grade 3 – Community Blessing Box

In Grade 3, we learn about other countries, people and culture. Through our learning, this has sparked a concern for our own community in Lethbridge and how we as ICES can be a light in our neighborhood. Would we be missed if we left the community? As an initiative to help our community, we have come up with the idea of a Blessing Box in the front yard of our school that we can fill with socks, toques, muffins, fruit, water bottles, etc. that would bless someone walking by. The idea is: Take what you need, give what you can. The box is built and will hang on the fence of our property. It is our hope that throughout the year, and the years to come we will continue to fill the box. – Mrs. Winkelaar, Mrs. Postman, Mrs. Middel

Grade 5 (February) – Hygiene Items for My City Care

In February, Grade 5 will be leading the initiative to collect personal hygiene items for My City Care.

CHRISTMAS HERITAGE CELEBRATION – December 5

Our inaugural Christmas Heritage Celebration was well received and deeply appreciated by our school community. Guests participated in the various activities hosted by grade-levels, engaged in conversations, and brought more holiday treats than were anticipated! A list of changes to improve next year's event is developing and our school council executive looking to collaborate with various pieces of the evening.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING – March 13

Teachers are preparing for our upcoming Celebration of Learning during their weekly collaborative TFT time with Mr. Riewe. While the format of the evening will be similar to the Christmas Heritage Celebration, the content will be student academic growth.

SPRING PROGRAM – April 3

On April 3 we will have our annual Spring Program. This year's theme is being held fast as we journey through life. Kathryn Ferrie wrote the script and the committee is collaborating on songs to align with the script/message.

DIVISION TOWN HALL MEETING – February 4 – 6:30 – 8:30

We are in need of representatives for this evening. Who would be available to represent our school on February 4?

UPCOMING

Grade 5 Basketball – January 27 – February 28

ICES has 2 teams participating in the Division basketball league this year.

Little Caesars Fundraiser February 7 – March 3

Info will go out in Weekly Updates and link will be on school website.

Skating – January & February

Kindergarten – Grade 5 students have bookings in place for skating. School has extra helmets and skates for those who need them.

Basketball Camp – Grades 3 – 5

Mr. Jon Vande Griend will once again be offering a basketball camp for students in Grades 3 – 5. This will run through the month of March and early April. More information will be communicated to families through the upcoming Weekly Updates.

Thank you for your partnership in Christian Education. It is a joy to work with you.

In Christ,

Barbi Wall - ICES Principal