

## IMS School Council Meeting

October 8th @ 6pm – Innisfail Middle School

Google Meet Link: <http://meet.google.com/iiw-pdbc-daz>

Attendance: Scott Stefanek, Andrea Meding, Holly Bilton, Colleen Braithwaite, Jennifer Wood, Colleen Dymont-Begeman, Ashley Tams, Joy Milne, Kristen Strand, Zita Kennedy, Lorraine Dingman, Janelle Carey, Kristen MacKenzie, Jillian Hastie, Samantha Oickle, Adrien Lavoie, Lisa Litchfield, Jonathan Pepper (recorder)

### **Agenda:**

**1. Call to order-** 18:05 hours

**2. Additions/Approval of September Agenda-** No additions. Lorraine approves September's agenda, Colleen B seconds.

**3. Approval of minutes from June meeting-** Lorraine approves June's agenda, Colleen B seconds.

### **4. Business Arising from Minutes**

**a.** Gaga pits- update: Scott met with the Kinsmen. Kinsmen are supportive of providing a gaga pit and will either provide the full funds to the school to build, or the Kinsmen will build a gaga pit themselves in the spring. 1 gaga pit purchased by the parent council will be built and will be constructed in approx. 3 weeks. Parent council agreed to allow Kinsmen to build second gaga pit in the spring, allowing time for staff to consider best location of second pit.

**b.** Outdoor education program-update: Nakiska ski trip dates are set, and the trip is booked. Hiking trip is in the works, updates will follow. Volunteers will likely be needed for the hiking trip.

**c.** Math program-update. Instructional leadership for teachers will be provided once a month. This leadership is both supportive and informative for teachers. Math specialist will attend the school twice a year to assist students and teachers in math. Teachers are completing extra Math workshops. There is no PAT data from last year. Scott is unable to share information from other schools with parent council. Kristen is involved with the Board Numeracy Committee.

**d.** Options to reduce barriers for participation. (Pizza and childcare): Agreed to continue with childcare to attend parent council meetings. Council agreed to continue serving pizza for the meetings. Parents are to inform school admin or council email address ([innisfailmiddle.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:innisfailmiddle.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)) if they are attending Parent Council and would like pizza and/or childcare. This will be able to assist in how much pizza to order, and enough babysitters are arranged.

### **5. Reports**

#### **a. Holly Bilton – School Trustee**

- The school board has hired a company to recruit a new superintendent.

- Survey to come out through the council chair. Survey will ask questions about “what kind of leader the district” would like to see be recruited.
- Luke Dodd (Innisfail student) and his teacher received recognition for Luke receiving a 100% grade in physics. As well Luke received 98% in Math.
- Ad hoc committee created on health and wellness. Looking at funding module for new supports.
- The board is looking at placing health supports within the schools such as nursing etc.
- Discussion around parents be made aware of teachers receiving awards and accolades. To carry this discussion over the next meeting.

## **b. Administration Report**

- Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) for teachers. Day two of training will take place Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Cell Phones. Going well so far. Teachers have notices kids overall have become more engaged.
- Signing up for text message from the school process: If parents missed the opportunity to sign up for text while filling out the re-enrollment forms parents can: a) Call the IMS office and ensure the cell phone they want to receive text on is correct in PowerSchool. B) Text “Yes” or “Y” from the cell phone to this number: **724665**.
- Bring your own device update. Started well. Overall, all kids have access to a cpu. A few students still need to be assigned a computer.
- Cross Country- Thursday is the last run of the season. At the end of season 14 kids remained participating. Approx. 1000 kids participated in the fun run.
- Volleyball. 3 teams. Teams are split into practice and exhibition squads.
- Community coaches, and update from Jason Drent. Unable to have community coaches supervising school teams. A staff member must be present.
- Remembrance Day assembly 14:00 to 15:00 on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Big brothers and sisters- Scott met with Icampus. The program will be returning to IMS.
- Bikes on property- Bikes are to be walked on school property.
- Grade 6 PAT scores and math
- Outdoor seating update. Quotes received.
- Transportation requests. None received.
- CEAA & CENAA fun run & grade 7-9 students.
- Indigenous Education learning opportunity for School Council- 3-minute video.

- Rafflebox- council is permitted to use rafflebox if desired, it would need to go through proper AGLC processes

- Can we embed a link on our school website for parent donations. Email transfer for donations is ready. Link will not be finalized on the school website until January 2025.

## **6. New Business**

a. Election for President. Andrea nominates Janelle Cary for President. Jillian seconds. All in favor. Janelle Cary now president for school council

b. Conflict of interest for Vice President. Colleen B informed that she has confirmed that there is no conflict of interest for her serving as Vice President for IMS school council, (while she has IMS under her clinical caseload), Colleen is willing to continue to serve the last year of her term in this role.

c. Town of Innisfail representative- Trista McKenzie will attend meetings as able. Community benefit fund extended into 2024. Fund will again open in the new year. Explained there are different grants available, they are being revised currently at the town level. Consideration should be noted on what would fund capital items or not.

d. Team for Volleyball and Basketball- Discussion around how teams were made this volleyball season, as parent concern has been raised.. Administration is in open discussion with IHS administration and athletic director on how to move forward with this basketball season.

e. Arts programming. Is there time or money for art programming? Questions around possible designation of money towards arts programming. Colleen D-B discussed several possibilities to support potential art programming with the school. Lots of discussion around a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company (Trickster) possibly attending the school to conduct arts/theater programming. More parent involvement needed to assist with the Trickster application process and obtaining other art programming information.

**7. Next Meeting- November 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 18:00hrs**

**8. Adjournment- 19:18hrs**