

IMS School Council Meeting

November 12th @ 6pm – Innisfail Middle School

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

Attendance: Andrea Meding, Jennifer Wood, Colleen Dymont-Begeman, Kristen Strand, Sabrina, Janelle Carey, Samantha Oickle, Jonathan Pepper (recorder)

Agenda:

1.Call to order- 18:03 hours

2. Additions/Approval of November Agenda- No additions. Andrea approves November's agenda, Samantha seconds.

3. Approval of minutes from October meeting- Jennifer approves October's agenda, Andrea seconds.

4.Business Arising from Minutes

- a) Gaga pits- update: Kinsmen has confirmed that they will build a second gaga ball pit in the spring. One gaga pit built and operational.
- b) Outdoor education program-update: Nakiska ski trip is booked. No other updates with other outdoor programs currently.
- c) Arts programming update: Colleen D provided information regarding Trickster's 2-day workshop. Trickster can attend approx. 4 to 5 classes daily. Cost of workshop would be \$900. It is possible to apply for community grants to offset the cost of Trickster. Grant would need to be submit by end of Jan 2025. Trickster also can have a "residency" within the school. Andrea motions to draft a letter of intent to host Trickster residency next fall pending grant money. Sabrina seconds motion. All in favor.
- d) Pizza and childcare update: Pizza has been funded by school direct funds however, IMS does not have money to allocate to this expense and cannot continue to fund pizza for the parent council meetings. Samantha makes a motion to suspend pizza for parent council meetings. Collen D seconds. All in favor. Childcare will still be provided for parent council meetings.
- e) Equis Grant Update: IMS received the Equis grant. The grant will cover the full cost of a water bottle station in the grade 7&8 wing. Request to maintenance to install the water bottle station has been submitted.

5.Reports

a. Holly Bilton – School Trustee (not in attendance)

- request for everyone to participate in the survey sent out regarding the hiring of the new school superintendent.

b. Administration Report

- Volleyball season is wrapping up. Hope to improve male attendance next year.
- Basketball tryouts have started.
- Book club has begun and meets once a month.
- New round of YES programming has started.

- December 5th is the Mustang Turkey dinner.
 - Staff/Student hockey game has been set
 - Discussion regarding changes to the format of the Mustang newsletter.
 - Discussion about how to better connect with parents for volunteer opportunities within the school.
- Kristen has asked for parent volunteers to monitor classes during lunch hour for teachers to attend solstice dinner.

6. New Business

a. Council Norms- Kristen provided parent council, "council norms" memo to review. Andrea makes a motion to accept the council norms. Sabrina seconds. All are in favor.

b. IHS Council Proposal- Discussion about bringing together all three parent councils. (IMS, high school, and John Wilson.) This model would allow for all parent councils to take part in information sessions, presentations etc. Samantha will liaise with Innisfail high school council for more details.

c. Fundraising- Discussion about starting a fund to raise money for school directed items. Discussion about setting up a "Non-fundraiser" fundraiser to be placed on the parent portal. Jennifer makes motion to approve the "non-fundraiser" fundraiser. Andrea seconds. All are in favor.

7. Next Meeting- January 14th 2025 @ 18:00hrs

8. Adjournment- 19:13hrs