

IMS School Council Meeting

January 14th @ 6pm – Innisfail Middle School

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

Attendance: Scott Stefank, Lisa Litchfield, Alicia Fox, Colleen Dymont-Begeman, Holly Bilton, Kristen Strand, Kristen Mackenzie, Ashley Tams, Lorraine Dingman, Janelle Carey, Samantha Grovet-Oickle, Jonathan Pepper (recorder)

Agenda:

1. Call to order- 18:03 hours

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

3. Approval of minutes from November meeting- Ashley Tams approves January's agenda, Lisa seconds.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- a) ICampus Council- Update Samantha. Samantha met with elementary and high school student council reps. Working with schools and parents to gather resources and to promote "same team" approach. During the discussion there was recognition that students have a lack in skills. Parents would like to work together to see what is lacking and look to provide tools and resources to assist students. Looking to have an info night for parents in April. ICampus is looking at bringing in keynote speakers for parents such as RCMP cyber safety seminars etc.
- b) Non-Fundraiser- Update- Highschool was consulted, and a discussion was had with finance admin. Finance admin has concerns about not indicating where the money is going. Recommendation is to pick an item monthly to donate to. More discussion to be had on how to support donations appropriately.

5. Reports

a. Holly Bilton – School Trustee- Survey for new superintendent complete. School board is through first round of interviews. Likely announce the new superintendent by the end of February. Discussion around AI. The school board will be providing presentation about AI to staff.

b. Administration Report

- Turkey Dinner for students in December went very well.
- Last week of December had travelling Mustang pride events in individual classrooms.
- Solstice dinner for staff was support by Parents and went well.
- Ski program will be under way. Grade 5 will have 3 lessons, Grade 6 will have 1 lesson, and Grade 7 and 8 are looking to be scheduled.
- Nakiska ski trip booked for March.
- Swimming for Grade 7&8 starting (elective)
- Basketball has started. Team for boys and girls in Grade 7&8. Intermural basketball starting for Grades 5&6.
- Teacher Greg Matthew starting as an additional teacher to support Grade 8s.

- Student teachers beginning. 1 day a week for 8 weeks. Will shadow staff members during this time.
- 1 year principal evaluation for Scott open. Feb 3-7th.

6. New Business

a. *Town of Innisfail/Kristen Mackenzie- Update on Grants.* There have been changes to some grants. Innisfail community grant has now been moved to 2 different grants. Grant applications up to \$2500 or %50 of cost (whatever is lower). New application timeline is May 30th. Separate community grant with solar community still available. Submission is due March 1st.

i. *Fee Assistance Grant- Sponsor students for field trips/events-* Kristen will have to review grants. Make sure that the administration is aware of who is applying for which grant.

b. *April Meeting? Scott and Kristen at ULEAD.... cancel or reschedule to April-* Lorraine makes motion to cancel April's meeting. Lisa seconds the motion. All are in favor. April meeting elected to be canceled.

c. *BYOD- Kirsten-* Opened to parents to ask how they believe the program is going. Parent brought forward a concern regarding CPU instruments (mouse) have gone missing. Parents also noted inconsistency with teacher expectations with the laptop.

d. *Teacher Awards-* There are 6 awards that will be given to teachers for science, services, LA, etc. Nominations will be done on the school website, and parents will be able to nominate teachers. Nominations will also be part of the school weekly news and will be attached to the parent council minutes.

7. Next Meeting- February 11thth 2025 @ 18:00hrs

8. Adjournment- 19:15hrs