

IMS School Council Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 11 @ 6pm - Innisfail Middle School

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

Agenda

1. Call to order @ 6:00
2. Additions/Approval of February Agenda
 - a. Colleen Dymont moved to approve agenda, Lisa Litchfield seconds.
3. Approval of minutes from January meeting
 - a. Colleen Dymont moved to approve minutes, Lisa Litchfield seconds.

Business Arising from Minutes

- a. iCampus Council- Update-Samantha
 - i. No updates at this time, waiting to hear back from original speaker, looking to find something low cost/free. Will require volunteers to set up tables, etc. when it's time to move ahead.
- b. Non-Fundraiser- Update
 - i. Scott: "helping hands fund" and donation button for hot lunch. no answer yet, reaching out to Division Office to see how we can make it fair for all families in need. Might be something to try to have in place for September. "More for Mustangs" as the catch phrase?
- c. Fundraising Committee-do we want to explore new fundraisers?
 - i. Last meeting demonstrated some enthusiasm for fundraising, is this the right time to take this on? Covid etc has hindered this. If we have the support, it would be nice to have flexibility to be able to support projects within the school.
 - ii. As we look ahead to fundraisers, we need to set the goal of 2 months notice to communicate within the school, to parents, to office, organize behind the scenes, etc.
 - iii. Right now is 2 months ahead to plan for something for Easter? At the elementary school, they buy enough that the school buys at least one for each student, teachers get a deal to purchase for their classes.

- iv. Organizational Requirements: Dates, forms to update website, charge, communication, timelines, etc.
 - v. April 14-17 is 4 days before Easter. Scott will take this to office staff to see what we need. Set up a committee in March meeting to work out the details.
 - vi. Sam Oickle motion Easter fundraiser April 14-17, Lisa Litchfield second. Carried.
- d. Grant Committee-anyone interested in starting one up and finding us funds?
- i. Holly Bilton: Took this to Division Office and asked: is there somebody who can give us (Innisfail community) a webinar to support with grant writing? Who can help us do this in the best way to be the most effective? How do you search for them? Is there a template we can follow? Kurt Sacher is looking into it, but no answers yet. Holly is willing to help however necessary.
- e. Outdoor Classroom Committee has been formed...4 IMS staff, 3 Parent Council members. First Meeting is Thursday, February 27 @ 3:15pm @ IMS Conference Room
- i. Quote from Darrel Dyvig for concrete at \$25/square foot (1500ft² roughly)
 - ii. Goal to include students once it's rolling too.
 - iii. Holly/Board included for Innovation Grant when we're at that stage

Reports

- a. Holly Bilton - School Trustee
- Through second round of interviews- have selected a person. It should be announced soon. Shawn Russell is also retiring. This will likely create a chain of events as positions open up and are filled.
 - Alberta School Council Association- see notes below. IF Innisfail schools are interested in participating, they could meet together in a common location to build community and go through the symposium together. Holly says she'll buy lunch! There will be a wide range of relevant, timely topics: AI, mental health, etc. that would be of interest to school council members.
 - \$100/school council, the board will cover it
 - It's a Saturday in April (last weekend of Spring Break)
 - Let Janelle know before March 5 so we know if anyone is interested!

- Janelle Carey is interested. John Wilson is interested in participating, Colleen Dymont also participating. Holly Bilton will also plan to attend.

b. Administration Report

Basketball - coming to a close. Last games are: Girls (Feb 24th & March 3rd League Playoffs), Boys Comp. (Thursday vs. IHS) & Boys Skill Builders (Hunting Hills tourney this weekend)

- Boys Competitive 7th Team WINS GOLD for CEEA tournament last weekend!

Badminton - Not having Mrs. Klymyk to run grade 5th badminton we are looking for a staff volunteer. Mr. Adams has said he would step in as a slow volunteer return to IMS! We are still looking for another staff member to support him should he be unable to attend. Grade 7th students (we are hoping for 25-30) who will be coached by an IMS staff member and Bob potentially. We will gather interest for the team later this week or early the week after winter break.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters: 7 bigs in high school, 7 littles in middle school. Next step is building in John Wilson.

- Other mentorship opportunities within school:
 - YES big buddies (gr 7th) with JW buddies (gr 3rd4)
 - Grade 5 buddy program, supported by Miss Julia in YES (within grade support to build community and empathy)
 - Grade 6 Buddies with Grade 8 Leadership (connection for teacher-identified students who can benefit from a role model)

Teachers Convention & Winter Break upcoming

Outdoor seating update - slowly assembling a team of staff and parents (from School Council). Next steps we will look to students in the school, as suggested by classroom teachers, to fill the role of grade 5/6/7/8. Even though our grade 8's are leaving, they would provide valuable insight into what this could look like. How exciting!

Nakiska ski trip update- Grade 5th on March 13, Grade 7th on March 28. Given the huge level of interest, we looked at expanding to a second bus, but Nakiska wasn't able to accommodate those numbers. It will be something we look ahead to next year for. Given the success of the Innisfail Ski program, it makes sense that there is increased interest in mountain trips.

Upcoming: two PD days in March, Healthy Language at IMS, ongoing CRM meetings in grade levels, transitions in March across campus.

New Business

- a. Alberta School Council Assoc. is holding online Spring Symposium on Saturday, April 26 from 8:30-3:30. Board will pay/register if members of council are interested in attending....anyone interested? Let Janelle know by March 5!
- b.

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 11@ 6:00pm (may run longer due to no April Meeting)

please email innisfailmiddle.schoolcouncil@gmail.com if childcare is needed

8. Adjournment

Call it to a close at 6:38