

Ecole Innisfail Middle School
Parent Council
October 3, 2017

In Attendance: Melissa Dodd, Erin Flewelling, Kari Fox, Danica Martin, Holly Bilton, Samantha Oickle, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm.

Trina Westman approves agenda with the addition of 7.b. - Gift Wrap Fundraiser; 2nd – Erin Flewelling

Trina Westman approves minutes from September 5th, 2017; 2nd – Erin Flewelling

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Elections: With no nominees for Vice Chair and so few members in attendance, elections are tabled until November.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Danica Martin

Mrs. Martin requested PAC feedback on the content and delivery of these admin reports. All in attendance were satisfied with how they are currently presented. Mrs. Martin encourages us to request information on any topic that may interest us.

Staff Update: Mrs. Corine Nelson replaced Mr. Wirtanen in Grade 8. Mrs. Nelson previously held a long term substitute position with Chinook Centre School.

Leadership - Red Lodge High Ropes Course: 54 Grade 8 students applied for and attended this leadership event on September 25th, as well as one adult from each House who were allowed to observe only. Students participated in leadership, team building, cooperation, and trust exercises with some time dedicated to planning House activities for the school. This event was sponsored through a Healthy Schools grant.

House: There is significantly more buy-in from the Grade 8's this year. They are actively organizing and running all House time activities.

Chinook's Fun Run: Weather permitting, the K-6 Fun Run is scheduled for October 5th at Centennial Park. Students in the 7/8 Run Club and Grade 8 Leadership will assist.

Parent Interviews: As per teacher preference, parent interviews will run October 24 – 26. Teachers will better explain the new reporting format and how it is posted to PowerSchool.

George Chunda (?): Kindergarteners through Grade 12's will attend an African storytelling presentation with this guest author. Select Grades 5 and 8 classes, as well as IHS Drama classes, will attend specialized workshops. The cost is \$600 and will be shared by all schools on campus.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award: Student Resource Officer, Constable Nelson, is mentoring Grade 8 students to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award encourages youth to accept new challenges and explore their potential.

CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE: Holly Bilton

Division support of tobacco in indigenous ceremonies: CESD has received inquiries into why they supply and promote the use of tobacco in indigenous ceremonies. Dr. Lisa Steele with CESD clarifies that tobacco is given to the presenter but the quantity is very small, is not smoked, and is symbolically "given back to the earth".

Bus accident: Due to poor driving conditions, there was a bus rollover on Monday morning. No students were on board at the time and the driver did not suffer any injuries.

Terry Fox Run: Holly ran in the campus-wide Terry Fox run on September 17th. St. Marguerites also participated. Holly, together with Sharla Heistad, the new Catholic School Division Trustee, expects that their schools will collaborate on more community events in the future.

CESD Elections: Holly was acclaimed to her position as school board trustee. Division meetings will resume after elections on October 16th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cookie Dough: Order forms are ready to distribute, should come home prior to Thanksgiving weekend, and are due back on October 16th. Product will arrive on November 1st. Volunteers are required for sorting and distribution.

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser: JWES has invited IMS to join them in a Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser. Before committing to the event, IMS PAC requests more information in regards to the volunteer commitment and the division of profits before making a decision. Mrs. Martin will follow up with Mrs. Warke and Melissa Dudley, JWES fundraiser chair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2017 at 6:30pm.