

Ecole Innisfail Middle School
Parent Council Minutes - April 3, 2018

In Attendance: Holly Bilton, Erin Flewelling, Danica Martin, Giselle Meyer, Kari Fox, Lisa Jacobs, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm.

Erin Flewelling approves the agenda with the addition of 7.a) Incident at IHS and 7.b) Magnets; 2nd – Lisa Jacobs

Erin Flewelling approves minutes from March 6, 2018; 2nd – Lisa Jacobs

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Hot Lunch / Hot Dogs: A detailed expense report for hot dogs was not available; however, it is estimated that IMS makes approximately \$60 profit on each hot dog day. It was unanimously decided that IMS must re-evaluate the cost of hot dogs for 2018-2019 since the proceeds do not warrant the amount of time it takes to prepare them. Admin will bring proper expense reports to May's meeting so we may evaluate all hot lunch days. We will either increase the cost for hot dogs or consider offering another pizza or subway day each month or explore other options; including Chopped Leaf, Sunshine Blends, or Booster Juice.

ADMIN REPORTS: Danica Martin and Giselle Meyer

Upcoming Events:

- Flower Basket fundraiser is currently underway – proceeds to support Grade 8 field trip
- 7 – 12 Badminton tournament is this coming weekend
- Alien In-Line skating begins on Thursday and runs April 5 – 13 – Parent letter and permission forms were sent home today
- After school improv group will perform a student written play during House Time on April 13
- Bus evacuation practices will happen on campus April 9 & 10 – facilitated by CESD Transportation
- Spring Break – April 16 -20
- Campus Lock Down Drill – April 25 – letter to come home next week; Constable Nelson and CESD Safety Inspector have been working hard to ensure that all systems are in place
- Ambitie celebration coming on May 3

New Field Trip Process: CESD is in the process of rolling out the new electronic field trip process. Teachers will submit field trip requests, Administrators will approve them, and parents will complete the permission slips – ALL electronically. Parents need to complete the basic information only once as it will auto-populate on future forms. These electronic permission slips are automatically tied into the fees system.

Round 3 Options: With Alien In-line running for a week, options will not start until after Spring Break. Students will be selecting options and will be assigned to classes next week.

Updates:

- Staff learning focused on literacy – March 23rd: Teachers were given money to spend at Chapters to improve their classroom libraries. Their focus was to find non-fiction reading material that would engage student learning. IMS received 20% discount on purchases. The money given to teachers was from interest earned on money reserved for an undetermined project.
- Division budgeting process is underway – decisions and plans will be finalized in May
- Alberta Opera was well received by students – student actors were a big hit and the performance was great – we have tentatively booked this again for next year
- Learning Commons – Campus Admin with Division Principal, Jason Drent, and Library liaison, visited two schools in Red Deer and one in Spruce View on March 21. We are currently drafting our vision for the campus space.

Grade 8 Field Trip: Parent volunteers are still needed. Express your interest in attending to office ASAP.

CHINOOK'S EDGE DIVISION UPDATE: Holly Bilton

Alberta Schools Councils: The Alberta Schools Council is convening on April 20th weekend at the Delta Hotel in Edmonton. Holly strongly encourages us to send a representative from Innisfail / IMS or at the very least, send in a resolution that represents our interests. Topics being discussed include:

- Annual criminal reference checks – Currently, staff only has to complete once when hired and parent volunteers only require in certain instances. At \$80 each, annual crim checks are a huge expense to school boards and to parents and will take funds away from the classrooms and deter parent volunteers.
- Credit Cap- 45 per year or 135 over 3 years – If this is approved, schools will only receive funding up to the maximum caps and students will be limited in how many credits they take in high school.
- Healthy foods – This will allow only 'healthy' choices to be offered by the school which would limit our fundraising opportunities with hot lunch orders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Incident at High School: Recently, there was a threat issued by a student. It was resolved quickly by the Student Resource Officer, Constable Nelson, and students were never in any danger. IHS sent a notice out to their families but IMS and JWES families were not informed. Many parents have expressed concerns that, as a campus, all schools should have been notified regardless of whether their children were at risk or not. Administration has taken all feedback under advisement and will proceed accordingly should we ever be in a similar situation.

Magnets: IMS received a parent request to print campus-wide school calendars on magnets again. Since the schedule is subject to change and all information is available online and on facebook, administration has decided against it. It was suggested that the campus create specific Google Calendars that can be shared with families – band calendar, sports calendar, grade specific calendars etc. By doing this, families would only receive information pertinent to their children.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting is May 1, 2018