

Ecole Innisfail Middle School
School Council and Parent Society Minutes
December 1, 2015

In Attendance: Janette Charlton, Lisa Jacobs, Ley-Anne Mountain, Kathy Hetherington, Janine Gerrard, Carolynne Muncer, Danica Martin, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Janine Gerrard approved agenda as presented, 2nd - Lisa Jacobs.

Trina Westman approved minutes from November 3, 2015, 2nd - Janette Charlton.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Casino: The Casino ran November 27 and 28 and went well. All volunteer positions were filled. Saturday night ran at a deficit. Profit is pooled by quarter and includes revenue from Cash, Jackpot, and Camrose casinos. We will know our proceeds in early February. Janette has already applied for our next casino and should know within 14 days.

Document Camera Presentation: Mrs. Machell

The PAC funded document camera connects easily to a laptop, the software is extremely user friendly, and anything put under its lens is projected onto a screen for the entire class to see easily. Mrs. Machell uses hers to provide examples of text, manipulatives, math games and strategies, and art instruction. It has the ability to save pictures to the laptop and record demonstrations for digital portfolios which may be used immediately. Students participation has increased.

Mrs. Muncer requested staff demos and expects that there will be more requests for funding.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Danica Martin

Education Plan: The plan is not yet complete. Will present at January's meeting.

Junior High Leadership Conference: JHLC was held on November 27 and 28. Over 300 student delegates from Alberta were in attendance along with 55 teachers and numerous volunteers. Grade 8 Spirit Leaders lead cheers and helped delegates and Spruce View high school students assisted with clean up and supervision. The weekend was very successful with positive feedback. Students had a lot of fun and have said their most rewarding experience from the conference was meeting people and making new friends.

Morning Arrivals: There are many students coming to school as early as 7:30am. Administration will message to parents that students should not be arriving prior to 8:20am; however, with colder weather upon us, Administration will accommodate early arrivals by coordinating an indoor space where they may gather to get out of the elements.

MP3 Expectations:

- Daily Got You Good draws will transition to bi-weekly draws in the new year.
- Appropriate hallway and playground behavior continue to be areas of focus.
- Grade 8 students are expected to follow guidelines for both IMS and IHS and are doing great. Students are now eating their lunches in the SGA at IHS where they are must set up and take down their own tables and pick up after themselves.

New York Trip: Division has approved IMS's participation in the trip, pending any imminent threats. Thirty five families expressed interest in attending at the info session held on November 16.

Lunches: JWES has seen an increase in students coming to school with inadequate lunches. Mr. Drent is preparing a campus request for community support and inquired whether IMS is also seeing a increase and for a monetary value that would be required for IMS to supplement lunches. Administration strives to be aware of situations where students need help and ensure that their lunches are supplemented. They will be diligent in evaluating individual situations as the economic downturn progresses.

Report Cards: The format for the report cards has not changed as expected and will be sent home on Friday.

Band Concert: Everyone is welcome to attend on Thursday at 2 pm.

Weekly Bulletins: Bulletins will continue to be sent home via email but will also be posted at the school so students may be aware of weekly events.

CHINOOK'S EDGE DIVISION UPDATE: Danica Martin for Holly Bilton

At a recent Alberta Education Forum, a policy on Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender issues in schools was discussed. A Calgary newspaper reported that Chinook's Edge voted against the policy. To clarify, CESD did not vote against the policy itself but on the urgency of creating the policy. Division wants to ensure that the policy is not rushed and that all aspects are carefully considered and well written.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting will be held at 6:30 on January 5, 2016.