

Innisfail Middle School
February 3, 2015

In Attendance: Janette Charlton, Lisa Jacobs, Janine Gerrard, Michelle Martin, Kari Fox, Jay Steeves, and Trina Westman.

Approval of Agenda: Budget added as 6:A:3. Janette Charlton; 2nd - Lisa Jacobs

Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2014: Trina Westman; 2nd - Lisa Jacobs

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Presenters:

- Bullying presentation discussed in November is scheduled for March 23rd for Grades 7 and 8.
- MADD presentation - March 23rd for Grades 7 and 8.
- Other presentations are being considered.

Breakfast for Learning: Final gift card installment of \$2200 has been received.

Teacher Requests for Funding: Future requests will be approved by Mr. Steeves before being presented to PAC to ensure that they are legitimate requests.

- M. Pivert requests an Apple TV and HDMI cord that will allow students to make videos that may be presented to the class. Approximate cost - \$140.
- Ms. Neilsen requests 3 to 4 headphone splitters to be used with the ChromeBooks. This will allow the units to be shared when listening in groups. Approximate cost - \$10-\$12 each.
- Mrs. Daines requests funds for IHS shop students to construct a storage bin for recycling. Mr. Coles to provide a quote for supplies.
- Mr. Walsh for Grade 8 team requests support for field trips - Calaway Park which offers an educational element with an in-depth look at mechanical systems. Approximate cost - \$3000 (\$1800 in busing costs); and West Ed. - Approximate cost - \$4000 (\$2500 in busing).

Janette Charlton motions: IMS PAC will provide up to \$200 for the purchase of an Apple TV and HDMI cord. 2nd - Janine Gerrard, motion carried.

Janette Charlton motions: IMS PAC will provide up to \$100 for the purchase of headphone splitters. 2nd - Lisa Jacobs, motion carried.

Trina Westman motions: IMS PAC will provide up to \$500 to resolve the lack of storage for recycling. 2nd - Michelle Martin, motion carried.

Trina Westman motions: Each grade level will receive \$1000 to be used at their discretion when planning field trips or to off set busing costs. 2nd - Janette Charlton, motion carried.

In regards to PAC support toward the Grade 8 field trips, it was determined that PAC funds should be dispersed evenly throughout the school community; that we cannot with clear conscience commit funds

that would set precedent for future years or future councils; and anyone requesting funds should have made an honest attempt to contribute to the funds that they are requesting - some classrooms did not participate in fundraising efforts.

REPORTS:

Principal Report: **Jay Steeves**

Athletics:

- Basketball will continue through March.
- CENNA A & B teams will compete in tournaments in Sundre and Red Deer.
- Grade 5 & 6 teams will play home vs home exhibition tournament.
- Badminton will begin in March.

School Events:

- Gym Blast pep rally was very well received. Students were engaged in team building / leadership activities.
- Mr. Stones and Mr. Steeves are preparing to host a leadership conference in November 2015. Over 300 delegates are expected to attend from across Alberta.
- ATV safety presentation stressed the importance of being aware and wearing proper safety equipment at all times - including during non-recreational activities (farming, yard work etc).

Budget:

- The \$500K that was slated to subsidize busing is not expected to be cut due to the economic uncertainty. However, with the possibility of a federal election this spring, the release of funds is likely to be delayed.
- IMS has been operating with reduced budgets for the past 3 - 4 years but continues to strive for reduced class sizes, capped at 25, and is considering pooling resources by creating programs that would allow EAs to support multiple students vs continuing with individualized programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

DFS Catalog: With our accounts having healthy balances, we choose not to run this fundraiser at this time. If Mr. Steeves can determine whether the fundraiser can be managed efficiently without compromising our relationship with DFS, we may consider offering the fundraiser to the Grade 8 team to run independently to secure funds for their field trips. - Decision tabled to future meeting.

Casino: IMS is scheduled to receive a casino date in October 2015, unless advised otherwise.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting - March 3rd at 7 pm.