

Ecole Innisfail Middle School  
School Council and Parent Society Minutes  
February 2, 2016

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In Attendance: Janette Charlton, Carolynne Muncer, Mike Walsh, Danica Martin, Kari Fox, Ley-Anne Mountain, Lisa Jacobs, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Trina Westman approves agenda with the addition of 7a. Grade 8 Field Trip Request. 2nd - Lisa Jacobs

Lisa Jacobs approves minutes from January 5, 2016. 2nd - Janette Charlton

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES:**

**Ski Day at Canyon Ski Hill: Trina Westman**

- Dates available are February 4 and 19, and March 8 and 19.
- Lift tickets including lessons are \$20 for Grades 5 and 6 and \$25 for Grades 7 and 8.
- Equipment rentals are \$19 for skis and \$24 for snowboards. Helmets are mandatory.
- As per Administration recommendation, the ski trip would be open to all students wanting to participate but would not be mandatory. The need for staff and parent supervisors would be determined based on the number of participants.

When following up as to which date would work best for IMS, Trina was advised that Pat Adams was going to take over planning this event. To date, no details are available. Mrs. Martin is going to follow up with Mr. Adams. If a date has not been booked and these dates are no longer available, we may not proceed with the trip. The ski trip will be added to the agenda early next year to avoid disappointment.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT: Danica Martin and Carolynne Muncer**

**Staffing:**

- Michelle Wilson will cover Mrs. Chatwood's maternity leave beginning February 11 for approximately 5 weeks until Mrs. Neilson returns. Ms. Wilson has taught Grade 9 at HJ Cody, Grade 5 at CP Blakely, and took her practicum in Grades 5 and 6.
- Amanda Oslund replaced Mrs. Jensen, effective January 12. She is very well received by staff and students.

**Education Plan:**

- Administration spent time with staff to reflect on the results of PATS and Accountability Pillar. Teachers shared classroom results and strategized to improve outcomes.
- Innisfail Campus will present their education plans collaboratively to the CESD Board on February 24th.

**Ron Clark Academy:** IMS Administrators, teachers, and EA's will experience highly effective teaching strategies at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta from February 16 to 20. Teachers at IMS are starting to implement new techniques from Ron Clark's book into their classrooms and many new practices are expected to be implemented once they return from Atlanta and into next year.

**Got You Good Draws:** Got You Good rewards will now be distributed in the classrooms at teachers' discretion. Students will have the opportunity to enter school-wide weekly or bi-weekly draws for more substantial prizes - pizza lunches, extra gym classes, etc. More personalized rewards also will be given based on staff nominations for positive behavior within any area of the MP3 behavior matrix.

**CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE: Nothing to report**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grade 8 Field Trip Request: Mike Walsh**

- The Grade 8 Year End trip will be June 22 - 24. Students will visit Calaway Park, Frank Slide, Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump, and The Great Canadian Barn Dance in Hill Springs.
- The cost is \$240 per student, \$85 per chaperone and includes all admissions, accommodations, transportation, and meals.
- All students are encouraged to attend. Those who opt out will be expected to attend school as usual.
- All fundraising money earned by the student will directly offset the cost of their trip with any excess funds being pooled amongst the remainder of the students. A fundraising committee has been assembled. Some ideas include: flower baskets, organic cleaning supplies, bottle drives, spring clean up of the town and area highways and possibly helping out with the rodeo. With the poor economy, opportunities to fundraise by volunteering time opposed to purchasing product should be sought out.

Mr. Walsh requests PAC support in subsidizing the entire trip fee for those students in need opposed to reducing every child's obligation. He estimates that approximately 12 students will require full assistance. In order for a student to qualify for subsidy they must participate in fundraising opportunities.

Money is available in our account, in Casino funds (if considered an allowable expense), and BFL grants may be used to subsidize food costs on the trip. PAC will re-evaluate the need for support once students have had a chance to fundraise.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Next meeting is March 1, 2016 at 6:30pm.