

Ecole Innisfail Middle School
School Council - November 4, 2014

In Attendance: Lisa Jacobs, Kari Fox, Holly Bilton, Kathy Hetherington, Jay Steeves, and Trina Westman

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Approval of Agenda: Addition of school presentations and Holly Bilton

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Jacobs, 2nd – Holly Bilton

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Breakfast for Learning: Grant application was approved at \$5200.

Cookie Dough:

- With 40-45% return, we will net approximately \$6500 - \$7000 – consistent with last year.
- Product will arrive on November 20th.
- Mustang Gang will help unload the truck and depending on volunteer support, may also help with sorting and distribution.
- Grade 5 students were the top sellers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jay Steeves

Athletics:

- Girls' Volleyball wrapped up this weekend with CENA finals – placed in the middle.
- Middle school exhibition and lunchtime staff vs student games are scheduled.

School Spirit:

- Halloween festivities went well. Student recognition awards were presented at the beginning of the pep rally that shifted into a school dance and penny carnival.
- IMS Remembrance Day Assembly will be held November 5th at 9:00 am, followed by IHS at 11:00 am and JWES at 1:30 pm.
- School Leadership – Leadership group was invited to meet with 3rd year education students at RDC to discuss the importance of school culture and ways to achieve to it. Leadership students will be attending the Leadership Conference in Edmonton the weekend of November 21st.

Safe and Caring Schools: From the latest survey, IMS's rating for being a safe and caring school for students has increased from 77% four years ago to 89% this year.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences went well; however, the parents that attend now are generally those who already know how their child is doing. Teachers and administration are trying to come up with a format that will attract all parents.

Construction:

- The campus is still in transition. The biggest challenge remains scheduling for PE and the gym spaces for presentations.
- Deficiencies in the new gym's flooring are being addressed. The floor will be sanded, re-lined, and finished over the next three weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

IMS PAC has approximately \$22,000 in our account; \$6,000 of which was returned to us by administration after the cost of the Smart Table for the Library Commons was covered by the School Main Budget.

Some funds are being reserved for playground enhancement which may include extending the tarmac for additional basketball courts; however, we will not know how that will play out until after JWES has completed all their upgrades.

PAC discussed dedicating a specific amount to be used for school presentations. Kari will research presenters and bring back to our next meeting.

Athletic Request: The Athletic department would like to purchase an electronic scoreboard for the IMS gym. Not only would it be used for school sports events, it would allow us to host provincials and higher level events. The scoreboard would replace our current scoreboard that has a faulty wireless connection which is unpredictable and inconvenient.

Trina Westman motions: IMS PAC will contribute a maximum of \$2,000 towards the purchase of an electronic scoreboard. 2nd – Lisa Jacobs, motion carried.

Student Services Request: Administration purchased a school set of 30 Google Chromebooks. With reduced connection time and being less cumbersome than laptops, the Chromebooks are in high demand from teachers and students. Since the Chromebooks are also being used by EA's with their special needs students to enhance their learning environment, a class set is no longer available. Mr. Steeves would like to purchase an additional 20 units to be dedicated to Student Services. The units cost approximate \$300 each including licensing and warranty and will take about 6 weeks to arrive.

Lisa Jacobs: IMS PAC will contribute a maximum of \$8,000 towards the purchase of 20 Chromebooks. 2nd – Trina Westman, motion carried.

TRUSTEE UPDATE: Holly Bilton

Chinook's Edge Celebration: The division met recently to celebrate new inductees to ATA, retirees, and to present service awards. Many of our teachers and support staff were recognized for their longstanding commitment to students.

Parents Matter: A committee has been assembled. The main objective has been on increasing communication and setting expectations that are to be adhered to throughout the division.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2014.