

Ecole Innisfail Middle School
School Council and Parent Society Minutes
October 6, 2015

In Attendance: Kari Fox, Lisa Jacobs, Holly Bilton, Janine Gerrard, Michelle Martin, Ley-Anne Mountain, Danica Martin, Carolyn Munser, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

Additions to Agenda include Breakfast for Learning and Holly Bilton's CESD update.

Lisa Jacobs approves agenda, with additions. 2nd - Trina Westman.

Trina Westman adopts minutes from June 2, 2015. 2nd - Lisa Jacobs.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Casino: The Casino date has been confirmed for November 27 and 28, 2015. Volunteers are needed for 23 shifts. The need for volunteers will be advertised as agenda messages, with strip notes in student agendas, on Power Announce, and a sign-up sheet will be posted at cookie dough pick-up on October 29.

Principal Report: Danica Martin

School goals for 2015-2016 include:

- **RTI - (Response to Intervention):** Staff and Administration will implement strategies to ensure that the learning needs of every student in the school are met.
- **Literacy:** All students will read at or above their grade level by the end of the school year.
- **School Expectations:** School-wide expectations have been set using the MP3 model of Pride in Yourself, Pride in Others, and Pride in Community. The expectations will be reinforced by using positive rewards - Got You Good Tickets and daily prize draws, for now, progressing into non-material rewards such as special lunch privileges with friends or teachers etc.

Campus Resources: Campus Administration will work together to maximize resources. Many opportunities exist to improve campus efficiencies such as collaborating on safety drills and lock downs.

Staffing: There has been no changes to the faculty since June's meeting.

Construction: Co-existing with two other schools has not been an issue.

Chinook's Edge Division Update: Holly Bilton

- Chinook's Edge welcomes Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Munser to IMS.
- Chinook's Edge extends a huge thank-you to all for their extended patience during construction.
- Holly Bilton attended the Alberta School Board Advocacy Day with Kurt Sacher and Sean Russell. There were 42 trustees in attendance with various degrees of experience and opinions. The Wildrose Education Critic was also there and is trying to bring about changes which may or may not be good.

Finance: Kari Fox

Parent Council Account \$18,422.42
Breakfast Account \$ 5,010.59

The breakfast account reflects our balance prior to qualifying for Breakfast for Learning grants and any money that has been donated while participating with BFL. All BFL grants have been received and spent as per BFL specifications and are not included in this amount.

Our grant application for Breakfast for Learning was not accepted this year. More applications were submitted and the need was greater in other communities. They will keep our application on file if there are additional funds to disperse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monetary Requests:

- **Sigmund Brouwer's "Writer in Residency"** This pilot program promotes literacy by allowing student interaction with a published author. Throughout the year, there will be presentations, video conferences, and book clubs led by Sigmund Brouwer. Students will have the opportunity to provide feedback on his current works and witness firsthand what is involved with writing a book. The school will also have access to free book downloads. The cost of the program is \$2000.

Trina Westman motions: IMS PAC will cover Sigmund Brouwer's "Writer in Residency" program fees of \$2000.00. 2nd - Lisa Jacobs, motion carried.

- **Cyclone Centre:** The high school fitness centre has been used by IMS Life Skills students on a regular basis over the last couple of years. Athletics also used the space during gym construction and expects to use it more regularly as the centre is updated. In June, IHS requested support to replace a treadmill. Although they were able to secure funds elsewhere, IMS would still like to show their support of the centre.

Janine Gerrard motions: IMS PAC will contribute \$1500.00 to supplement equipment in the Cyclone Centre. 2nd - Ley-Anne Mountain, motion carried.

- **Leadership Conference:** IMS and Spruce View school is hosting the Provincial Junior High Leadership Conference on November 27 and 28 in Innisfail. The conference will feature motivational speakers and team building and leadership exercises. 300 to 350 students are expected to attend; all IMS Grade 7 and 8 students are welcome.

The Leadership Committee requested that IMS PAC provide breakfast for the conference. PAC regretfully declined as the date conflicts with the casino.

Lisa Jacobs motions: PAC will contribute \$500 towards the Leadership Conference to use as needed. 2nd - Ley-Anne Mountain, motion carried.

Cookie Dough: Order forms are due back on October 13. Volunteers are needed for sorting and distribution on October 29.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm - Next meeting is November 3, 2015 at 6:30pm.