

Ecole Innisfail Middle School

September 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Amy Baguley, Michelle Martin, Janette Charlton, Kari Fox, Ley-Anne Mountain, Janine Gerrard, Julie Ramrattan, Lisa Jacobs, Reshann Butts, Gloria Thompson, Jay Steeves, and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Addition of 5c. Teacher Communication and 7e. BP Fundraiser

Approval of minutes from May 28, 2014: Adopted by Trina Westman; 2nd – Lisa Jacobs

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Construction:

- Walkway complete and Grade 4's located in IMS pod
- Learning Commons and library are complete
- Classrooms are settled and are establishing routines – focusing on education and not construction
- Gym almost complete with deficiencies being addressed – some lines are incorrectly marked and the net anchors for the volleyball court interfere with the basketball courts
- Intercom system overlaps between schools – working to set specific zones to minimize interruptions
- Some water damage to gyms due to improper drainage from 51 Avenue – curbs being reassessed
- Sidewalks / landscape improvements are in progress
- Parking - Student safety remains a primary concern; trees were planted just to the west of the parent parking lot which limits options for snow removal and overflow parking

Online Lunches: Lunch orders are to be made online using Pay-pal. September's online order was consistent with paper orders in past years, if not slightly higher. Although Chinook's Edge offers online payment options, IMS will continue to use Pay-pal until all glitches are worked out.

Communication:

- Power Announce/Alert will only be used for urgent messages. There is a greater chance that all messages will be read if everyday messages are not sent using this method of communication.
- Teachers have been instructed to make contact with all their students' parents. Administration will follow up to ensure that this is being done.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jay Steeves

Athletics:

- Volleyball – Whitney Oakley is coaching the girl's team of 15 players. The team is having fun with hopes of increasing the competition level. There was not enough interest to offer a boys' team.
- Cross Country Run – IMS will be hosting the K-6 Fun Run on October 2nd at Centennial Park for all 42 schools in Chinook's Edge and the 7-9 CENA competitive run.

School Spirit: IMS has a strong, student driven leadership team this year.

- September 30th – "80's-theme" pep rally
- October 1st – Welcome Pancake Breakfast – This will be held on its' own day. Hosting the breakfast on the same day as the pep rally has proved to be too unstructured for some students.

- October Pep Rally will be combined with a Halloween celebration/dance

Parents are always welcome to attend School Spirit assemblies. Start times will vary since it is too hard to settle students back into routines after a pep rally. Mr. Steeves will consider the content of the assembly and adjust the timetable so they finish as close to the end of the school day as possible. Student recognition awards will be presented at the beginning of the assembly and new this year, a work experience student will notify parents when their child is up for an award.

Corporate sponsors for student incentives/recognition awards are also welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

- Michelle Martin nominates Kari Fox as Chair, Janette Charlton as Vice-Chair, and Trina Westman as Secretary for the 2014-2015 school year. 2nd – Lisa Jacobs, Nomination accepted.
- All in attendance at tonight's meeting will be listed as Directors on the IMS Executive.

Breakfast for Learning: Kari Fox is expecting to hear soon whether our grant application was accepted. With the remaining gift cards from last that we were allowed to keep and donations, Kari will organize baskets of various granola bars, cheese strings, yoghurt tubes, and fruit to go to classes beginning October 6th. Lisa will assist with grocery pick up.

Fundraising:

- Cookie Dough order forms will go out on October 20th and are due back around October 30th. Product is scheduled to arrive on November 20th. Volunteers will be needed for order form preparation and on pick up date. We will offer frozen cookie dough and muffin mix as well as a trial "dry mix" option.
- DSF Catalogue will likely be offered in the spring. The company offers a good return and the campaign was relatively successful when it ran last year for the first time.
- Casino – IMS is scheduled for the 4th quarter of 2015 for our first casino. (Oct, Nov, Dec). If there are cancellations, we may be called sooner.
- BP – Boston Pizza is offering 5% return on the pre-tax totals for receipts submitted until January 31st. Kari will coordinate.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting – November 4, 2014