

Ecole Innisfail Middle School  
Parent Council  
September 4, 2018

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In Attendance: Clark Peters, Holly Bilton, Lisa Jacobs, Melissa Dodd, Erin Day, Pam Lausen, Jena Rice, Kari Fox and Trina Westman.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Introductions

Trina Westman approved the agenda with the addition of 7.b) Elections; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa Jacobs

Lisa Jacobs approved the minutes from June 5, 2018; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jena Rice

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**Hot Lunches:** Subway, Canadian Pizza, and Soup and Salad will be offered monthly, with exceptions, and milk daily, starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also offer DQ (chicken fingers and ice cream sandwich), A & W (single or double Mama Burger), and Tim Horton's (chili with a bun) on a trial basis. Pending feedback, additional dates may be added.

Booster Juice will be offered as a special event only. There is talk that Booster Juice may open locally. If this materializes we will consider offering this more regularly.

Sunshine Blends have taken JWES feedback into account, are prepared to offer larger portion sizes, and are discussing opportunities to come to IMS with Leanne.

Without a coordinator going into the school year, we are cancelling hot dogs.

Prices have increased to \$6.00 per meal with specialty vendors being slightly higher – Sunshine Blends or Booster Juice.

Volunteers are needed for some hot lunch days. Admin will message what all is required. We did have a community member volunteer to help out as needed within the school. She will be a good resource for hot lunch days.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS: Clark Peters**

The transition into the new school year went very well. Positive feedback was received from teachers, students, and parents.

**Staffing / Logistics:**

- Vice Principal, Dana Schafer - Ms. Schafer comes from Lacombe Composite High School where she has many years in math and science programs. In addition to VP she will teach Grade 7 science and pick up some music classes. Ms. Schafer will attend our next PAC meeting.

- Learning Commons, Angela Tracy – Ms. Tracy’s responsibilities will adapt to suit the needs of all three schools on Campus.
- Grade 7’s will not be condensed from 4 to 3 classes for non-core subjects as disclosed at June’s meeting
- To alleviate larger class sizes in Grades 5 and 6, Admin is looking to add additional supports in the classroom
- 9 new students have enrolled last week
- Since the Grade 8 wing needs some love, Mr. Peters is brainstorming ideas on how we can make this a more inviting place to be

**House:** Admin will work with staff to re-evaluate how the program is delivered to students. Although House activities create a sense of community that is valued by all, weekly events are too much. We will continue with school-wide monthly celebrations.

Grade 5s and new IMS students were inducted into their Houses with a “Cake Smash” where Houses were determined by the color of the cake. Although there was some trepidation, with the exception of 2 Grade 8 students, all new students chose to participate. New students will receive a House shirt; however, they are on backorder.

**PowerSchool / PowerAnnounce:** Since many things are going electronic, it is essential that families are using this platform. Currently, there are approximately 190 families yet to open their Parent Portal. Admin will send out detailed instructions on how to access it. Going forward, staff will also receive all PowerAnnounce messages sent out to families.

**Parking:** The parking lot continues to be an issue.

**SeaCan Removal:** The empty SeaCan on the west side of the building that was once used as storage during JWES construction will be removed ASAP. It is no longer serving its purpose and is an eye sore.

**Account Balance:** General SGF account has a current balance of \$2,594.97.

**CHINOOK’S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION UPDATE: Holly Bilton**

Their first meeting is tomorrow. Committee designates will be elected next week.

Transportation issues remain relevant on the Rural Economic Development Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cookie Dough:** This will be our main fundraiser again this year. Order forms will go out prior to Thanksgiving weekend, are expected back after approximately three weeks, with orders arriving early November. Volunteers will be needed to help sort and distribute.

**Elections:** With no longer having children at IMS, Kari Fox has resigned her position as Parent Council Chair and Lisa Jacobs as Treasurer. Melissa Dodd will remain as V.P and Trina Westman as

Secretary. Nominations and elections will be made October 2, 2018. PowerAnnounce message will be sent out to families.

**Canadian Parents for French:** Erin Day would like to bring awareness to the French Program in hopes of increasing enrollment numbers and retaining students. She will discuss strategy with Mr. Peters.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next Meeting – October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.