**ICES & ICSS Combined School Council Town Hall Meeting June 10,2021**

Meeting was held via zoom 11 people were present.

Nadyne Aleric opened with devotion from 365.org based on John 10:11-13, and lead with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were supplied and accepted.

Christine Lee, from the board of directors, was welcomed.

Highlights from the Board of trustees:

Assurance plan was brought forward and updated.

Budget was approved for $132.5 million which included Covid Mitigation Funding to compensate lower enrollments.

Shout out to all Lethbridge School Division staff for navigating a difficult year. It was very apparent that all staff cared deeply for students and each other.

**Principal’s report:**

Barbi Wall for ICES

Highlights for this school year:

God’s faithfulness was evident in this difficult year. Thank you to all staff as they navigated Covid protocols.

This year’s theme was Knowing God through parables. Chapels were presented virtually.

Leadership initiatives were developed in Teaching for Transformation, divisional leaders and lead teachers.

Significant funds were raised for Compassion Canada.

Students showed appreciation by sending cards to various leaders in the division and the society board.

An abridged version of sports day will be held tomorrow .

Some positive outcomes of cohorts may continue to be implemented in the next school year, staggering recess times and earlier dismissal of bussing students.

Vice-principal and learning support teacher Aisley Croil was given a chance to introduce herself.

Orientation of grade 5 students/parents to the secondary school campus was done via teams. Principal Matt Bekkering and Vice-principal Laura Witten will visit the grade 5 class virtually. Possibility of Grade 5 visiting the Secondary school campus during exam week.

Matt Bekkering for ICSS

This year had many challenges and also unanticipated benefits.

Theme: Unity in Christ. Teachers celebrated “Deep Hopes” and “Tries” in their last staff meeting.

Next year’s theme will be decided on at the end of the month.

Consistency was a challenge.

Staggering breaks and strong encouragement to go outside was great. There was less competition for space.

Looking forward to next year, going back to regular timetable and extra-curricular activities.

Leads on a Mechanics instructor

1 more EA support staff and 1 PS3 student teacher under Roxanne Houweling’s leadership.

Staffing changes will be announced tomorrow.

Grade 12 graduation will be drive- in style at the Enmax parking Lot June 25 organized by Feature Production. Livestream will be available. The Class of 2021 graduation theme is “Go Beyond” Valedictorian is Caleb Nieuwenhuis

Senior Spotlights on facebook and Instagram were appreciated. Graduating students received a personalised yard sign.

“last” hotdog and hamburger lunches were provided for grade 12 students.

Graduating athletes were gifted photo sessions in Eagles uniforms.

The school canteen was successfully re-opened led by grade 7 and 8.

Various students participated well in Skills Canada.

Human Sexuality unit was taught to the Middle school students.

In lieu of the residential school findings a reconciliation chapel will be held tomorrow, students will have the opportunity to express their deep hope for reconciliation on orange hearts.

Enrollment at both campus is still fluid. At the moment there are 289 students enrolled in the secondary school and 224 in the elementary school (not including EEP)

The secondary School will have several international students from Kenya and South Korea.

From the society board:

New family interviews are ongoing.

Pursuing land purchase for the development of the parking lot at the elementary school campus.

Member business:

Bits and Bytes golf tournament moved from September11 to September 18

Motion to let Zoom account lapse and use Teams instead if required.

Possibility to continue School council meetings both in-person and virtually.

The Lethbridge School Division’s poverty intervention program provides help for struggling families.

Next school council meeting will be in September, date to be announced.

Dace de Kreek closed with prayer.