

School Council **Feb 4, 2021**

Meeting was held via zoom 15 people attended.

Dave De Kreek opened the meeting with Reading of Lamentations 3:22 and prayer.

Special welcome to Donna Hunt from the Board of Trustees and Christine Lee: associate superintendent for the Lethbridge School division.

Matthew Bekkering gave a principal report some highlights were:

Students are adjusting well into the second semester.

Teaching for Transformation is continuing focussing on Deep Hope.

Next years calendar is being finalised.

Technology at school is getting a boost. Evergreening desktop computers and in an effort to provide equity in access to technology, 2 lap top carts with 25 laptops each will be accessible to classrooms.

New Interactive whiteboards are being installed, with touch capability, compatible with the projectors.

Application for Community Foundation Grant to purchase furniture for the Learning Commons.

Mrs. Lucie Panchoo is temporary administrative assistant, until Ms. Gill comes back from maternity leave in early April.

Updates from the society:

Following the society vote, the BIG project has been put on halt.

Masking is mandatory on all school busses.

Friends of Immanuel dinner is coming up; details to follow.

Report from Donna Hunt/ Christine Lee

New bussing provider has left us with some extra money which is going to technology upgrades in schools.

New school on the south side has led to adjusting school boundaries all over Lethbridge.

ICE breakfast Friday Feb 12 at 9 am. Tickets can be purchased for \$10. Daniel Lewis innovative entrepreneur is the speaker and some high school students will present projects and receive awards.

The division website has many comments from the last townhall meeting.

Discussed traffic around schools and Pizza hut/ red engine coffee fundraisers.

Matthew Bekkering gave some insights on off-campus education.

Andrew Krul oversees all off campus education.

High school students can obtain school credits through work experience. This can be either paid positions or volunteer.

25 hours would give 1 credit. Minimum of 75 hours needed.

Green certificate and the Registered Apprenticeship Programs all available to students to obtain credits and get a head start in their desired field.

Mamta Di Palma is available to students for career advice and post secondary exploration on Monday afternoons and all day Tuesday.

Next meeting will be April 15.

Ellis Veenendaal closed in prayer