

School Council April 22, 2021

Meeting was held via zoom 10 people attended.

Dave De Kreek opened the meeting with Reading of Mark 9:23 and prayer.

Matt Bekkering gave a principal report some highlights were:

Chapels are continuing at school.

Next Chapel John Voort from Compassion Canada will be presenting on Covid impact around the world.

Covid has been a moving target and some fatigue is setting in. ICSS has 1 case which has affected 3 staff members and the grade 11 class.

Substitute teachers are taking the place of the quarantining staff and some teachers can teach from home using Teams.

It is not known which schools will be part of the Rapid Testing program. Rapid Testing will require parental consent.

Christine Lee vice superintendent for the Lethbridge School division spoke about the pandemic plan. No extra- curricular or co-curricular activities to protect the staff, covid fatigue is growing.

Alberta Education makes the ultimate decision for a school to move to on-line learning.

In collaboration with the school society a Director of Discipleship position will be introduced. This will not replace the Teaching For Transformation role but will be additional. The Director of Discipleship will have youth ministry experience and will be connecting on a relational as well as spiritual level with our students.

In March ICSS applied for the Community Foundation Grant and with that money hopes to add some furniture to the Learning Commons.

The approved calendar for next year has been shared.

Next years school budget is a status quo budget protecting schools from potential decrease in funding caused by drop in enrollment due to Covid. Our projected enrollment is 294 at ICSS.

As a Christian School we are conscious of racism. We are not immune and need to be a welcoming space to students of varying color/ ethnicity. We are called to promote justice.

- Jesus is the author of diversity.
- God has created us all in His own image.
- All people, every tribe and nation are called to follow Jesus.

How can we support families affected by Covid?

- School makes personal phone calls.
- Wellness centre is aware of families in need.
- Encourage those who have are in quarantine or return from quarantine by a reward of some kind? Coupons to the School Canteen?
- Empower the other students to encourage their classmates?
- Will continue to brainstorm.

Lethbridge School Division has decided not to pilot the new Curriculum for K-5 which was designed by an advisory board selected by the new UCP government.

- Overly prescriptive
- Lack of forward and critical thinking

Remains to be seen what comes of this curriculum.

Next meeting will be joined with the ICES School Council on June 10