

Immanuel Christian Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Freyling at 7:08pm. Nine people were present.

Lisa led us in a devotion and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Marina Grant read the Minutes from September 22.

Society Board Update – given by Mitchell Muizelaar.

- Fall Fundraiser – Saturday, November 19
- Fall Society Meeting: Monday, November 28 – budget approval and audit review on agenda
- Spring Society Meeting: Monday, May 29
- Director of Discipleship role – has not been filled to date.

Division Trustee's Report - Tyler Demers

- Town Hall – February 7. This is an opportunity for parents come ask questions and build community. School Division has (2) specific questions regarding learner support and learner success.

Division Executive Report - Mike Nightingale

Principal's Report - Matthew Bekkering

- Teaching staff attended October PCC Convention.
- ICES and ICSS are creating/developing a Deep Hope statement (vision statement)
- Chapels were discussed
- School programming was discussed
- Athletic schedule was discussed, including Alumni volleyball game
- Skills exploration opportunity for Grade 8 students on December 6

Division School Council Update - Lisa Freyling

- Presented balances for Parent Engagement Grant (\$400) and Division funds (\$250)
- Community Conversations – encouraged parents to attend and make casual connections with Division Trustees
 - Thursday, December 8: 4-5:30 p.m. at YMCA – 140-74 Mauretania Rd. W.
 - Thursday, January 26: 6:30-8 p.m. at BGC Youth Center – 227 12B St. N.
- 4% fee paid for use of School Cash Online
- Mental health - Nate Webb; Social-Emotional Learning for parents: <https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=11623> (Virtual from 7-8pm; Dates: Nov 29, Dec 12, Jan 17)
- Annual District Town Hall Meeting: Feb 7, 2023 – two questions will be addressed:

1. In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners?
 2. Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?
- Division School Council Meetings offer Parent Learning opportunities during first half hour of each meeting (6:30-7:00pm; in-person or virtual through Teams)
 - Monday, December 5 - Technology: Navigating Lethbridge School Division platforms/systems (Microsoft Office, apps, PowerSchool, etc.); Roblox/Minecraft safety
 - Monday, January 16 - Settlement Services - demographics in Lethbridge; how do School Councils welcome and support new to Lethbridge families; hold events that are inclusive; holiday recognition
 - PSBAA photo contest – looking for photos of “students in action” and things you’re proud of in your school community that you can share. Visit the PSBAA website for full contest details and rules at [Photo Contest - PSBAA \(public-schools.ab.ca\)](https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/departments/technology/lego-challenge)
 - Lego Challenge through the School District: <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/departments/technology/lego-challenge> Build deadline February 28.
2. Members Business
 - ICSS Parent Library – books/resources available for parents to help navigate teen tech/social use, biblical approaches to culture and tough questions on faith.
 - Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression (new Division policy as of Sept 27) – parent discussion regarding this policy and the wording used
 - Other ways parents can get involved – Lisa provided the following links and opportunities for parent involvement:
 - Listen to school board meetings and participate within protocol <https://youtube.com/channel/UCVBqwcL4AUmbkFF4IhlqPkA>
 - Access to minutes via website <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/board/board-meetings>
 - Community Engagement lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca
 - Idea for parent engagement: family (active) games night (example: Dodge Ball); parent rep for each class (middle school)
 - Other avenues of student participation were discussed (video game club, E sports team)
 - Parent Q&A – questions were brought forth regarding the DoD role and Indigenouse Parent nights within the School Division
 3. Next School Council Meetings:
 - Thursday, February 2 at 7:00pm
 - Thursday, April 27 at 7:00pm
 - Thursday, June 8 at 7:00pm
 4. Closing and prayer