

Immanuel Christian Secondary School Council Meeting



Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:00 pm @ Learning Commons

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** – Matthew Bekkering called meeting to order at 7:02pm. Thirteen people were present.
2. **Devotions & Prayer** – Nicole Williams (ICSS Parent)
 - “Unwavering Certainty” – Psalm 31:15 / Romans 8:28
3. **Review Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Council Secretary (Marina Grant)
 - Discussion arising from minutes included use of engagement funds for 23/24 school year and status of E-sports program
4. **Establish School Council Executive** – terms were discussed. Chair is a one year term, with the Vice Chair moving to the Chair position in year two of their term. Maximum of 3 consecutive years for any position.
 - Chair: Marina Grant
 - Vice-Chair: Sharla Hummel
 - Treasurer: Laura Maljaars
 - Secretary: Carrie Boschman
 - District Council Representative: Carrie Boschman
5. **Society Board Update** – Monica Loewen (Executive Director)
 - New families/students in every grade at both ICES and ICSS
 - Bits & Bytes – September 14. \$45,000 raised. Used for technology and capital projects.
 - Two new buses have been purchased with Provincial transportation funding.
 - Upcoming events:
 - Oct 9 – Board meeting
 - Oct 11 (10am) – Thanksgiving chapel for ICES and ICSS at ICSS
 - Nov 16 – Fall Fundraiser
 - Nov 25 (7:30pm) – fall Society meeting
6. **Division Trustee Update** – Ginny Steed (Board Trustee – Vice-Chair) - regrets
7. **Division Executive Update** – Christine Lee (Associate Superintendent – Business) - regrets

8. ICSS Teacher Update – Danielle Friesen

- Highlights included student bbq and student led activities (see Instagram and Facebook posts), GoA cell phone policy, use of PowerSchool, Travel Club (delayed until 25/26 school year)
 - Questions regarding PowerSchool, posting course outlines, utilization of a single communication platform

9. ICSS Principal's Report – Matthew Bekkering

- Theme for school year is "Peculiar" (based upon 1 Peter 2:9)
- Highlights included school deep hope, CORE, TFT, increased enrolment = balancing staff, new staff, cell phone policy, health curriculum resources, Bible 10, upcoming conferences, ICE scholarship recipient from ICSS, Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (SACI), ICSS golf team (2 players qualified for Provincials)
 - Questions regarding class size, cell phone policy and the inclusion of smart watches, policy regarding HS students leaving campus, use of ball diamonds and outdoor PE classes.

10. Division School Council Update

- Next Meeting: Monday, October 7 held at Division office. See Division website for details. 6:30pm parent session. 7pm Official start.
- ASCA membership. ACTION: determine if we will join for this school year

11. Members Business

- Fundraising – share ICES and ICSS events with all Society members (i.e. bacon fundraiser)
- Lock down procedures – planned for 24/25, lock down kits, printed procedures – where to find.
- Permission click – Division seeking a new platform
- Lord's prayer, land acknowledgment
- Canteen – funds raised are directed to middle school events
ACTION: Matt to find out if tabs purchased through School Cash are at full value or if admin fee (%) is deducted. *i.e. \$100 purchase = \$100 tab OR \$100 purchase = \$95 tab value*

12. Next Meeting Dates

- November 13 (Wednesday)
- February 10 (Monday)
- April 14 (Monday)
- June 9 (Monday)

13. Matthew closed in prayer at 8:55pm