

Immanuel Christian Secondary School Council Meeting



Wednesday, November 13, 2024

7:00 pm @ Learning Commons

Agenda

1. **Welcome** – Marina Grant
2. **Devotions & Prayer** – Sharla Hummel (ICS Parent)
3. **Review Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Council Secretary (Carrie Boschman)
4. **Society Board Update** – Monica Loewen (Executive Director)
5. **Division Trustee Update** – Genny Steed (Board Trustee – Vice-Chair)
6. **Division Executive Update** – Christine Lee (Associate Superintendent – Business)
7. **ICSS Teacher Update** – Danielle Friesen
8. **ICSS Principal's Report** – Matthew Bekkering
9. **Division School Council Update**
 - ASCA membership
10. **Topics of engagement and parent involvement - speakers, event suggestions**
11. **Members Business**
12. **Next meeting dates:**
 - Monday, February 10
 - Monday, April 14
 - Monday, June 9
13. **Closing and Prayer**

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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

Division School Council Report (October 7, 2024) – Carrie

- Complete minutes from the meeting are located on the Lethbridge School Division website at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/412988>

a. Elected DSC council:

Shelley Roest (chair – LCI)

Nathaniel Kinisky (Vice Chair - LethChristian).

Carrie Boschman (Secretary - ICS and GSLakie)

b. Reminder to submit School Council Year End Reports to Tina Carnegie if not already done so.

- Suggestion: to print out these forms to use THIS YEAR and fill in as the year goes by.

c. Selected volunteers for advisory committees (will serve for one year term)

- Policy Advisory Committee: Meets 1st/2nd Wednesday of each month and discuss policies that are due for analysis. Public feedback is requested and available after each of these meetings. Link is found on the school division website.

- Poverty Intervention Committee: meets 4x/year – advocates for students in need and seeks to find solutions/funding/ideas to implement

- Division Wellness committee – understanding and supporting student social-emotional wellbeing

- Community Engagement Committee: open to anyone interested in attending. Typically the last Wednesday of the month. Meeting at 7pm at the Education Center. (Ways to increase community engagement, involved with the ICE scholarship, input on One Division – One Book ideas.

- School Calendar Committee – there will be an info session at the next Division School council meeting to explain calendar formation processes.

d. Trustees' report (Genny Steed) – The Board of Trustees meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm. (Met: October 22nd)(Next meeting: November 26th)

The public can attend in person, watch live through YouTube or watch afterwards.

The link is on the division website. Highlights can be found at

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/471589>

- Motion passed requesting information from the Superintendent about grade configuration (grade 6s to middle school and grade 9s to high school). Is this best for students? Are school capacities changing? Are transportation needs being met?

- the Board is advocating to the Government of Alberta for fully funded Kindergarten

- Complete meeting minutes can be found online and should be sent to each school council chair.

e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) – each school council is to decide to become or decline membership within ASCA (\$100 membership is paid for by the Board of Trustees along with \$250 bursary for someone to attend the AGM each Spring)
- Record this decision in the minutes and report to Tina Carnegie

f. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (ASCE Grant) - \$500/school council to be used for parent engagement opportunities (specific items can/cannot be paid for with this money) – Money is typically available in January through the School’s General Ledger but we can begin to brainstorm ideas. To be used to provide an opportunity for parent engagement.

LAST YEAR: Kaylee Low spoke on Technology and Brain Development.

g. Personal Mobile Device and Social Media Procedures –a public feedback opportunity will be available in November via the school division website.

h. DIVISION WIDE Town Hall Meeting – February 4, 2025

-Brainstorm: What topics would you like to see discussed at Town Hall?

(Bring ideas to DSC in November to share with the Board of Trustee Liaison)

i. School Council Information/Training night – date and time to be announced.

- TOPICS: Role of school council within the school. Roles of each executive member. How to set an agenda. Timing of communication and protocols?

- Brainstorm/Share: OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST?

j. PARENT LEARNING SESSIONS: 30 minutes prior to each DSC meeting is a learning session for parents. We are looking for ideas for these sessions: what are parents interested in or want more information about?

Anyone can attend a learning session and are not obligated to stay for the DSC meeting.

- Brainstorm/share

NEXT DIVISION SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, November 4, 2024 at the Education Center

- Parent Learning session @ 6:30pm

- DSC meeting to begin @ 7:00pm