

1. Welcome - Marina Grant (Chair)
2. Devotion and Prayer – Prayer Changes Everything – Sharla Hummel
 - God cares more about our hearts and less about our wish list
3. Review of Agenda. No additions needed.
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – No errors or omissions. Approved Naomi Vanderwal. Seconded by Danielle Friesen.

5. Society Update – Monica Loewen
 - Fun Alumni volleyball tournament
 - Great “extras” such as throwback pictures on the screen
 - A great turn out!
 - People looking forward to the basketball Alumni (Dec 28)

 - Sausage orders due Nov 22 at 4pm
 - Society Meeting: November 25 at ICES
 - Fundraiser moved from Fall to Spring (April 5, 2025)

6. Division Trustee - none
7. Division Executive - none

7. ICSS Teacher Update – Danielle Friesen
 - Great start and already at the half way point in the semester
 - Parents: continue checking PowerSchool
 - Volleyball: SV teams competing in ZONES here!
 - Basketball: tryouts already starting for middle school
 - Middle school clubs are about to begin – Mondays/Wednesdays
 - students commit to about 1 month at a time (cross graded – building connections outside their own grade-level)
 - Vball/bball intramurals, games, croqueting, mindcraft, etc
 - December: Christmas activities with middle school students/high school students
 - Report cards: November 22, 2024 (Digital through PowerSchool. Can request a printed version through the front office)
 - Feel free to contact teachers through email.

8. ICSS Principal’s Report – Matthew Bekkering
 - a. Christian Teachers Conference in Taber
 - Keynote: Carolyn Arrends –
Gen 1: God Created. Gen 3 – Man made in his image.
We are made to use our gifts to help our community flourish
 - Combined chapel with elementary school – October Thanksgiving Chapel
 - Oct 22: Theme chapel – Speaker: Tom Campbell
(Peculiar as Christians within world missions).

- Nov 5: Remembrance Day Chapel. Students responded to the reverence required in this circumstance. Heard Luke Watson speak. Showed the Bible that his grandfather carried while serving with Canadian Armed Forces.
- Erika Anderson: had surgery but is back in the classroom!
- Government of Alberta: Upcoming legislation coming this fall
 - o Bill 27 – Education Amendment Act – allows for parents to make informed decisions around topics around gender identity and gender expression. requiring parent OPT IN. Outlines school responses to public health emergencies and access to in person learning in these situations.
 - o Bill 29 – Fairness and Safety in Sport – ensuring female leagues and divisions are limited to female born athletes
- Scholastic Book Fair – November
 - o Books will be screened by the learning commons and parent volunteers
- AA Boys and Girls South Zone Hosts this next weekend. Provincials the following week
- New draft curriculum – optional implementation in the fall then full implementation 2026-2027
 - o grade 7-9 math (grade 6 is being taught)
 - o Grade 7-9 social
 - o Grade 7-10 PE and Wellness / CALM
 - o In process grade 7-9 ELA, social 10
- Alberta Education Assurance Plan – using outcomes from PATs and Diplomas as well as feedback from parents (15). Coming out next month. (Full doc 110 pages)
 - o Overall: our school is doing well... maintaining or increased growth in areas
 - o There is a low sense of parental involvement in the decision making in the school
 - o PAT 9 – a marginal decline in students achieving acceptable results
 - Field testing for LA6 and MATH6 – showed deficiencies in Math and are taking steps to prepare students better
 - o Results report will be on the website.
- December 3: Skills Exploration Day – Grade 8 class all able to participate.
 - o Asked to design a model to solve a real world problem
- Dec 4: Choir and band concert at Trinity
- Dec 18: High School Christmas banquet
- Dec 19: Christmas Chapel at 10:30 (ICES at 9:30)
- ADVENT season devotions

9. DSC Report

ASCA –

- QUESTION: Is there another association that fills the role of ASCA
- PCCE does not advocate but does have governance opportunity
 - Monica will inquire

- MOTION: Joni Brandsma – Motion to decline ASCA membership. Seconded by Aaron Moore. All in favor. Carried.

10. Topics of Engagement and parent involvement - \$500 through ASE Grant

- Last year: Kaylee Low spoke on Technology and the impact on children

IDEAS:

- TFT101 for Parents – 3-4 sessions on curriculum framework (PCCE)
- Questions about assessment / inclusive education and support for students with exceptionalities
- ADHD in girls (LST who has her masters from Trinity)
- Transition from HS to post-secondary has declined over a 6 year plan
 - o 3 people who supports students in HS in our division
- Building Resiliency in our children
- Finding the balance of guiding and protecting children as they grow and learn to live on their own
- Rent ice-time for families to connect – open gym night
- Hymn sing/worship night for families – showcase art
- Could do something middle school focused / then high school focused
- The SHIFT

Matt will work with the EXECUTIVE to narrow this down and find costs associated.

Is there a time of the year / day of the week that is best?

- Before Gala's start (Feb/March)... mid January.
- Preferred a Thursday/Friday evening

- QUESTION: Cell phone policy – how is this received?

Matt: Fairly well adhered to.

Year 2 of no cell phones for Middle schools.

Cell placed on teachers' desk or in a backpack has been normalized.

Noticing HS students quicker to engage, even on breaks.

* Parent request: possibility of using name tags in order to help new families at meetings, learn/remember names!

11. Business rising from the minutes - Matt looked into fees about schoolcashonline and using it for canteen payments. – there is an admin fee of 4% that the school eats the cost of, but parents do get FULL value for their payment. – Matt also shared that Immanuel does receive a GST rebate which offsets this for the school. (ETs are NOT permitted from parents to the school directly (Division Policy), sometimes an ET can be sent to the society).

12. New Business

Marina – read through Purpose of the School Council and it suggested a student rep from both middle and high school. Discussed how often a student body president would come to school council meetings as part of his/her position. We do not currently have student reps attending.

Student Lead Bible Study– Several high school students are going through the Book of James. All are welcome. Happening each Thursday at lunch in room 140.

Upcoming meetings

Monday, February 10

Monday, April 14

Monday, June 9

Adjourned: 8:15pm