

ISS School Council Meeting  
September 19, 2011  
6:34pm

In attendance:

Terri Harrison, Annette Woodward, Lori Groat, Tina Rogers,  
Clara Yagos and Paul Pichurski.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Tina Rogers approved the minutes and Terri Harrison seconded it.

Business arising from minutes:

A. Election of council members

Annette Woodward will be acting secretary until quorum is reached and a valid election can be held.

New Business:

A. Bylaws/Procedures, etc

B. Shared meetings with HAS council

As the two schools already work together with several initiatives, and due to declining enrolment, it may be beneficial to collaborate between HAS and ISS regarding fundraising and possibly a shared council meeting. We will discuss this at our November meeting.

School Council Financial Report:

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> the School Council bank account has \$8402.00.

Reports:

A. Staff Report – Mrs. Groat

Mrs. Groat presented a staff report in the form of a video.

B. Student Council

Have not had elections as of yet.

C. Principal's Report – Mr. Pichurski (attached)

See attached.

We will provide childcare (two babysitters) for the parent/teacher interviews in the evening as per past practice.

### **Trustee's Report:**

Clara explained a plan to streamline all schools in the division to have the same technology so our children can learn efficiently. Please read the article: "Welcome to the Great Conversation" available on ISS web site.

ISS School Council will meet again October 17 – 2011 at 6 pm. Please join us. Your knowledge, input, and opinions are valuable and crucial for the success of this school.

### **The Regional School Council Meeting:**

Has yet to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Principal's Report

1. School Opening

- a. Student Numbers – 123 (Increase of 8 students from projected enrolment in Spring of 2011)
- b. Teaching Staff in place – 6.15 Teachers
- c. Support Staff in place- 6.0
- d. Reductions from 2010-11
  - i. Total student reduction from last year – 20 Students
  - ii. Total staff reduction from last year – 1.25 Teaching Staff/ 1 Support Staff
  - iii. Teacher Preparation Time Reduction from last year – from 24 periods/week to 10 periods/week
  - iv. Learning Support Services Reduction from last year – from 40% to 25%
  - v. Administrative Time Reduction from last year – from 100% (Principal and Assistant Principal) to 70% (Principal and Assistant Principal)
  - vi. Family-School Liaison Counselor Reduction from last year – from 50% to 40%
  - vii. Class Sizes:

<b>Home Room</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
4	27
4 Music/Art/French	35
4/5 Combined	24 (8 Gr. 4/16 Gr. 5)
5B	24
6A	23
6B	25
6 Band	38
6 Music	10
<b><i>Average Core Class Size at ISS 2011-12</i></b>	<b>25</b>
<b><i>Provincial Class Size Target for Gr. 4-6</i></b>	<b>23</b>

- viii. School Budget – once we have our final enrolment numbers as well as any remaining funds from 2010-11, we will finalize our budget. This should occur within the first week of October.

Possible adjustments :

- reorganizing to facilitate two classrooms of each grade (smaller class sizes at grades 4/5)

- increase in support staff time
  - increase in teacher preparation time
  - increase in Learning Support Services
- e. Thanks to School Council for hosting the Welcome Back BBQ – while attendance was down (we went through 200 hot dogs), those that were present appreciated the opportunity to meet. If we do this again next year, we will make it a one-hour event.
  - f. We received a donation from the United Steel Workers Local 9346 Women of Steel of backpacks, lunch kits, and school supplies. We will be giving these supplies to students who need them over the course of the year.

## 2. Upcoming Events

- a. QSP Fundraiser (Magazine Sales) – launch is this week, will continue through to Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – raised funds will be used to subsidize student activities, support student council and help fund the nutrition program.
- b. Intake Interviews – scheduled to take place next Thursday evening and Friday – same time and days as HAS – ***can School Council provide child care during the Thursday evening?***
- c. Toonies for Terry – Classrooms are collecting Toonies for the Terry Fox Foundation
- d. Terry Fox Walk – this Thursday, Sept. 22, 1:00 at ISS, with HAS & CCHS
- e. Collaboration Day this Friday – No School for Students
  - i. Staff will be working in collaborative teams, reflecting on school achievements from 2010-11 and making plans for the current year
- f. Celebrate Literacy begins next week, culminating activity (Field Day) on Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>
- g. Inter-School Collaboration Day – Friday, Oct. 7, *no school for students*
- h. Student Council Elections – following Thanksgiving
- i. Picture Retake Day – Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- j. Nippon Institute Service Learning Program – we will have one (possibly two) NIT Students volunteering in the Art Room on Wednesday afternoons (Grade 4 Art/Grade 6 Art)
- k. Student Teachers – we are scheduled to host four student teachers from the University of Lethbridge this fall – details to follow

### 3. Other

- a. Playground Damage – a call has been made to the company that repairs the soft surface – damage sustained over the summer will likely cost approximately \$1000.00. This repair will happen Tuesday, Sept. 20. We have approximately \$6000.00 in our playground fund. This has been a fairly consistent annual cost since the installation of the playground in 2008.
- b. Pinnacle Grading and Reporting Software – new software program in use across the LRSD for student assessment and reporting. ISS students and parents won't see much different initially, as we have been working on our assessment practices throughout the last four years.