

Irwin Memorial Public School
School Council Meeting
June 20, 2018 3:15pm

In Attendance:

Jenn Clark-Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Melanie Maxwell, Kim Fairhall, Lynda Richards, Christine Demarco, Leanne Webster, Emily Cousintine, Rebecca Simm.

Approve Agenda:

There were no changes or omissions from the May 10th meeting.

Principal's Report:

- The Council was briefly introduced to the new school secretary, Kim Reuvenkamp, who is taking over from Lynda Richards as she is retiring at the end of the school year.
- Joanne McRae is going to VK Greer starting in September.
- Susie Stronach is going to Pine Glen.
- Michelle Sunderland is going to Riverside.
- Farrah is going to continue in the Lounge in September.
- Kimberly Kruithof who is an EA will be finished at Irwin in June.
- Teacher and classroom information will be sent out to parents the week before school starts via text.
- There are 10 kids registered for kindergarten.
- Mrs. Connor's current class room is going to become the French and Music room in September.
- The current French room will become a larger learning center, the current learning center space will become a meeting space.
- Jenn reports that she is doing some transitional work that will allow the students future teacher for next year to know some things that are special about them. She asked the students to obtain this information.
- Jenn reports that a variety of students went to Arrowhead camp in Dwight, Back of Beyond Equine Center to work with horses, Grade 5 went to Get Your Wild On, Grade 4 went to the Bracebridge Sportsplex, the lounge went to Camp Cairn.
- CMHA came to the school and finished their program with the kids that Jenn had mentioned had indicated felt anxiety. Jenn spoke to the staff and got concrete feedback that will be used in the future. Jenn is looking forward to the results of of the climate survey next year to gauge how the CMHA program has helped.
- Grade 8 graduation is Monday June 25th.
- Indigenous Day was Monday June 18th at Irwin. It was very well received and very educational. Staff made us of a parent to help educated the students
- Kinder land celebration of learning (graduation) will take place outside on Tuesday June 26th.
- Jenn mentioned that she is following up /looking into increasing fuses in the kitchen and a possible "gate" at the Hwy 35 entrance into the school as it was asked if these could be facilitated. Jenn won't hear back until the fall.

- Jenn did receive some feedback about the use of personal technology on trips from the staff. Jenn will use this information in the fall to run it by the students and staff again to come up with firm guidelines.
- Peter moved forward and purchased basketballs that needed to be replaced.
- Jenn discussed the Council's idea to support kindness with the staff. There is a painted tree in the school, that is used for various reasons, including teachings. Jenn thought it could be used to facilitate this idea.
- Graduation re-enactment will occur Tuesday June 26th at an assembly at the school.
- Year of end assembly will be Thursday June 28th at 9am. Various awards will be handed out then.
- Jenn reports that Irwin applied and will be a part of the pilot project EDWIN. This is a digital learning platform that puts technology in the hands of students. This will be available to the Grade 7 and 8 students. Jenn has gotten 32 laptops that will be used in September as well for the students at Irwin.

Treasurer's Report:

- Nicole reports that the Your Independent Grocers fundraising BBQ raised \$1318.50. Overall, the School Council raised \$4182.73 in fundraising this year. The wishlist was discussed; the hydration station will be hopefully installed over the summer. The BBQ that was also on the wishlist will be purchased at the end of the summer. The smart board was taken off the list as hand held technology is replacing the need for this.

Updates from Emma:

- Emma asked the Grade 4 and 5's what they would like on a wishlist. A list was compiled. Jenn is looking into safety regulations and will follow up with the Council in the fall. The staff was also surveyed. They suggested new lighting for the stage, Jenn said she is looking into. It was also suggested to consider repair/replacement of picnic tables and purchasing some shade umbrellas.
- Emma purchased 3 signs, 2 of them are yellow with the school logo and another has a picture on it and also says Irwin Memorial Public School on it. The school will now have it's own signage at cross country events, BBQ's, fundraisers, etc..
- Emma bought baseball equipment for the school, as discussed at last meeting.
- The welcome back BBQ will be Wed September 12th.
- Emma confirmed that the Council will offer a Thanksgiving dinner again to the school, the date is Thursday September 27th.

Next Meeting:

The next Council Meeting will be Wed Sept 19th at 3:15pm.