

Irwin Memorial Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Wednesday October 24th 3:15pm

**In Attendance:**

Jenn Clarke-Principal, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Kim Fairhall, Rebecca Birnie, Jen McCague, Audrey Fraser, Gary Fraser, Melanie Maxwell, Kirsten Connor, Kim Reuvekamp.

**Principals Report:**

- Margot Cook retired Thursday Oct 25th. She is greatly appreciated for the dedication that she had for the 18 years she was here and will be missed terribly.
- In the short term there will be a temporary hire to fill Margot's shoes until someone more permanent is found.
- EQAO results came in-Grade 3 achieved 93% in reading, which is up 26% from last year. Writing 93%, up 30%, and math 46%, down 9%.
- 21st Century learning will be tied into the fundamentals of math, breaking down math into steps that will enable students to learn better in the future. Oct 26th (PA day for students) will be a "math" learning day for teachers.
- Grade 6 EQAO results cannot be passed on as there has to be a minimum of 10 students to publish results and Irwin did not fulfill that requirement.
- The Terry Fox Run was very successful, approximately \$1400 was raised. This makes an approximate \$31,000 total accumulative from all the years of raising money.
- Grade 4, 5 and 6 recently attended the Race Against Drugs; it was deemed a success.
- Students attended the Cross Country run at Arrowhead Park. Everyone had fun and were so supportive of each other.
- Irwin had their Orange Shirt Day. This day is designed to educate students on the Indigenous Residential School System. It was very impactful for all the students as well as teachers.
- The Girls Unplugged Program with Marci Hill has started for the Grade 5 girls. Jenn is researching the possibility of the Boys Quest program for the future for the Grade 5 boys.
- Fire Prevention Week occurred at Irwin as well which included a fire drill.
- Grade 4, 5 and 6 had their student vote
- Wed Oct 24th was Take Me Outside day. This is an opportunity for schools to encourage learning outside the classroom for at least an hour on this day.
- Progress Reports will go home on Nov 16th.
- Thursday Nov 22nd is the parent-teacher interviews. These interviews will run 4:30pm-8:30pm.
- Fri Nov 23rd is a PA day.
- The bookfair box arrived and will be announced when it will occur.
- Wed Dec 19th is the Christmas Concert.
- The school applied for a Program Enhancement Grant and Irwin received \$4000. Sewing machines are being considered with some of this money and the possibility of construction oriented materials as well.

**Emma's Report:**

- Thanksgiving lunch was amazing. It was really enjoyed and appreciated by the school and all the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well.
  - Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser earned the council \$412 this year vs \$360 from last year. The pickup date has not been set yet, but will be announced when the council gets the date.
  - During the last meeting, the council voted that the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser profit would be put towards the new lights for the stage. An “approximate” cost of these lights would be \$1500.
- MOTION** -Kim Fairhall made a motion that the council pay the balance of cost of the lights for the stage. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**Spirit Wear:**

- There has been some changes in the merchandise vs last year.
  - There is a focus on the “Eagles” this year, also there is a variation in the lettering and prices compared to last year. Water bottles are also available to purchase.
  - A minimum of 48 bottles have to be ordered so Irwin could offer these bottles to the students.
- MOTION** -Sarah made a motion to order the minimum 48 bottles required.  
**MOTION APPROVED.**

**Hot Lunch:**

- The next hot lunch will be Wed Nov 7th. The council will offer turkey or vegetable soup. The cost will be \$2 and students are asked to bring their own mug and spoon.

**Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting will be Tues Dec 4th at 3:15pm.