

Irwin Memorial Public School  
School Council meeting  
Wednesday September 19th 3:15 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Jenn Clark-Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle- Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Kim Fairhall, Christine DeMarco, Leanne Webster, Rebecca Simm, Rebecca Birnie, Jen McCague, Audrey Fraser, Gary Fraser, Anna Haley, Dana Sinclair.

**Voting in of School Council Committee:**

-After discussion, it was decided that the committee members of last year would continue these roles currently as there was no one interested to take on these positions.

**Principals Report:**

- Irwin has 6 classrooms this year and 127 kids.
- Staff is at 9.7 educators, 4 EAs, one DCE and 4 support staff.
- Jenn and the staff have revisited the School Improvement Plan, it is in draft form, and is available to be looked at on the school's website. Some additions have been made. This plan is to help to get to know our students as learners, get them to know themselves as learners and become independent as best as they can.
- This plan also continues a focus on 21st Century learning as well, such as the Makerspace which provides several different ways of learning. Grade 7 and 8 are also following this learning as they recently started with EDWIN. This is a digital learning platform (via laptops) that puts technology in the hands of these students. These can be used for all learning. This technology can be taken home as well.
- Further to the Improvement plan, some rooms have been repurposed; the old French room is now a drop in center.
- The Lounge is evolving a bit as well, it provides recreational, social, emotional and nutritional support, Jenn is looking to expand the emotional and social aspect of this.
- Mrs. Connor's old room is now a french and a music room.
- Girls Unplugged program is starting for Grade 5.
- Most parents received a carrier text msg that they could opt in or opt out from the District/Board. This service will provide school board and school district information to be relayed via text. An information card was also sent home that provided directions so parents could sign up for the District App to receive information as well.
- Terry Fox Run is occurring on Mon Sept 24th.
- Cross Country meet at Arrowhead is Sept 27th.
- Thanksgiving Lunch for the school will be on Friday Oct 12th. Volunteers welcome!
- Farm Fresh fundraiser forms will be sent out sometime after the Terry Fox Run.
- Jenn reports that students had wanted a sand pile for outdoor play. Jenn reports that staff and custodians are on board with this, location has been decided!
- Jenn made a **MOTION** to remove the bottle machine from the school as the hydration station is a HUGE hit. **No objections.**
- Jenn also mentioned that the hydration station's water is tested every 2 weeks.

-Jenn is in the process of designing the Irwin School handbook. She has vetted it through staff and received some great input. Jenn would love any input from parents as well.

**Wish List:**

- The wish list from last year and what will be offered this year was discussed.
- Lights for the stage, estimate \$400.
- Picnic tables; repair/tlc on some and possible replace/obtain some new ones.
- Grade 8 graduation dinner. The Council has already put aside the amt for this year's graduates.
- Have a boys program available that is similar to the Girls Unplugged program.
- Parent Engagement night for this year. Council discussed possible highlighting the Arts.
- Kids have asked that more swings, trikes and a new playhouse be placed on the list.
- MOTION:** Emma made a motion to put any money made from the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser to be put towards the lights for the stage. **MOTION accepted.**

**Fundraising:**

- Last years fundraising endeavours were discussed: YIG bbq, hot lunches, Dwight Carnival bake sale, Poinsettia sales, Driving Range weekend and Christmas catalogue sales.
- Due to lack of fundraising income and not wanting to send too many fundraiser options home in a small amt of time, Emma made a **MOTION** to no longer offer the Christmas Catalogue; **no objections.**
- Irwin will offer Irwin clothes for sale again this year.

**Winter Clothing Exchange:**

- Winter clothing exchange will occur Monday October the 22nd. This is the same as the previous clothing exchange; all winter related clothing only welcomed.

**Next meeting:**

- The next meeting will be Wed Oct 24th at 3:15pm.