

Irwin Memorial Public School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday January 16th 3:15 pm

In Attendance:

Jenn Clark- Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair,
Tamara Wright-Secretary, Kim Fairhall, Leanne Webster, Dana Sinclair, Becca Birnie,
Kirsten Connor, Patti Mullins.

Principals Report:

- Irwin continues to improve plans on fundamentals of math; specifically math fluency. Jenn has met with the teachers and they are seeing great improvements. Jenn is working on a pamphlet for parents on math fluency.
- Every second semester (Feb) the school gets a reallocation of EAs (this is done all across the system). Irwin's EA's are going from 3 to 2.
- Irwin put in an application and received a grant to have sensory path floor decals applied.
- Magnets have been installed on the Lounge doors to keep them open if needed, this adheres to recommendations related to fire safety.
- Jenn has asked to have some paving done in front of the school so it allows for more parking to be available.
- Kindergarten to grade 6 students are going to Arrowhead Park twice for some outside fun.
- Peter has organized for the primary grades to skate at the Dwight rink as part of their physical education at school.
- Sanday also has cross country skiing available to the kids as well at the school.
- Grade 7 and 8's are downhill skiing at Hidden Valley.
- Jenn reports that they are adding sewing machines to the maker space.
- Huntsville High School representatives came to speak to grade 8 students about course selection and their transfer to grade 9 next year.
- Report cards go home Feb 15th.
- Jenn is looking at forming a Safe and Caring school team. This is for volunteers and staff, it will look at how we engage kids to have healthy learning around digital citizenship, healthy relationships and acceptance of everyone.

Winter Carnival Updates: Feb 8th -Feb 9th

- School council will proceed with the bake sale as they have previously.
- School council will proceed with family skate night on Thursday, Feb 7th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided.
- Irwin students are able to participate in the coloring contest for the carnival.
- Kids Capers will occur on Friday, Feb 8th. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with this event.

Grant Update:

-School council received the reaching out grant that they applied for. In the past the council held a family math and science night. This year, the focus will be on Art.

Fundraising:

- \$300 proceeds from the holiday Christmas cookie sale.
- Ms Kruithof was able to raise enough money through the Christmas gift basket raffle to pay for most of the installation of the new lights that were purchased.

Hot lunch:

-Next hot lunch will be Feb 11th. It will be two soft tacos with cheese, salsa and sour cream. Allergy options will be available.

Talent Show:

The school council and staff discussed the possibility of an upcoming talent show that the students can try out for and participate in.

Next meeting:

-Next meeting, Wed Feb 27th at 3:15pm.