

Irwin Memorial Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Thursday April 11th 3:15pm

**In Attendance:**

Jenn Clark-Principal, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary,  
Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Kirsten Connor, Peter Yungblut, Christine Demarco, Dana  
Sinclair

**Principal's Report:**

- School Improvement Update-Safe and caring school education continues with the students and staff. The school has been posting many digital citizenship articles online that will help parents navigate the many apps that kids have access too.
- The school continues to work on the fundamentals of math. The staff learned about this on the last PA day. All of this information will be applied as the year progresses.
- Staffing update-Jenn is happy to report that Sharon Brant received a well deserved "Impact Award". TLDSB has an award of excellence evening in May. Sharon was nominated and is the successful recipient of this award.
- Facility Update-Almost all the grad pics have been reframed and hung down the hall where they can be seen. There are also plans to repaint some of the areas of the school that need updating as well as some refacing of some rooms. Part of the library is getting a tile floor where the makerspace is as well.
- Program Update- Saskia has reached out to support staff at TLDSB to offer extra programming in the arts which included Zumba. She received a grant to offer some Indigenous learning ( ie.hand drumming) as well. Hydro also came and gave a presentation to students regarding safety, etc. Sarah has also set up a seed system to start veggies for the upcoming growing season in the school garden.
- Jenn reports that there are many activities at the school for kids to participate in, such as a corking club in Mrs. Conner's class. Mr. Y is facilitating a mountain biking club for grades 6 and up as well as a ball hockey club, a badminton and baseball club. There is also opportunity for the kids to go into the music room to take advantage of everything that is there. Bernadette Lovegrove is running a Yearbook club.
- Grade 7 and 8 are going to the highschool Apr 24th for enlightenment with a program, "What would I tell my younger self".
- The OPP are coming to Irwin for a presentation about online safety, and consequences surrounding that on April 29th for grade 5 and up. The intermediate kids are going to Riverside for a presentation that fits into this theme as well.
- Grade 5 and 6 (Mr. Maxwell's class) are going to Yearly Apr 23 and 24th.
- Grade 7 get their immunization on May 2nd.
- Book Fair is May 21st.
- EQAO testing starts May 28th for grade 3 and 6. Jenn asks that students in those grades to avoid appointments during that time so the testing can proceed as smooth as possible.
- Grade 8 graduation is occurring at Port Cunnington Lodge on June 24th.
- Friends of Irwin appreciation lunch is planned for Thursday April 18th.

-Swim to Survive for grade 2 and 3 will occur at the Summit Centre in June, no confirmed dates at this point.

**Peter Yungblut's Proposed Project:**

-Peter has been diligently looking into the proposal of a disc course for Irwin, on Irwin property and for the whole community of Lake of Bays and the general public to have access to. Peter will present to the Lake of Bays Council May 21st. He discussed his proposal and asked for some financial and general support from the School Council. Council has given their 100% support as best they can as Peter pursues this project.

**Art Night:**

-May 9th is the art night at Irwin from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Irwin will offer a bbq for the families that attend. Art from all the students will be displayed.

**Talent Show:**

-Kirsten Conner reports that all the students who would like to participate in the talent show will most likely culminate into an assembly that everyone can come and enjoy. The planned date is Fri May 17th at 11:30am.

**Wish List:**

-The council discussed wish list items. Items for the school includes a nine square game made or purchased, ski poles for the students at the school and shovels for the kids as well for the playground. More lights for the stage as well.

**Motion:** Sarah motioned for the Council to buy shovels for the school, **seconded** by Tamara.

**Hot Lunch:**

-The next hot lunch will be on Thursday May 16th . Lunch will be macaroni and cheese.

**Fundraiser Barbeque at YIGS:**

-Sarah confirmed that the school was chosen to have the opportunity to have the fundraiser BBQ at Your Independent Grocers on the weekend of June 21, 22 and 23rd. If interested to volunteer for a time to help, please contact Sarah Roberts.

**Next Meeting:**

-The next meeting is Wed May 22 at 3:15pm.