

Irwin Memorial Public School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday May 22nd, 3:15pm

In Attendance:

Jenn Clark-Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Kim Reuvekamp, Mel Maxwell, Kent Maxwell, Peter Yungblut, Cassandra Holtby

Principal's Report:

School Improvement-Safe and Caring school-Jenn had a subcommittee plan a lesson under this umbrella to get kids to think about character traits, which in turn will be put into a RESPECT document that will be released in September. This document is meant to engage the students to show empathy and compassion to themselves and others.

-Staff Update-Sarah Cripps has returned to kinderland part time. Michelle Renwick is helping on the other days that Sarah is not here until she is full time again.

-Jenn has learned from TLDSB that the number of staff will not be changing and the 6 current classrooms will continue in September. Jenn receives this information every year around this time ,but mentioned this year it came later than normal.

-Jenn reports that just like last year, parents will receive an email/text right before Labour Day weekend as to who their child's teacher will be for September.

Program Updates

-EQAO for Grade three and Grade six is currently underway this week and next.

-May 23rd, Kinderland, Grade 4 and 5 and Grade 5 and 6 will be going over to the new Lake of Bays Public Works Facility to see the new building and a BBQ.

-Bookfair is currently happening in the library.

-Bernadette Lovegrove applied and received two grants that will enable classes to participate in the Festival of Saint-Jean Baptiste and a French cooking class on Tues, May 28th and Wed June 12th.

-Mountain Biking Club for Grade 6, 7 and 8 is officially up and running on Thursdays and Fridays and will culminate in a bike ride June the 15th at Buckwallow Trails in Gravenhurst.

-Swim to survive for Grade 2 and 3 will take place Thursday May 30th, Tuesday June 11th and Wednesday June 12th.

-Track and Field occurs Monday June 3rd, rain date Tuesday June the 4th. A BBQ hot lunch will be offered that day.

-June 11th is the regional track and field meet.

-The Firehouse from the Fire Dept. is coming to Irwin on Tuesday June the 4th.

-The SKC students are going to Camp Cairn in Baysville May 29th. The primary kids are going to the Playpit in Bracebridge on Thursday June 6th. The Grade 4-6 kids in this group are going to XPlay in Barrie on June 18th to have some fun on trampolines.

-Grade 7 and 8 students at Irwin are going to Kandalore on June 5th and 6th.

-Primary students are going to Arrowhead Camp in Dwight on June 14th.

-Grade 4 and 5 are going to "Get Your Wild On" June 19th.

-Rock Band and Mini Rock Band will be going to Rock Fest at VK Greer on June 19th from 11am-1pm.

-Graduation is June 24th. Irwin has confirmed that the Grade 8 graduates will be transported to the graduation from Dorset to Port Cunnington Lodge via the SS Bigwin. Pictures will be taken on the boat as well.

-Emma confirmed that the Council will again sponsor the Most Improved Student at the Grade 8 graduation. This includes the engraving of a plaque and a take home plaque.

-June 27th is the last day of school.

Wish List Discussions:

-The cost of the previously discussed "Nine Square" game was looked into. It would cost approximately \$1000 to purchase it exclusively as a kit vs building it. It could be used outdoor and indoor and individual pieces could be replaced if damaged if bought as a kit.

-Spikeball was mentioned. The game would be \$80 to purchase.

-Painting of the pavements at school, ie. hopscotch etc, have been looked into. Jenn is trying to look into the best sustaining paint to use if this project proceeds.

-Picnic tables/benches. If anyone would like to build/donate, donate material or anyone that has a picnic table no longer being used in good shape and would like to pass it on to the school, this would be greatly appreciated. **The Council has committed to donating \$200 towards this wishlist item.**

-Tonka trucks in good shape that are no longer used would be greatly appreciated for the kids in our primary classes.

-Sand pile in the Kinderland area.

Disc Golf:

-Peter went to the Lake of Bays Township meeting about the proposed 9 hole disc golf course for the community that would be built on the school's property. Peter had discussed this last month with the School Council. He also went to several organizations previously to obtain general and financial support towards this project.

-The township had lots of concerns about a variety of topics surrounding the whole idea of the course. They did not want the Lake of Bays name associated with the course, however did provide a financial donation towards the course being continued by Peter and the school.

-Peter discussed with Innova (disc golf company) to still come in and design the layout of the course. Peter went over the proposed cost of the project including Innova's cost.

-Peter discussed what donations he has received and confirmed that the Council would support this project still.

-Emma reports the Council has approximately \$3400 in the bank, therefore Emma made a **MOTION** about donating \$1500 towards the disc golf project. Sarah **SECONDED** this motion. **MOTION** accepted. Peter will touch base with the Council after more fundraising efforts are put forth.

-If any business or anyone individually would like to donate/sponsor, Emma will be sending out a letter very shortly explaining the different levels of sponsorship available.

Irwin Trail Clearing Day:

-Saturday June 8th is the day that volunteers are clearing a new trail on Irwin's property. This is a multi purpose trail that will be used for the students of Irwin for school activities including the disc golf course. If interested in volunteering please contact Emma. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please meet at 9 am at the school if volunteering.

Hot Lunch:

-The next hot lunch will be on Track and Field day-June 3rd, rain date June 4th. Hamburgers or a hotdog and yogurt tube will be offered for \$5

Your Independent Grocer Fundraising BBQ:

The fundraising BBQ at YIGS will be Fri June 21st-Sun June 23rd. If interested in volunteering for a shift to help, please contact Sarah Roberts.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wed June 19th at 3:15pm. We will be having a potluck at this meeting.