

Irwin Memorial Public School  
Online Virtual School Council Meeting  
Monday October 19th 7pm

**In Attendance:**

Ian Patterson-Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-Chair,  
Tamara Wright-Secretary, Kim Fairhall, Becca Birnie, Danica Sinclair.

**Principal's Report:**

-Ian reports that outdoor learning is continuing as the fall moves along. Irwin is lucky to have two propane heaters donated from Dwight Lumber that they are using to help keep the students warm. Kinderland and Mr. Maxwell's classes are outside the most with really no complaints. Indoor learning will transition to the indoors as the conditions outside start to get colder, etc. Kinderland will have the biggest transition into the indoors as they are outside the most out of all the classrooms.

-Ian at this point said any potential Christmas concert/plans are most likely put on hold at this point due to covid.

-Some parents are asking about transitioning their children from remote to in-school and vice versa. The board has sent mixed messaging out to parents about how the transition would occur, initially, it was alluded to that a specific date would be chosen for parents to make a decision. Now, the board has decided on a monthly basis that they will look at the students on that list that have been submitted to them to determine if this can be done due to student/teacher ratio.

-Ian said that there is lots of room in kindergarten, but the grade 6/7 and 7/8 class are close to capacity.

-Classes can't be reorganized as there are not enough staff for the students.

**Emma's Report:**

-Emma reports that there was no shown interest in the four positions by anyone new that are up for nomination/renewal. Emma, Sarah, Nicole and Tamara (from last year's positions) said they are willing to continue in these roles with the proper nominations and a second person accepting these nominations.

**-Emma for Chair--Kim Fairhall motioned, Dana Sinclair seconded.**

**-Sarah for Co-Chair--Kim Fairhall motioned, Emma Platts-Boyle seconded.**

**-Tamara for Secretary--Kim Fairhall motioned, Dana Sinclair seconded.**

**-Nicole for Treasurer--Sarah Roberts motioned, Kim Fairhall seconded.**

-School Council had asked what the school's teacher/staff wish list would be with the thought of covid affecting what "normal" things would be requested otherwise. Ian said that at some point the school will need one to two smart boards. They are used by the kindergarten and Mrs. Connor's class the most. Ian believes that the budget he is provided with from the school board would be able to pay for these as he hesitates to use the council's fundraising abilities for this. He said that a more permanent outdoor structure for the primary grades would benefit outdoor learning for them and perhaps for the whole school. In the short term, Ian said that wish list items would be for outdoor equipment to keep all the students busy as the winter approaches.

-Emma had received a wish list item from some students. The wish list item is an outdoor game called Spike Ball, the cost would be approximately \$100. Sarah ***MOTIONED*** to buy this now to give the students something else to keep them busy outside. This game could be used by all classes as it would be properly sanitized between uses. Emma ***SECONDED*** this motion.

-Emma also received a wish list suggestion from some parents to have some speakers come in virtually to talk to different classrooms about what those teachers think might interest them. Ian said that the school does have the ability to present these sort of things virtually and would keep that in mind to consider.

-Emma mentioned that Nicole from the Lounge is still asking for volunteers to pick up groceries for the breakfast club to help her out. If interested, please contact the school.

***Fundraising:***

-Emma talked to the Council about the possibility of having a pie sale around Christmas. This would provide the ability for the Council to raise funds and ensure socially distancing.

-Emma let the Council know that there WILL NOT be poinsettias being sold this year nor the Fresh from the Farm products either.

***Next Meeting:***

-The next meeting will be Mon Nov 30th at 7pm.