

Irwin Memorial Public School  
Online Virtual School Council Meeting  
Monday March 15th 7:30 pm

**In Attendance:**

Ian Patterson-Principal, Mel Maxwell, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-Chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Kim Fairhall, Becca Birnie, Dana Sinclair, Jen McCague, France Armour

**Principal's Report:**

-Ian reports that plans are just starting to be made in regards to grade 8 graduation. All possibilities are being considered at this point depending on the covid situation. There are 25 students that will be graduating this year. Grad pics have been planned to be taken at some point soon.

-The last day was today where students could transfer to online classes or go back to school. No other changes can be made for the rest of the school year.

- Ian is looking into acquiring more ipads to assist the teachers and students as they are a bit easier to use outside with outdoor activities and learning.

-Ian would really like to acquire a more permanent structure for the continuation of outdoor learning and play. This would be for all of the students to use. Kinderland's outdoor learning is so prominent that this may be a focus to start with an outdoor structure for them.

**Emma's Report:**

-Emma is looking into having a virtual science day at school possibly in April. Everyone would be able to participate. The cost would be \$220 per class and Emma is looking for some financial support from school council if it is a go. Ian will discuss this idea with the teachers and will get back to the council. Ian definitely would like a school wide participation day to occur, however, limitations with covid does minimize full school participation together unfortunately.

-Fundraising was briefly discussed to brainstorm ideas that allow fundraising during covid. The goal would be to raise money for a permanent outdoor structure.

-Emma reports that the school council has approximately \$1700 in the council account.

-Emma said the school garden is going to be a go this year. Mel Maxwell is going to head this project with the kinder's help and Sarah Robert's help as well. The whole school can not help as in other years but the garden will still benefit the whole school.

-The District offers every school \$500 for parent engagement through the school. Emma would like the council to brainstorm ideas that could take advantage of this resource. This could be an online presentation for an example. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

-Emma followed up with Jenn McCague about the previously discussed picnic tables that the school is interested in obtaining for outdoor use. It is in the works and they will be built once the material is obtained hopefully by donation.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is to be determined.