

Irwin Memorial Public School
Online Virtual School Council Meeting
Tues Oct 5th 7pm

In Attendance:

Ian Patterson--Principal, Sarah Roberts--Chair, Becca Birnie--Co-chair, Tamara Wright--Secretary, Jeff Laughton, Elissa Boughen, Frances Armour, Patti Blundell, Nicole Caracciolo, Joanna Marrelli, Erin Wiley

Principal's Report:

-The priority for back to school was safety in regards to coming back for students and staff.

-The school unfortunately did have two positive Covid cases fairly soon after school resumed. These cases were not transmitted within the school and Ian was very pleased with the protocols the school has which kept those two cases from further spreading to other students.

-The number of students at Irwin is now around 150. That is a very good number for the small school that Irwin is. There are larger than normal class sizes in the primary classes, grade four and five classes. These classes are almost at their capacity. If more students did join the school, another teacher would most likely be added to Irwin.

-Volley ball and basketball will begin fairly soon which includes travelling to other schools to compete. Parents that are doubly vaccinated and have passed their criminal reference check would be able to volunteer to drive these students.

Chair's Report:

-Sarah shared that she has been nominated for Chair, Becca Birnie has been nominated for Co-Chair. Tamara Wright has the seated position of secretary and Nicole Bradley has the seated position of treasurer. Sarah asked if anyone would like to take any of these positions over. No one nominated themselves and the unanimous vote was made to have Sarah as Chair and Becca as Co-Chair. Tamara will continue as secretary and Nicole will continue as treasurer.

-Sarah did mention there are several non elected positions on the council as well. There is a hot lunch committee, fundraising committee and grant committee as well. None of these committees are up and running yet, but if interested, please contact Sarah.

-Sarah reports that the balance that the school council has at this point is approximately \$1200.

-Due to the short date cut off for the fresh from the farm fundraiser, the council will pass on this for this year.

-Council decided to go ahead with the poinsettia fundraiser this year.

-The council is eager to restart the hot lunches this year once covid rules allow this.

-There is a new wish list item that has come from the grade 7-8 students and council has started the process of discussing what would need to be done in order to get an outdoor volleyball court for the school.

-Sarah mentioned that if anyone is interested in volunteering in the picking up of groceries for the breakfast club to contact Nicole via the school. It would be greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 2nd at 7pm.