

Irwin Memorial Public School
Online School Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 pm

In Attendance:

Ian Patterson--Principal, Sarah Roberts--Chair, Becca Birnie--Co-chair,
Tamara Wright-Secretary, Nicole Bradley--Treasurer, Dana Sinclair, France Armour,
Joanna Marelli, Jeff Laughton, Mel Maxwell, Patti Blundell

Principal's Report:

- Ian reports that there are students that are continuing school online, while most are back in school after the 2 week extension after the Christmas break.
- For safety due to the Omicron virus, the school has designated cohorts again, recesses are split into two groups.
- Each student has been sent home two boxes of rapid covid tests to be used as necessary at home.
- The Public Health Unit has taken a step back from contact tracing for cases in covid in schools.
- The threshold for absenteeism for students to let parents know is 30%. Ian reports that he would take action before the absenteeism rate got that high. Ian feels confident even though the health unit has stepped away that the school is more than on top of the concerns of parents and students.

Fundraising Updates:

-It was suggested that a fundraiser can be in the form of Valentine's day cards created by the students that can then be put up for sale. The council is very much on board with this idea and decided that it was a go for this February.

Hot Lunch:

-The hot lunch for February will be turkey soup, a bun and a cookie. Students will be asked to bring a mug.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.