

Irwin Memorial Public School
Online School Council Meeting
Tuesday March 1, 2022

In Attendance:

Ian Patterson, Sarah Roberts--Chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary,
Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Joanna Merrilli, Elissa Boughen, Dana Sinclair, France Armour, Patti Blundell

Principal's Report:

- As the school navigates through Covid, Ian is happy to report no significant absences are occurring due to Covid. Ian reports that at this point that most likely after March Break the mask mandate will be lifted.
- Students are starting to participate in extracurricular sports. Intra mural sports are continuing as well.
- The school is looking hopefully forward to a "normal" graduation for the grade eights as well as the kindergarten class as well.
- School boards will offer one more year of online schooling for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Ian asks that some fundraising funds go towards sport supplies for the Irwin students, ie. ski boots, etc., if needed.
- Ian reports that early plans are continuing for the outdoor permanent structure that the school and parent council are gearing towards getting constructed.
- The school at this point, has approximately 10 junior kindergarten students enrolled for this September. The school has 146 students at Irwin at this point. Ian feels the numbers will not fluctuate much come this September.

Treasurer's Report:

- Nicole reports that \$1813 was taken out of the council funds to pay for this year and next year's Grade 8 graduates.
- This leaves \$2300 currently in the council account.

Chair's Report:

- Sarah reports the Valentine's card fundraiser raised \$207.
- Sarah will find out by the next meeting whether the Independent Grocer's Annual Barbecue Fundraiser is a go for this year. She will let everyone know at the next meeting. Sarah is also looking into the possibility of a 50/50 raffle draw as well.
- Sarah let the council know that a local lady by the name of Susan Franks had sent an email to the Huntsville High School asking if they would be interested in continuing a project her husband David had begun after visiting a reserve in Attawapiskat in 2016. He came up with the idea to build a geodesic dome. Unfortunately, David passed away before Christmas and Susan is hoping that someone can finish this project that her husband was so close to completing. Huntsville High School responded that they did not have the space for it, but would be more than happy to collaborate with an elementary school and Irwin was approached for this piece. Everyone agreed this is an amazing opportunity for Irwin. This decision was unanimously

agreed upon by everyone. Sarah is working closely with Susan at this point to see what needs to be done by Irwin to assist with this amazing project.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12th at 7pm.