

Irwin Memorial Public School  
Student Council Meeting  
Jan 17, 2018 3:15pm

**Attendance:**

Melanie Maxwell-Teacher, Susie Stronach-Teacher, Lynda Richards-Secretary, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-chair, Tamara Wright-Council Secretary, Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Christine Demarco, Leanne Sibeon, Kim Fairhall, Rebecca Simm, Dana Sinclair.

**Approve Agenda:**

Emma handed out the agenda for the 4th Council Meeting.

**Minutes of Nov 22, 2017:**

Kim motioned for approval and Emma seconded. There were no changes/omissions from last month's meeting, they were accepted as is.

**Treasurer's Report:**

See copy of report attached to minutes from this month. It was discussed to have the treasurer's report included in every Council meeting's minutes and have a report discussed at each meeting to show the Council and public where the money is spent.

It was discussed to have a visible wishlist for the Council, School families and public to see. Nicole suggested that money should be transferred now to cover the grade 8's graduation fees for these students this year. Further to that, Emma suggested to also transfer funds for next year's grade eights as well as the finances are available and Council can go into next year knowing that it is paid for already.

**MOTION:** Emma motioned for Council to accept transfer of money for grade eight graduates for this year and next, ***MOTION PASSED.***

**Future Fundraising:**

Emma discussed future possibilities and planned fundraising. Jan 31st is going to be Taco Wed, cost \$5. Hot lunches are very well received and will continue. Feb will be a fruit kabob for Valentines day and March will have a St Patrick's day theme.

It was discussed in this second part of the year to possibly sell food at volleyball games.

**ACTION:** Emma will discuss this with the coaches and Wendy.

**School Council Wish List:**

Hydration Station-Total cost \$3000 (updated since meeting)

Year End BBQ-cost \$200-\$250

New BBQ cost \$450

Library Smart Board for library- Total cost \$4000(updated since meeting)

Emma looked into purchasing water bottles that could be sold at the school as a fundraiser. Different designs and sizes were discussed. Everyone thought it would compliment the hydration station if/when the school acquires it. It was discussed how does the council determine what wish list items take precedence. It was suggested to consider a "survey" to

get feedback from the students, teachers and parents. This survey will get input about the ranking of the wish list and future fundraising ideas. This information would contribute towards making wish list decisions.

The Council was asked whether they would consider donating money towards a future Arrowhead trip and/or year end trip.

It was also mentioned that the school could apply for "Ontario Eco Schools Grants". Emma said future fundraising possibilities could be selling garden bulbs and magazine orders. The Dwight Carnival bake sale is a fundraising opportunity as well.

**ACTION:** Emma will put together a survey that she will run by council before it gets sent home to students and parents.

### **Updates:**

The grade 6/7/8 have 3 ski dates at Hidden Valley planned.

Kindergarten to Grade 5 will have two dates for outdoor activities at the school--skating, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and snow soccer.

Feb 26th is the date planned for the Kindergartens up to Grade 5 to go to Arrowhead. This may change if Arrowhead changes the date. Activities will be snowshoeing, tubing, skiing and skating.

Mr. Yungblut will do an outdoor program for Grade 1/2 and Grade 2/3

Great Moose Adventure is a spring field trip planned as well. This is Kindergarten to Grade 3 at no cost to students.

Feb 21st is Olympics day. The grade 6/7/8's will be leading this. School Council will provide soup that day.

March 8 is Maker Day at the school. Mr. Maxwell's class will lead it and the Grade 8's will support the younger classes. The Council thinks that this day and the upcoming Parent Engagement night will promote the makerspace and provide an ever growing interest for students, teachers and parents.

School Cash Online payments will be available very soon, information flyers will be sent home in Feb.

### **Dwight Winter Carnival:**

The Council will have a bake sale on Sat Feb 10th inside the community center.

The coloring contest for Irwin students will occur again this year.

Leanne wants to engage the school as much as possible in regards to the Carnival.

School Council will host the family skate night Thur Feb 8th from 5-7. We will provide complimentary hot chocolate and the public can purchase hot dogs and roast marshmallows.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Thur Feb 15th at 3:15pm.