

Irwin Memorial Public School
School Council Meeting
Mar 28, 2018 3:15pm

In Attendance:

Jenn Clark--Principal, Emma Platts-Boyle-Chair, Sarah Roberts-Co-Chair, Tamara Wright-Secretary, Nicole Bradley-Treasurer, Mel Maxwell, Kent Maxwell, Leanne Sibeon, Rebecca Birnie, Jen McCague, Dana Sinclair, Kim Fairhall, Lynda Richards.

Approve Agenda:

Emma handed out the agenda for the 6th Council Meeting. There were no changes or omissions from the Feb 15th meeting.

Principal's Report:

- At this point there are 9 new kindergarten students registered for the fall.
- Irwin has 7 classrooms this year, the future enrollment will determine whether this will be sustained next year.
- Nicole Caracciolo's last day was March 29th as she is expecting. Farrah Dukoff is back to take over the lounge for the rest of the year.
- School Innovation Plan-this is the Ministry's ideas around curriculum, assessing students, rethinking learning skills and students navigating further along the 21st Century- ie. problem solving, critical thinking and innovation. The kinders are working with the Ministry to display what this innovation is at this age, how they learn, what they look like, how do we support and assess this. Grade 2 and 3 up to Grade 8 are examining math and how the school can promote this learning in a non threatening environment where kids can take risks and learn from their mistakes. An application has been written for Kent Maxwell to attend a learning seminar.
- There is a Grade 4 team going to the Regional Battle of the Books.
- EQAO is coming up soon for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. It will begin May 23rd and go into the next week most likely. The school is asking parents of students of these grades to avoid making appointments during this time.
- Jenn has been in touch with the Children's Mental Health Association. Brittany Dean, who works there, is going to come to Irwin to do some whole group sessions. She will discuss how to manage test anxiety, who do you go to if you need help, life skills, etc. This will be a 8 week session on Wednesday mornings for Grade 4-8.
- Grade 6/7/8 had a presentation by Natasha Pattison, who also works for CMHA, about her journey with an eating disorder, which was presented in an age appropriate manner.
- Grade 7 and 8 had a presentation from MADD Canada. Jenn sat in on the presentation and felt it was well received and the kids were well impacted by it.
- Jenn reports that the new sound system has been purchased. It was purchased from funds raised through pizza days.
- The clothing drive will occur during Earth Week.
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch will occur Thur April 19th.

Treasurer's Report:

-Nicole did a summary of how much money was raised through fundraisers to date this year and how much money the Council has at this point in the year.

-Nicole reports that the School raised \$1136.70 for the Willand Family from the hot lunch fundraiser.

MOTION: Emma made a motion: If there is resounding support for one of the Wish List items within the School Council Survey, that it be purchased. Sarah seconded the motion. Passed.

Makerspace Update:

-Kent Maxwell reports that the Makerspace is growing. The school just received hydraulic kits. The kids are very interested in these new additions. The school had a Maker Day at the school Mar 29th. The Grade 6 and 7's led the day and the Grade 8's helped the younger classes, the challenge was to make a paper circuit. The kids got to create simple or more complicated circuits.

Fundraising:

-Sarah entered and won a weekend barbecue fundraiser through Your Independent Grocer. It will occur at the grocery store on the June 1st weekend and will proceed rain or shine. The hours will be 11am-6pm on Friday (PA Day), Saturday and Sunday will be 11am-4pm.

Parent Engagement:

-Makerspace Family Learning Night will occur April 23rd from 5pm-7pm. A BBQ will provide a dinner for the families attending. There will be prizes and take home experiments available as well!

New Business:

-Kent Maxwell reports that Erika's is giving the Grade 6, 7 and 8's an opportunity to raise funds for their year end trip. The students will be a big part of this fundraiser. It will be a full spaghetti dinner with a dessert as well. It will be April 13th. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 through Erika's now. Grade 6/7/8 will have a donut designing contest as well. Once the winning design is chosen, Erika will sell these donuts for a period of time and those proceeds will go to Irwin.

Erika's also donated to the Breakfast Club which is greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Thur May 10th at 3:15pm.