Indian Hills Elementary—School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021
7:30 a.m. on Zoom

In attendance:

SCC Committee Members: Tom Luthy, Kim Johnson, Katie Moore, Roshawn Starr, Robyn Rudge, Keli Beard, Barb Dahl Fassl

Absent: Elliot Lof

Others: Steve Rich, Caitlin Pearson, Melissa Ford

1. Approve Minutes:
   a. March 10, 2021 minutes: Kim motioned to approve; Roshawn seconded

2. SIC Report: Roshawn reported that the SIC met on April 6 to discuss the last 3 teacher days: (a) there will be training with the math coach; (b) the teachers will discuss integration of ELD into class next year; and (c) the teachers will discuss tutoring with what’s left from CARES Act funds. Also, class lists are due by June 2 and will be issued with report cards.

3. Principal’s Report:
   a. April 30 is a nonstudent / nondigital learning day.
   b. Teachers and students have a make-up day that is scheduled on June 7, 2021 (half day). Katie asked why we couldn’t use April 30 for the make-up day rather than extend the school year by a half day; Tom said that the schedule is set by the district and he doesn’t have the ability to change those dates.
   c. IHE is in the middle of end-of-year testing, which will continue through the end of May.
   d. IHE will be hiring three new employees: (i) a new ELP teacher (Kit Wedge is going back to Georgia); (ii) Kenya is retiring; and (iii) Ms. Melville is retiring. Ms. Melville will be replaced by Shannon Keene, who comes from the unassigned pool of district teachers. IHE will be interviewing for the ELP replacement and administrator in the next few weeks.
   e. Thursday, April 15 is the “great shakeout”—a national earthquake drill.
   f. The IHE website is in the process of transitioning to a new website and it’ll take some time to finalize.
   g. The Salt Lake School District approved going back to in-person school 5 days a week next school year—4 full days M-Th and half-day Friday.
   h. Tom doesn’t yet know the daily schedule. The school district just announced that the high schools will start an hour later next school year. This puts pressure on the bus
schedules because there are not enough buses to serve all district schools with bus needs individually. It is possible that IHE will run from 8:00 to 2:15 to accommodate the bus schedules. Tom should have a final answer in the next few days and will confirm.

4. PTA Report:
   a. Kim reported that DEAR Week was a huge success with over 1400 total reading hours reported—110 students read over 8 hours and 2 students broke the IHE record by reading over 40 hours.
   b. The PTA is focused on the spring marketing campaign:
      i. the PTA is preparing a video, which should be done next week;
      ii. yard signs are done and being distributed;
      iii. there will be a spring open house; and
      iv. the PTA is still planning a community end of year gathering to replace the carnival.
   c. The BOOT foundation raises most of its money through art night by selling students’ art work. This year parents can buy cards with their student’s art on the cards. Roshawn asked how much this cost IHE. Kim said that the cards are being printed at the district level and the district should be able to recoup the costs by parents buying the cards. Roshawn asked whether it was possible to buy a card for the students to give for mother’s day without having to order for each student individually; Kim is going to look into this.

5. School Land Trust Plan:
   a. Tom walked the SCC through the Indian Hills Land Trust Plan, 2021-22 (posted on website). There are two goals:
      i. Enhance science by providing hands-on-science labs; and
      ii. Improve kindergarten class sizes and reading outcomes by hiring an additional 0.5 teacher to create three full-time kindergarten classes.
         1. Parents will still have the option of sending their kids half day.
   b. IHE is carrying over about $20,000 from the 2020-2021 land trust budget and will have about a $3,000 carry over at end of 2021-2022 year.
   c. Because of the drop in funds over the past year, IHE will probably lose one paraprofessional, but it is covering some of the other activities typically covered by the land trust money with the federal CARES Act funds. If IHE gets most of its students back, it will also receive additional money.
   d. Tom also mentioned that IHE will hold summer school in the 2021 summer from 8:30 to 4:30.
e. Keli motioned to approve the land trust plan; Kim seconded and the SCC unanimously approved.

6. SCC Membership and Leadership:

a. There are two open spots on the SCC for the coming school year: one being vacated by Barb and the other held by Robyn. Robyn volunteered to serve another term and Steve Rich volunteered to serve for the next school year.

b. Caitlin Pearson attended the meeting on behalf of her husband, Spencer, who is interested in working with the SCC although not necessary as a member of the SCC. Katie suggested that he participate in a working group for a project that he is interested in.

c. Katie talked with Paula Plant about the size of the SCC—the SCC has the discretion to expand its size so long as there are two more parent members than there are district members. Paula and Melissa Ford suggested that the SCC should consider this when reviewing its bylaws in the fall and amend the bylaws to accommodate a larger size for the following school year.

d. Paula, Melissa, and Tom indicated that the downside of having a larger group is that it is more difficult to have a quorum. Before the SCC makes any decision, it must have a quorum and that quorum must consist of at least two more parent members than district members.

e. The SCC indicated that it would review the matter of its size in the fall of 2021 as it is reviewing the bylaws.

f. Roshawn motioned to approve Steve and Robyn as members for the coming school year; Kim seconded.

g. Keli volunteered to serve as Vice Chair, Kim motioned to approve Keli as Vice Chair and a member seconded the motion.

7. The next meeting will be on May 12 at 7:30 and will be held in person at the school, with an option to join via Zoom.

8. Kim motioned to adjourn: Roshawn seconded