Indian Hills Elementary—School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes
7:00 a.m. November 9, 2022
Library of IHE and Zoom

In attendance:

SCC Committee Members: Katie Moore, Carlynn, Keli Beard, Elliot Lof, Robyn Rudge, Kim Caine, Allison Sine (via zoom), Tom Luthy

1. Minutes: Kim moved to approve the October 12, 2022 minutes, Robyn seconded.

2. SIC Report (Carlynn): The SIC met to discuss the calendar changes. The SIC will vote at its next meeting and will report to the committee prior to the final vote. The SIC also discussed the possibility of using BOOT funds for a lower-grade music teacher.

3. PTA Report (Kim Caine): The PTA is hosting a Teton Gravity Research (TGR) movie night on November 29 along with a silent auction as a fund raiser. They are hoping to raise enough money to help fund a lower-grade music teacher and to fully fund Kristen Bonner for next school year. The PTA is also hosting a parenting night on November 17 with Lilly Morgan, a local therapist, to teach parents how to listen to kids. Tom will circulate more information about both events through the Eagle Update.

4. Principal’s Report:
   a. Emergency Days—historically, the district has had very few emergency days but in the past few years, the district has had to close schools for wind, snow and an earthquake. To make up the days missed, the school then schedules make-up days that occur after the last day of school and attendance at these make up days is very low. The district is now preparing in advance for emergency closures. Sixth graders will receive a computer that they take home each night. In the event of an emergency, the students will use Canvas to proceed with school without interruption. For the lower grades, teachers will prepare a paper packet that will be sent to parents at the beginning of the year with five days of review work. If the schools close due to an emergency event, teachers will communicate through email about proceeding with the school day using the emergency work packets. The first emergency packets should come home within the next 10 days. Attendance during an emergency closure day will be based on completion of one exit ticket.

   b. Computers: The district is moving to 1:1 devices. IHE will lose funding for computers, but the district will pay for and manage the provision of a computer for each student in the district. At IHE, the plan is for sixth graders to take the computers home daily. For all other grades, the plan is for the students to leave the computers at school—although that may change as time goes on. The school will provide a hotspot for those students without access to the internet.

Commented [KB1]: Tom and Katie - I need help clarifying the PTA's role v. BOOT. Is the PTA raising money for BOOT??

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c. Miscellaneous:
   i. The school is planning a toys-for-tots volunteer program.
   ii. The green team is actively working on its projects and will be presenting to the classrooms in the near future.
   iii. The future problem solvers program has about 9 kids and is in progress.
   iv. The school has MOUs with an after school tennis program, kids stage program and an after school care program.

d. School Calendars: The district will be voting on the yearly calendar in mid December. There are three options presented:
   i. Options:
      1. Option 1 is the traditional model with a two-day fall break, two-week winter break, and a one-week spring break. The first day of school is at the end of August and the last day of school will be in June. Five teacher contract days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year.
      2. Option 2 has a week earlier start date and the last day of school will be in June. It still has a two-week winter break and a one-week spring break but increases fall break to one-week. Four teacher contract days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year and the fifth teacher contract day is in March.
      3. Option 3 has a week earlier start date and an earlier end date. It has a two-day fall break, a two-week winter break, and a one-week spring break. This means the school year should conclude before June. Five teacher contract days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year.
   ii. Carlynn indicated that during fall break, many kids take off a full week even if the break is for two days. Having a full week break in the fall might better match the realities in the classroom.
   iii. Tom is going to send an email to families with the SCC members’ email addresses so that parents can contact the members to provide comments. Tom is also going to talk to faculty.

5. Keli moves to adjourn, Robyn seconded.