

Indian Hills Elementary—School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes
7:00 a.m. March 8, 2023
Library of IHE and Zoom

In attendance:

SCC Committee Members: Katie Moore, Carlynn Christian, Keli Beard, Kim Caine, Tom Luthy; Phong Nguyen, Alison Sine, Ben, Robyn Rudge

1. A member moved to approve the February 2023 minutes; a member seconded.
2. Principal's Report:
 - a. IHE has proposed a budget for next year that will keep the three teachers cut by the district by draining all reserve funds. Tom is still working with the district to make sure the budget will work, but he should know soon whether the budget will be approved.
 - b. While IHE will drain the budget, including all reserve funds, for the 2023-24 school year, the following year IHE will either close or absorb more kids as part of the boundary adjustment process.
 - c. If the budget is approved, IHE will keep 15 teachers, but will need to cut some of the paraprofessionals. IHE will not have a computer paraprofessional next year, but will have a PE teacher, a reading para for 1st/kinder, and a paraprofessional that splits time between special ed and intervention.
 - d. Boot and PTA are covering Kristin Bonner this year, but Tom hopes to have her back on trust funds for the following year. Kristin Bonner is the "poster child" for land trust – she's on the website, etc. When Dr. Arnoldson brought her on, science scores were at 59% and now they are at 76%? IHE had school wide participation in steam fair and the most projects accepted into district and regionals.
 - e. Goals:
 - i. Growth goals – we are on track in our achievement gap, which is a very hard thing to do.
 - ii. Reading scores: Kindergarten dropped a little on mid-year testing, but 1st-3rd all had more kids in the proficient level on mid-year testing.
 - iii. Math acadience scores have gone up for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
 - f. School Improvement Plan – IHE will keep the literacy, numeracy and achievement gap goals for next school year. IHE is adding a culture goal. IHE uses "Move this World" program and is looking for a 10% improvement in self-reported scores. The program focuses on social-emotional learning skills and Tom will use this as part of hiring the counselor for next year. This goal is common throughout the district.

3. Boundary study:

- a. The district is looking to keep open those schools that have high quality programs and opportunities for all kids, the best teaching practices, and sustainability in the neighborhood (gaining/losing students).
- b. Brian Conely, the Boundary Director, will meet with the SCC on May 10 to discuss the boundary study.
- c. March 22 is the IHE open house. Tom asked that we spread the word and hopefully bring in more students.
- d. Kim move to adjourn and Phong seconded.