



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School  
School Council

DATE: 11/29/2023

MEETING TIME: 7:30 am

MEETING LOCATION: ILS Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Kim Cerasoli
NOTE TAKER	Colleen DeLosh
BOARD ATTENDEES	Kim Cerasoli, Colleen DeLosh, Jennifer Stebbins, Megan O'Keeffe, Dr. Peggy Rein
GUEST ATTENDEESS	Lauren Abrams, Jennifer Lewis, and Callie Leming

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC: Leadership Qualities of a Principal

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	Ms. Cerasoli shared that the Leadership Qualities of a Principal has been approved by the district office and the School Council reviewed the final draft.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC: Library/Media Center Updates

PRESENTER: Jennifer Lewis & Callie Leming

DISCUSSION	<p>Callie Leming and Jennifer Lewis were invited to update the School Council and to share with stakeholders information regarding the media center. From August 1<sup>st</sup> – November 27<sup>th</sup> there has been 15,200 items circulated, 3,741 books checked out on Sora, 605 books added to the collection, 182 K &amp; 1st grade storytimes, and 115 collaborative lessons taught. The volunteers have been busy helping with book circulation. Multiple programs were discussed that included resources for students, makerspace challenges, 3D printer activities that students enjoy using, and clubs. Nine students will be practicing in the reading bowl competition that will take place in January. A collection analysis was shared that noted 40% of the collection as being aged but this number also includes folk tales and classic chapter books. The “everybody” section will be weeded through throughout this year. The books that are removed will be donated to teachers/students first and the remainder will be picked-up by the county. Sora is an eBook and audiobook platform used by students and staff. Monthly newsletters from Sora have IKES at the top of the list for usage within the district. If students have an account, they can also use their lunch number at the public library. Top readers are also recognized on the morning news. Selection criteria for new books is driven by student interest. The media center budget for the year is around \$12,000.00 and the majority of that is spent on library books. This year they have had one Bedford Falls book fair already that had a profit of \$4,457.27 and a \$490.00 book bonus. There will be another book fair in the spring with a farm theme. Mrs. Lewis collaborates with others within the county to share resources for decorations for the book fairs. It was shared that parents enjoy the after hours that the book fair was open to purchase items with their children. There are multiple media center lessons that take place that have included reading like a detective, virtual author visits, working towards digital</p>
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DISCUSSION cont.	citizenship, and superhero references. New this year is that they have genrefied biographies, added another check out station with touch screen, added 605 high interest books to nonfiction, use of Lerner Sports data base that can be accessed through Canvas, and an area within the library that has a would you rather question posted regularly to encourage conversations among students. Goals for the 2023-2024 school year include nonfiction bookstops, a spring author visit, collection development, and continuing with volunteers to assist with media center tasks. Mrs. Lewis is thankful for all the volunteers she currently has within the media center.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
If needed, Ms. Cerasoli will send out another announcement for volunteers for the media center.	Ms. Cerasoli	Ongoing	

TIME ALLOTTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOPIC: Curriculum Updates PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	Students will be starting the second round of universal screening that will open on Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> . Third grade teachers expressed to admin that they wanted to do some of the screeners now without canceling EIP classes. Teachers can administer the screeners if the testing environment is maintained, it doesn't have to only be the EIP teachers administering the screeners. Data from universal screeners will be shared at our next School Council meeting that will take place in February. Curriculum has been updated on the GADOE site as they have released the new ELA standards and they are drafted by grade levels. Teachers will receive another ½ day to work through the current new math standards. The recent service project for Veterans Day was a huge success. All grades were able to assist and take part in the program. IKES Believes in Helping Others will take place on Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> and it will be our next service project where students can donate a new and unwrapped toy to MUST Ministries.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TIME ALLOTTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOPIC: Current News and Updates PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	IKES is currently fully staffed. Jackie Easterling will be subbing for Ms. Richards and then Mrs. Cloer after the holiday break. Haley Sanford is new to IKES as a kindergarten para pro and her transition to our school has been seamless. Administration has received feedback from the community regarding the lunchroom and was able to higher another lunchroom monitor for the cafeteria. The school has also implemented assigned seats in the cafeteria and the Golden Spoon behavior incentive. Assigned seating will be readdressed in January. As of Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> we have 866 students enrolled at IKES with our largest grade level being 5 <sup>th</sup> grade with 161 students. Our smallest grade level is K with 122 students. Next year two allotments will be removed from the school. We currently have an additional teacher in K and in 2 <sup>nd</sup> that will not be there next year. A question was asked regarding what impacts when the county would rezone. Ms. Cerasoli explained that rezoning depends on building size and new building projections. Rezoning does not take place often. It is a county decision and is usually impacted by the opening of new schools. IKES current daily attendance average as of Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> is 96.4%.		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	Upcoming PTA events include Holiday Grams the week of 12/4/23 and PTA Staff lunch on 12/15/23. PTA will not be doing a Reindeer Shop this year. The IKES Chorus will be singing at the Hobgood Park Lights of Hope on 12/18/23 at 7:30 and IKES Believes toy drive for MUST Ministries will take place on 12/21/23. Spirit nights will continue. Future plans include continued fundraising to support 1:1 student devices and replacement. \$30,000 has been spent on Chromebooks and iPads this year.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TIME	8:20
NEXT MEETING	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

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