



Cherokee County School District
 School Council
 Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School
 School Council

DATE: 2.7.24

MEETING TIME: 7:30 am

MEETING LOCATION: ILS Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Kim Cerasoli
NOTE TAKER	Peggy Rein
BOARD ATTENDEES	Kim Cerasoli, Lauren Abrams, Jenn Stebbins, Peggy Rein, Tania Beavers, Jennifer Long, Megan O'Keefe
GUEST ATTENDEESS	Kristin Towns

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC: Staffing and Student Guidelines

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Retirements: We only have 1 retirement: Terri Harris (EIP). We do have a few people on staff looking to transfer to another grade (middle or high school). Covid teacher allotments: possibly losing 2-3 allotments.</p> <p>CCSD Reassignment Process: Between February 1 and March 1, parents can apply for school reassignment. We are on the open list, which means we have extra classrooms. IKES is getting a lot of transfers coming in for next year.</p>		
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TOPIC: Technology Plan and Microsoft Showcase Information

PRESENTER: Kristin Towns

DISCUSSION	<p>Microsoft Kids: TOTY Kristin Towns shared information about Microsoft Kids.</p> <p>Microsoft Minis: K-2</p> <p>Microsoft Kids: 3-5</p> <p>A way for all of the kids to learn how to use all of the Microsoft tools. Teachers incorporate the Microsoft tools into their learning and using them to produce work and presentations that build their skills and become efficient and confident. We have noticed on our digital days, kids are more capable of digital learning due to learning how to use the Microsoft programs in schools. Ms. O'Keefe questioned safety protocols for online programs and learning; we discussed Jennifer Lewis preparing students and IKES being a Common Sense certified school (specifically teaching digital citizenship and safety).</p>		
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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	<p>Academics/PD Updates: www.inspire.gadoe is where you will find all learning standards. New ELA standards are coming out in the 2025-26 school. Per the state, we will have some autonomy to determine what our students need and what teachers' focus on in their instruction.</p>		
DISCUSSION	<p>K-3: LETRS training – teachers will be getting a workday to work on LETRS units (very time-consuming, but beneficial for both teachers and students in the long run) 4-5: Working on having a collaborative zone day to look at writing standards and a plan to assure writing instruction looks similar in ELA classrooms.</p> <p>3rd Grade: Ms. Towns – Foundations (phonics) is new for 3rd this year, and Ms. Towns said it is very successful for their students because they are reinforcing concepts taught in prior years, but is also able to use assessments to direct specific instruction towards students based on need.</p> <p>Data/SIP: Reading: Positive trends in both reading; 5th grade has already met their reading goal. Math: We are working on increasing numbers, but across the zone, numbers are very similar. Possibly due to the implementation of new standards – but we are keeping a close eye to assure an increase of scores by the end of the year.</p>		
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Student Numbers and Attendance: Attendance (year to date): 95.1% Above the average percentile for attendance (95%) Current student numbers: 864 Kindergarten Registration starts on March 2nd for the 2024-25 school year.</p> <p>Language Lab and iReady Lab 7 a.m.: Language Lab is continuing to be successful for our ESOL students iReady Lab: Began on Monday; students are able to go work on iReady prior to the start of the school day Community Outreach (MUST, Food Drive, PBIS Service Projects): K, 2nd, and 4th grade made valentines and delivered to an assisted living home. Residents there were thrilled to receive (and get hugs) from the students and teachers.</p>		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>2/15: 1st Grade Performance and PTA Meeting</p> <p>2/19-23: February Break</p> <p>3/4-8: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>3/12: Remote Learning Day</p> <p>3/22: Spring Book Fair (Volunteers needed)</p> <p>3/23: Science Olympiad at River Ridge High School</p> <p>3/29: Quarter 3 PBIS Assembly</p> <p>Spirit Nights: 1 a month</p> <p>Future IKES PTA Plans</p> <p>Fundraising to support 1:1 student devices: We just got 25 more devices for 2nd grade, and ordered 10 more to be officially 1:1 in 2nd Grade. 1st grade is getting laptops pushed down to them, so Ms. Cerasoli will check in with them at the beginning of next year to see what they need. The next big focus is getting devices 1:1 for kindergarten (preferably iPads).</p>
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