



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School  
School Council

DATE: 4/17/2024

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, Tania Beavers, Jennifer Stebbins, Colleen DeLosh, Jennifer Long, Megan O'Keeffe, and Dr. Peggy Rein
GUEST ATTENDEESS	Lauren Abrams, Jennifer Lewis, Callie Leming



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## Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC: Library/Media Center Updates

PRESENTER: Jennifer Lewis & Callie Leming

DISCUSSION	<p>Library Updates: Items circulated are a little under compared to last year although Sora has increased since last year. There have been multiple lessons covered within the library across grade levels. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade were able to create a 3D Printed Snowmen that allowed students to have a lot of creativity using technology. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students worked on reference skills doing a Lego Reference Skills activity. During this activity they were able to put a Lego figure together while learning how to use reference skills/tools. 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Readopoly. Mrs. Lewis created a board on Canva and during the game students had the gameboard on laptops to participate. 4<sup>th</sup> graders worked on reading skills while traveling along the Oregon Trail. As they would complete an activity, they would receive a stamp at each landmark. Mrs. Lewis is also working on a 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell. The farewell will include each student receiving a form with their name and the first book they checked out from the library along with how many books they checked out over the years. This will be a surprise for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Sequoyah library teamed up for Books and Basketball. This was an opportunity for students to meet Sequoyah basketball players and receive a ticket to a basketball game. This event had good attendance. The Spring Book Fair was a success. Thank you for all that participated. IKES earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Cherokee County Reading Bowl. The Tome Society It List is out, and books have been in Sora so students can begin reading online over the summer for Reading Bowl. Millie is the book that they will begin with next year. There are ten books on the list, but the county will focus on seven that will be assessed for the Reading Bowl. Students participated in Georgia Picture book Award Voting within the library. This activity has encouraged the students to have great discussions regarding books shared and read. During the March Madness Reading initiative, students were engaged with author visits, activities, and dressed-up for book character day. Sequoyah Regional Library System had their Hype Night on 4/17/2024 from 5 – 7 at R.T. Jones Public Library. Ms. Cerasoli sent out information regarding event to parents. End of the year/summer goals for the library include preparing for next year, weed the “everybody” section, promote summer learning, and complete inventory for end of the year. It was asked if volunteers are needed, and Mrs. Lewis said yes. Please contact Mrs. Lewis if interested in assisting. It was asked what happens to the books that are weeded out? Mrs. Lewis explained that the county said they can be used by teachers in class library or sent home with students. If sent to the county, they will auction it out. The books in the front of the school are available for parents and kids to use and Mrs. Abrams goes through them.</p>		
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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	Academic updates – The universal screening window for all of the assessments is currently open. We currently have 4% below grade level in math but students are still assessing. A member asked about iReady going away next year, but that is not true. iReady is continuing to work on aligning with new math standards. GaDOE Literacy has a list of curriculum possibilities that counties will have to choose from. There are samples that are available to review online. There was specific criteria that needed to be met to be listed on GaDOE website. District just purchased Flyleaf Publishing which assists with decoding. The district also purchased Magnet readers which are accessible to all teachers to use. Flyleaf Publishing has great free resources to use too. We will continue to work on service projects and Mrs. Abrams has applied again for Promising Practice.		
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Staffing – A member asked why we lost a K allotment, but 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> gained an extra allotment? Mrs. Cerasoli explained how numbers of students on a grade level impact allotments. Amy Parks is a transfer and will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup>. Tiffany Mixson was a teacher at Johnston and will also be teaching 4<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie Hoppersberger will teach AIM and be split between here and Avery. Afton Roberts will be moving from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Technology teacher on specialists’ team and is MIEE certified. Roberts has been very involved in our digital technology team. Kristen Brooks will be retiring in Nov. Faith Sandell is a new hire and will be teaching Special Ed. IKES will have two AU classes, one primary K-2 and one for 3-5. Amy Blanton is from Etowah and will work with grades 3 – 5 AU class and Barbara Haley will work with the primary K-2 class. Lauren Pittman is MIEE and will be IKES Special Ed Facilitator. IKES lead custodian started yesterday. IKES is still looking for another custodian and a lunchroom person part-time. Katie Malcolm and Megan Malecek will be transferring to Dean Rusk Middle. Matt Jackson will be transferring to Woodstock Middle School. Terri Harris will be retiring at the end of this year. Sophie Morton will be going to Forsyth County and Amy Peppers will be going to Cobb County.</p> <p>Facility - AU classes will be on the 200 hall with a sensory room across from the rooms. PTA will be moved to 307. New flooring will be placed throughout the building during the summer.</p> <p>Attendance – Attendance continues to be monitored by the counselors. IKES average attendance percentages are at 95.1% .</p>		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>There was a PTA meeting prior to the kindergarten program that took place on 4/18/2024. There will be a PTA Spring Family Engagement Night at the school that will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Field Day will begin in May. If you are interested in helping with the snacks on field day, please sign-up on the volunteer sheet. This will take place on the following dates; 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/14, 5/15, and 5/16. Spirit nights will continue. Future plans include fundraising to support 1:1 student devices and replacements. Mrs. Cerasoli is working with PTA to replace playground equipment and put down new mulch on the playgrounds. PTA sent out an email to staff regarding teacher grants and staff should put receipts in PTA boxes. Mrs. Cerasoli has had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis and shared how they focused on “grows and glows” within the county. During their meeting principals discussed with her how the county communicates, curriculum, best practices, and prioritizing budgets. Mrs. Cerasoli shared how approachable Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis is and that she will be sharing her vision and focus at the next school board meeting.</p>		
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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TIME	8:27
NEXT MEETING	2024/2025 School Year

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