



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School
School Council

DATE: 9.11.2024

MEETING TIME: 7:30 am

MEETING LOCATION: ILS Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Kim Cerasoli
NOTE TAKER	Peggy Rein
BOARD ATTENDEES	Kim Cerasoli, Lauren Abrams, Jennifer Stebbins, Peggy Rein, Tania Beavers, Heather Towery, Kristine Fletcher, Melanie Muhlfelder
GUEST ATTENDESS	

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC: School Council Training

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	Annual School Council Training: New members Heather Towery, Kristine Fletcher, and Melanie Muhlfelder were welcomed. Ms. Cerasoli shared a presentation about the purpose of school council, election processes, and how council meetings should officially proceed.		
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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	<p>“Elevate the Excellence” – Curriculum and Instruction is now officially named “Academics and Accountability, with a focus on Standards Based Initiatives (raising the students up and increasing the rigor for effective student learning).</p> <p>Instructional Funds: Being used to elevate the excellence for teachers</p> <p>Kindergarten through 3rd Grade teachers are all currently training in the LETRS program – by the end of the year teachers in those grade levels will be fully LETRS trained.</p> <p>Teacher Book Study: The book “Shifting the Balance” was purchased for teachers (two versions – a K-2 version and a 3-5 version). Ms. Abrams broke the books into sections to focus on and teachers are extending their learning of research-based science of reading practices to bring to their classrooms.</p> <p>Classroom Lesson Guidance – teachers have a copy of the Classroom Lesson Guidance expectations for all content areas; will begin focusing and training on 3-act tasks.</p> <p>New ELA Standards: New ELA standards will be rolled out next year – teachers begin training and learning the new standards in PLCs beginning tomorrow. We discussed the new ELA curriculum that the county will be decided on – a decision will be made by December. They discussed a preview of the different curriculum options in the district, but as of now there is no date for this.</p> <p>Universal Screeners for Students: For math, we are still using iReady as we have in years past, but for ELA we moved from EasyCBM to the STAR Screener (by Renaissance). Teachers shared that so far they are liking STAR much more because it gives them a more comprehensive look at each individual learner.</p> <p>Universal Screener Reports will be sent home to each parent through ParentSquare (new this year)</p> <p>We reviewed Beginning of the Year data for ELA and Math, and also ELA Milestones percentages from last year.</p>		
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Staffing and Student Numbers: Staff: Ms. Dana Martineau will be returning in November. Mrs. Jackie Easterling is currently here at IKES as a supply teacher for Ms. Martineau. Ms. Kristen Brooks will be retiring in November, so Mrs. Easterling will be taking her place.</p>		
DISCUSSION	<p>Ms. Abrams: Continuing her new teacher mentoring with the two new special education teachers, Ms. Newberry and Ms. Sandell.</p> <p>IKES added 2 new classrooms this year – the Reach program – one K-2 room, one 3-5 room</p> <p>School Enrollment: Council noticed a trend of lower enrollment in each grade level – 5th grade has the highest number, while K has the lowest.</p> <p>District-wide school improvement goals include reading, math, and attendance</p>		
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TOPIC: Qualities of a Principal

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	Reviewed the Leadership Qualities of a Principal from last year – Ms. Cerasoli asked the council if there was anything that should be added or changed, and no members had any present change requests. Ms. Cerasoli asked the council to look over the list and if they think of anything to let the council know.		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Book Fair (ongoing this week)</p> <p>Cherrydale School Fundraiser (starts 9/24)</p> <p>Homecoming Parade with TOTY: 10/9</p> <p>Monster Boo Bash: 10/18</p> <p>Spirit Nights will continue this year (Brusters, McDonald's, Buffalo's, etc.)</p> <p>Monster Boo Bash: Fall festival-style with vendors, food trucks, inflatables, and trick-or-treating. Room Parents will be getting involved and working with PTA to make it a fun event for all involved. Hickory Flat Fire Department and local police officers are being invited as well.</p> <p>Future Plans:</p> <p>Begin looking at devices that need to be replaced in order to keep our school 1:1 for students and technology.</p> <p>PTA: Fundraising to possibly build a playground for special needs students, as well as repairing and replacing parts of our current playgrounds.</p>		
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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TIME	8:44 am
NEXT MEETING	11/29/24

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