



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School
School Council

DATE: 12.4.2024

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 ATTENDEESS	Jennifer Lewis, Lilian Boggs

Agenda Items



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TOPIC: Media Center Presentation

PRESENTER: Jennifer Lewis

DISCUSSION	<p>Media Center Presentation:</p> <p>Mrs. Lewis shared statistics for the media center from August 1st through November 27th (books checked out, story times, etc.)</p> <p>371 Books have been added to the collection this school year.</p> <p>Students have access to different programming software to work on in the media center.</p> <p>13,721 items in the media center, and the average age of our collection is 2010 (items per student is 16.1)</p> <p>Aged titles: 41%</p> <p>2019 & newer: 15%</p> <p>Mrs. Lewis is currently weeding the more unused items to make room for items based on student interests and teacher requests/needs.</p> <p>SORA: SORA is an eBook and audio platform; top readers on SORA are recognized on the morning news; IKES is usually one of the top 3 schools in the district on SORA</p> <p>1st and 2nd grade classes completed lessons on how to access and utilize all the features of SORA.</p> <p>Budget: 73.8% of the media center budget is for books</p> <p>Book Fair: IKES made a \$4,463.09 profit this fall (currently waiting on a \$492.62 bonus from the company) – we used Bedford Falls for our book fair, but our spring book fair will be through a different company (Literati)</p> <p>You Choose Books are becoming popular with students – many are based on historical events or science concepts.</p> <p>With our tech lab teacher Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Lewis is working to get all IKES students ConnectED certified (showed example of Microsoft Teams lesson where Kindergartners visited New York City)</p> <p>Beginning Readers: Mrs. Lewis shared books that are designed for beginning readers and helps build confidence for readers of all levels.</p> <p>We have 2 new 3D printers in the media center that students are learning to use – Mrs. Lewis has created videos for students to be able to use the printers independently.</p> <p>Fan Clubs: Mrs. Lewis has created Fan Clubs, where students can work to finish different book series and help support the continuation of reading as students get older (to avoid the “Decline by 9”)</p> <p>Media Center Goals for Spring: Nonfiction Book Stops, Collection Development, Spring Author Visit, and Increase Circulation among 2nd and 3rd Grade</p>		
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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	<p>"Elevate the Excellence"</p> <p>Academics/PD Updates: Working with an external contractor to audit resources – ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies are being reviewed.</p> <p>Working to identify gaps and redundancy and focused on the tight alignment to inform standards-based instruction.</p> <p>New ELA Curriculum: Was supposed to be decided sometime in December, but they are giving grace to decide into the spring to assure we are getting what students truly need.</p> <p>School Improvement Goals: ELA is broken up into 2 groups – reading proficiency and ELA as a whole.</p> <p>Reading Proficiency and ELA Action Steps: Utilizing differentiated small groups to meet the needs of individual learners; Utilize deliberate practice strategies in independent work; Utilize meaningful and timely teacher feedback to facilitate the understanding of their goals and progress.</p> <p>Data: We are currently in the midst of our Winter Benchmarks using STAR and iReady</p> <p>Senate Bill 48: Dyslexia Bill – providing guidelines for identification and support of students in K-3 with characteristics of dyslexia.</p> <p>Dyslexia Screener now being used in K-3 – teachers shared that the information they receive from the new screeners is much more beneficial than from assessments past.</p> <p>Data from Ms. Cerasoli's meeting at county yesterday:</p> <p>At or above grade level reading: 79.91% (down 0.80)</p> <p>(Above grade level: 45,43%!) </p> <p>Student Attendance: 90.22% (up 1.70)</p> <p>Beyond the Core: 99.88% (no change)</p>	
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Staffing: Fully staffed for the 25-26 school year Ms. Kristen Brooks is officially retired, and Ms. Jackie Easterling is back on staff full time as an EIP teacher.</p> <p>Currently waiting on approval for one new custodian, and we will be fully staffed.</p>	
DISCUSSION	<p>Current Student Numbers and Attendance were shared by Ms. Cerasoli</p> <p>No notice of redistricting, so if new builds are within IKES district, they will be attending IKES</p>	
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TOPIC: CCSD 2024-2025 Budget Information

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>The superintendent and Ken Owen discussed local funding for education.</p> <p>The school board paid off bonds early to save taxpayers money.</p> <p>On the ballot, there was a cap for taxes that passed by 70%.</p> <p>There is a one-time board opt out, or they can reduce \$50 million in services over the next 3 years, and/or they can replace the revenue lost by the homestead exemption by increasing the Maintenance and Operations millage rate.</p> <p>(It works out to be a difference of \$150 per household)</p>		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Cherrydale School Fundraiser Pickup – tonight, 12/4/24 from 3:15-7 pm</p> <p>Raised approximately \$22,000 from this fundraiser.</p> <p>Staff PTA Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Exchange – 12/13/24</p> <p>New Parking Lot Lines - \$3,000 (funded by facility usage funds from things like CYB, Rising Hills, etc.)</p> <p>Spirit Nights will continue this year (Brusters, McDonald's, Buffalo's, etc.)</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> <p>PTA Penny Wars: January 2025</p> <p>PTA Bingo Night: March 2025</p> <p>PTA Staff Appreciation Week: Week of 3/17/25</p> <p>Color Run: PTA is planning this for some time in April</p> <p>Parent Discussion: Kona Ice – do we make a lot of money? Ms. Beavers and Ms. Stebbins shared concerns about Kona coming (unhealthy, distracting, etc.) Discussed the possibility of doing something different next year (we make about \$500 a day – funds go to technology and other things needed in the school)</p> <p>Lunchroom Extras: County policy states that students are allowed to buy what they want – parents can contact the county if they have concerns.</p> <p>Checking out during lunchtimes: Office staff may have to stagger lunch to have more than one person present at a time to find students for checkout</p>		
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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TIME	9:17 am
NEXT MEETING	2/12/25

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