



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School
School Council

DATE: 2.12.25

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, Heather Towery, Kristine Fletcher, Melanie Muhlfelder
GUEST ATTENDESS	

Agenda Items



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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	<p>"Elevate the Excellence"</p> <p>Academics/PD Updates: Review of the School Improvement Goals</p>	
DISCUSSION	<p>Curriculum Audit by the county – external company reviewed and determined Cherokee County has an abundance of resources, but alignment is inadequate (lack of core resources)</p> <p>CCSD is digital resources heavy and print resource light</p> <p>STAR Early Literacy Proficiency:</p> <p>K: decreased on watch by 3%, decreased intervention by 12%</p> <p>1st: decreased intervention by 6%, decreased urgent intervention by 7%</p> <p>2nd: decreased intervention by 9%, decreased urgent intervention by 5%</p> <p>3rd: decreased intervention by 6%, decreased urgent intervention by 26%</p> <p>STAR Reading Proficiency</p> <p>3rd: decreased on watch by 3%, decreased intervention by 2%</p> <p>4th: decreased intervention by 1%, decreased urgent intervention by 2%</p> <p>5th: decreased intervention by 4%, decreased urgent intervention by 1%</p> <p>SB 48 At a Glance: Dyslexia Screener</p> <p>108/567 Students identified</p> <p>19% of K-3 Students</p> <p>Encoding: Greatest Weakness overall (Encoding is the process of breaking a spoken word into each of its individual sounds, known as phonemes. Phonemes are the smallest units in our spoken language that distinguish one word from another.)</p>	
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Staffing Updates: Retirements Upcoming: Kim Cerasoli, Angela Archer, Lisa Huckaby, Patti Nations, Julie Bryant, Barbara Haley</p> <p>No allotments for next year yet; however, a kindergarten allotment is expected to be added based on current numbers</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Possible addition of an allotment in 1st grade as well based on Kindergarten class sizes</p> <p>Possible loss of allotment in 2nd grade (Ms. Huckaby retiring)</p> <p>4th and 5th Grade: Usually have an allotment of 11 teachers and Ms. Cerasoli pulls an allotment from another spot – will discuss with the new principal</p> <p>Possibly lose an EIP allotment (Ms. Nations retiring)</p> <p>New principal announcement – no date set, but should be soon – School Council will meet when an announcement is made</p> <p>Discussed the possibility of a Sequoyah Zone Foundation, including all of the schools in the zone to fundraise and focus on the needs of the Sequoyah Zone students. Mr. Van Alstyne (Sequoyah HS principal) is in charge of this project.</p> <p>Kindergarten registration will begin soon (have not gotten a specific date yet)</p>
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TOPIC: Georgia School Climate Survey Information

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	School Council was given a QR Code for the Georgia School Climate Survey Ms. Cerasoli is planning on sending the information out to parents after February Break
DISCUSSION	The Family Engagement Survey includes how well families are kept informed about school news, school safety, communication with stakeholders, how often families come in the building, etc. The results of the survey will be used in our school's CCRPI score. The Georgia Department of Education asks parents to answer questions to assist local schools in finding ways to partner with families.
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TOPIC: CCSD 2024-2025 Budget Information

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	The district is in the process of going through the “opt out” process. The school board is considering a resolution to opt out of the Statewide Floating Homestead Exemption as provided for in the Constitutional Amendment approved by voters in November 2024 and pursuant to House Bill 581. Adoption of the Resolution allows the School Board to access funding derived from homestead assessments in order to continue providing the best education for students and the community.		
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TOPIC: PTA and School News

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Spirit Nights will continue this year (Brusters, McDonald's, Buffalo's, etc.)</p> <p>February Break Reading Challenge: Students were provided with book review sheets and a reward of ice cream to bring completed sheets back after break,</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 Bingo Night: March 14, 2025</p> <p>Spring Book Fair: March 21-28</p> <p>PTA Staff Appreciation Week: Week of 3/17/25</p> <p>Color Run: April 18, 2025</p>				
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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kim Cerasoli
TIME	8:25 am
NEXT MEETING	4.16.25

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