



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes Notes

Indian Knoll Elementary School  
School Council

DATE: 4.14.25

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 ATTENDEESS	Jennifer Lewis, Lilian Boggs, Debra Murdoch, Matt Kimbrell, Potential Principal Candidate

Agenda Items



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TOPIC: Introduction of potential IKES 25-26 Principal

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli, Debra Murdoch

DISCUSSION	Dr. Murdoch thanked Mrs. Cerasoli for her service to Cherokee County Schools and Indian Knoll Elementary. Ms. Cerasoli excused herself temporarily from the meeting.	
DISCUSSION	Dr. Murdoch introduced the potential candidate for the new Indian Knoll principal beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The potential candidate introduced themselves and conversed with council, sharing professional viewpoints and their visions for the future of the students, staff, parents, and all stakeholders of Indian Knoll Elementary. Ms. Cerasoli rejoined the meeting, and Dr. Murdoch, Mr. Kimbrell, and the potential principal candidate excused themselves so council could proceed with the scheduled meeting.	
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TOPIC: Media Center Updates

PRESENTER: Jennifer Lewis

DISCUSSION	<p>Mrs. Lewis updated council on Media Center data for the year through April 13, 2025. Book checkouts are about average for this time of year; the only difference she has seen this year is Sora usage being down from previous years. She stated that IKES is usually # 1 or 2 in the county for Sora usage, and right now we are bouncing between # 3 or 4. Teachers shared that it may be due to some teachers limiting usage of Sora in their classrooms due to students not staying on task and trying to play other games instead of reading, requiring teachers to use physical books versus digital books. Ms. Towery asked if there were ways Mrs. Lewis could pull reports based on specific classroom teacher usage to determine proper usage in her classroom – Mrs. Lewis was looking into it.</p> <p>Spring Book Fair – used the Literati company for our 80s themed book fair. Mrs. Lewis shared we had over \$18,000 in sales, and we get to keep 25% of that to buy new books.</p> <p>IKES Reading Bowl Team: Came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the county after a tiebreaking round against Hickory Flat ES.</p> <p>Completed an author visit with author Carmen Deedy – teachers and admin were sharing how wonderful the experience was and how engaging Ms. Deedy was with all learners.</p> <p>Mrs. Lewis stated that she will be focusing on purging some of the older nonfiction titles in the media center that are no longer as relevant as they were in the past to make room for new nonfiction text.</p> <p>Mrs. Lewis will be focusing on supporting students and teachers with the implementation of the new ELA standards during the next school year.</p>		
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TOPIC: Curriculum Updates

PRESENTER: Lauren Abrams

DISCUSSION	The county has adopted new curriculum for both Math and ELA: Savaas	
DISCUSSION	<p>Teachers are beginning to see Savaas resources populate in Clever, although there is not full access yet. The goal for the county is for teachers to have manuals in hand prior to summer break.</p> <p>Reviewed IKES SIP (School Improvement Plan) and goals</p> <p>Instructional Rounds: "Autonomy tied to accountability." The country will be conducting instructional rounds to see what IKES teachers and students are accomplishing in classrooms to assure accountability while also allowing teachers the autonomy to teach their students based on their needs.</p>	
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TOPIC: Current News and Updates

PRESENTER: Kim Cerasoli

DISCUSSION	<p>Ms. Ceraoli reviewed the staff list for the 2025-2026 school year, including the new and returning team leads.</p> <p>Changes in staff:          Heather Ivers: coming to kindergarten          Lexi Barnes: moving back into a 1<sup>st</sup> grade position</p>	
DISCUSSION	<p>Jackie Easterling: moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from EIP; Kristin Towns will be taking the EIP position          Chelsea Criviston: part time EIP position          Melina Henry: AIM (one day a week)          Sadi Faucett: REACH classroom (AU)          Debbie Wallace: switching to a part time psychologist position          Pauline Giardino: school psychologist</p> <p>The only current opening IKES has right now is a part time Kindergarten para position</p> <p>Retirements Upcoming: Lisa Huckaby, Julie Bryant, Patti Nations, Angela Archer, Barbara Haley</p> <p>Budget Information: All teachers/school employees will be receiving a 3% raise</p> <p>Field Days Upcoming:          K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades: May 6, 7, 8          3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: May 13, 14, 15          Rain Makeup Days on Fridays</p> <p>Security for Field Day and End of Year Parties: Wristbands will be sent home with students (by request of parents). Wristbands must be worn to gain entry to end of year events. If parents/adults forget wristbands, they must check in at the office and get a sticker.</p> <p>School Officer: Will be on campus all day beginning next school year</p>	
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NEXT MEETING	Fall 2025
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