Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

# Indian Knoll Elementary School
# School Council

DATE: 12.16.25 MEETING TIME: 7:00 am MEETING LOCATION: IKES Conference Room

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Erica Morrie |
| TYPE OF MEETING | Regular Meeting |
| PRINCIPAL | Erica Morrie |
| NOTE TAKER | Peggy Rein |
| BOARD ATTENDEES | Erica Morrie, Jennifer Stebbins, Peggy Rein, Heather Towery, Kristine Fletcher, Melanie Muhlfelder, Derek Townsend |
| GUEST ATTENDESS | |

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TOPIC: IKES Updates PRESENTER: Erica Morrie

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| DISCUSSION | **Staff Changes**<br>Mrs. Towns will be officially retired as of Friday, December 19. |
| DISCUSSION | Hope Wells (currently part-time EIP) will transition into the full-time position.<br>Leslie Bland will assume the part-time EIP role.<br>A long-term substitute will cover for Lois Boggs starting in January.<br>**Traffic and Tardies**<br>The addition of a new crossing guard has significantly improved morning traffic flow and reduced tardies.<br>Tardy numbers are down compared to last school year.<br>**IKES Believes & Toy Drive**<br>Both initiatives are going well and receiving strong participation.<br>December 19: No visitors will be allowed in the building (student-centered activities only). Filming will take place for parents to view later.<br>**Recognition**<br>Support Staff of the Year: Lois Boggs<br>Teacher of the Year: Brandy McConnell |
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TOPIC: Curriculum and Data Updates PRESENTER: Erica Morrie

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| DISCUSSION | **IKES SIP Review**<br>• Discussed continued focus on **literacy** and **deconstructing standards** to strengthen instructional practices.<br><br>**Milestones Review**<br>• Approximately **50% of students are not performing at expected levels**.<br>• Priority will be on strategies to **increase student success**.<br><br>**STAR/iReady Benchmarks**<br>• Winter benchmarks have been completed.<br>• Reviewed **Fall-to-Winter data trends** to guide instructional adjustments.<br><br>**CCRPI Data** |
| DISCUSSION | • Areas of focus: **Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness**.<br>  ○ **Content Mastery:** IKES did not meet target performance in **ELA** or **Math**; these will be key areas of focus this year.<br>  *Science exceeded target performance.*<br>  ○ **Closing the Gaps:** Fell short with a score of **33.3** compared to **district: 74.1** and **state: 75**.<br><br>**New Resources**<br>• Teachers report that new resources have been **beneficial for instruction**, providing autonomy and flexibility to supplement with materials that best support student learning.<br><br>**Behavior and Discipline**<br>• Positive trend: **fewer classroom disruptions** and improved overall behavior.<br><br>**Technology & Skills**<br>• Mrs. Fletcher raised concerns about **typing skills** and their impact on Milestones performance.<br>• Ms. Towery highlighted resources available through **Mrs. Roberts's Tech Lab course card on Canvas**. |
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TOPIC: Curriculum and Data Updates Continued PRESENTER: Erica Morrie

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| DISCUSSION | 4th & 5th Grade Writing<br><br>• New resource **Write Score** purchased.<br>  ○ Provides **writing instruction tools and assessments** aligned with Milestones.<br>  ○ Offers **teacher feedback** to improve writing instruction and student outcomes. |

TOPIC: CCSD News and Updates PRESENTER: Erica Morrie

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| DISCUSSION | Policy & Priority Reviews<br><br>• Reviewed Superintendent's Key Priorities, BAB Board Policy, and IFAD guidelines.<br><br>Upcoming Changes<br><br>• Beginning next school year:<br>  ○ K–8 students will not be permitted to use phones during instructional time (phones must remain put away).<br><br>Safety Initiatives<br><br>• The district is considering pursuing the Georgia Emergency Preparedness Seal to strengthen safety protocols. |

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TOPIC: PTA News PRESENTER: Erica Morrie

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| DISCUSSION | Holiday Shop<br><br>• The Holiday Shop was very successful, and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.<br>• Consideration for a new location next year to improve flow and accessibility.<br><br>Upcoming Events<br><br>• January/February: *Pastries for Parents*<br>• March: *Bingo Night* |

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| AJOURNMENT CALLED BY | Erica Morrie |
| TIME | 8:05 am |
| NEXT MEETING | 2/24/26 |