Indian Hills Committee for Parent Involvement (CPI)

General Council Meeting- Agenda
Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 12:00 pm
Google Meeting Link: CPI General Council

Welcome and Introductions – 12:01 Call to order

Secretary's Report - Linda

February CPI Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Jen, Second Emily
Linda's last CPI Meeting

Treasurer's Report - Lisa

February/March 2025 Financial Reports –

- Scholarship was written for $1,000 less than what it was supposed to but it may be okay.
- Check for Bounce House was written for graduation party.
- Motion to approve Kelsi , Second Jen
- Leng will also be leaving the role

New Business

April 24 - Last IH Parents Coffee Social, 9:30-10:30 am @ Barnes & Noble on University Ave.

- Last coffee social for the year.
- Every once in a while we get someone new and it helps them to get connected to the Indian Hills Community
- May have an event at Pelican Post for incoming 7th grade parents.

Incoming 7th Grade Outreach - Elementary School Parent Group Visits / Informational Flyer

- Emily and Kelsi will be going to Crossroads and Westridge to meet 6th grade parents to help ease the transition into Indian Hills.
- Help parents understand the culture and expectations for middle school.
- Haven't heard back from Clive and Crestview but will still send the materials and link

Staff Recognition Committee - Indian Hills Teachers

- It's a party that is put on from West Des Moines School Foundation. Every staff is invited to the party. It is at Smashpark this year. We celebrate retirements, milestones, etc…
- Several retirees from Indian Hills are retiring.
- Several staff members have reached milestones upwards of 30 years with Indian Hills.
- There will be an email along with a link to contribute to this party. It is 100 percent put on by the committee.

2025 - 2026 CPI Slate:

8th Grade Chair - Kelsi Salmon
7th Grade Chair - Amy Seidelman
Treasurer - Emily Mayfield
Secretary – Ashley Thoreson
Motion to approve Jen, Second Whitney

Open CPI Committee Positions

-2 x Teacher Appreciation – Jen and Amy have done an amazing job.
-Apparel - 7th grade Chair -
-School Supplies -

7th grade chair Conference Meals -

…and potentially more!

Let Emily know if anyone is interested or if you do not want to do it next year.

Report of Standing Committees

Career Day – Nicole – Teacher felt that this was the smoothest, most organized career day.

- Huge shout out to Jamie. It was a successful Career Day.

Staff Appreciation - PD Day Breakfast- April 18 / Staff Appreciation Week- May 4-8 - Jennifer/Amy

- Mary is planning an amazing breakfast for PD Day.
- 90s theme - Nachos for Cinco De Mayo, etc…
- There will be a sign up going out soon.

IH Restaurant Night ideas - Amy

- Contacting Gilroy's to get something organize.

8th Grade Party Planning – Suyau

- Doing similar things to last year. Bounce house is ordered, T-Shirts are being ordered, DJ has been reserved and also the mascot reserved.
- Sign up going out soon for donations for the party.
- Outdoor games will be available.
- Tents – Do parents donate this?

Principal/Assistant Principal Update – ISASP is coming up next week. Cameron will have a message each day of the ISASP testing. Will be reminding the kids about getting a good night sleep, eat a good breakfast, etc… Potentially bringing NeeDoh back.

CPI Q & A - Seniors Come Back event – Need to figure out the details for this.

Adjourn @12:30 pm

Indian Hills Committee for Parent Involvement (CPI)

Parent Body Meeting- Agenda
Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 12:30 pm
Google Meeting Link: Parent Body Meeting Link

Welcome and Introductions – (24 participants) Emily – Welcome to all parents. Big thank you to Cameron and Jamie and Lori for being an amazing team.

Principal's Update - Cameron Wendt & Jamie Ehlert

Career Day Update – Career Day went well. 40 presenters – wide variety from lawyer, dentist, police, welder, etc… Virtually everyone had props with them so students were hands on. Everyone came. Students were very engaged. Thanks to the CPI for the wonderful breakfast.

Incoming freshman sports visits – This week we pull in varsity sports coaches to come in and talk to 8th graders regarding opportunities at Valley Southwoods/Valley. They talk about summer camps, summer lifting, etc… Coach will gather the info and send out information to students who are interested. Check out Bound website for summer camps.

New hires at Indian Hills! – We have several staff members retiring so interviews have been conducted over the last 2 weeks. Almost all open positions have been filled. GT position is the only one that has not been filled yet. Due to Walnut Creek closing, some positions have been filled with those teachers. There were several qualified/strong candidates. We are excited for the new school year with these new teachers.

Indian Hills Q & A - Cameron Wendt & Jamie Ehlert

Upcoming Events

April 17 - No School/Professional Development Day

April 24 - Last IH Parents Coffee Social @ Barnes & Noble in Clive (University Ave.)

- Will send out more information on this.

May 4-8, 2026 - Teacher Appreciation Week

- 90s theme

IH Teacher/Staff Favorite Things: https://tinyurl.com/2vb8f9n3 - Please take a look at this list for any special things that your child can get specifically for their teachers.

See next page for how to support IH teachers/staff retirees and milestones!

- Please consider donating to the WDMCS Party for all WDMCS staff.

June 1 - 8th Grade Party

Guest Speaker - Rob Randazzo, incoming Principal, Valley Southwoods

- Welcome to Mr. Randazzo – 28 years in education. Most of his time was teaching middle school and high school as a math teacher.

- Wife is an English teacher. 4 students – 3 girls and a boy
- Currently the Vice Principal at Hoover.
- Possibly planning on bringing some new sports, ie: boys volleyball. Helping to create opportunities for more kids to be connected to school.
- Case-Its at Southwoods? All students use backpacks at Valley Southwoods.
- What about Southwoods excites you? Majority of Rob's time in the classroom was spent with freshmen.
- Rob wants to know how to stay engaged with parents.
- Working on a time for Rob to meet the Indian Hills 8th graders.

Adjourn @ 1:15

