

Indian Hills Elementary—School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021
7:30 a.m. on Zoom

In attendance:

SCC Committee Members: Tom Luthy, Kim Johnson, Katie Moore, Roshawn Starr, Robyn Rudge, Keli Beard, Elliot Lof, Barb Dahl Fassl

Absent: none

Others: Suzanne Kingsford--PTA

1. Approve Minutes:
 - a. February 10: Roshawn motioned to approve; Kim seconded
 - b. March 4: Kim motioned to approve; Roshawn seconded
2. SIC Report: The SIC met on February 23, 2021 and discussed administrative/housekeeping matters as well as the budget and the FTE positions. The SIC met on March 3 to review the budget in a nearly identical meeting to the March 4 emergency SCC meeting.
3. Principal's Report:
 - a. Teachers have a lot on their plates with dual modality teaching. Wednesdays are important to allow teachers to get on top of things. Tom hopes that next year the school is back to 5 days/week. Teachers are now training for end-of-year testing.
 - b. Kids are doing great—they are following directions, wearing their masks, distancing, etc.
 - c. Buses are arriving closer to on time (rather than 15 minutes late).
 - d. IHE has almost 90% of enrolled kids back in the classroom with 10% online.
 - e. There hasn't been any COVID-19 transmissions in school and at the first sign of any sickness parents are getting kids tested.
 - f. The school has been joyful with the kids back on campus.
 - g. FTEs
 - i. IHE is moving to 3 full-time kindergarten teachers.
 - ii. The FTE position (due to retirement of a teacher) opened internally, although no teacher within the school has applied. The position will be posted within the district next week and will then open to out-of-district candidates.
 - h. Katie thanked Tom and the faculty for doing a great job.

4. PTA Report:

- a. There is a PTA meeting today after the SCC meeting to plan the PTA calendar for the remainder of the year.
- b. The PTA is working with BOOT to come up with alternatives to the end-of-year carnival and art night. They are hoping to create more of a community event.
- c. The PTA will again consider marketing IHE to drive up enrollment and to generally let the neighborhood know about the great programs at IHE. The PTA, together with Conrad, is putting together a video and intends to expand social media and potentially mail out fliers.
 - i. One concern from community members with young kids is that they want to ensure that there will be 5-day school next year.
 - ii. SCC discussed drafting a letter to encourage Superintendent Madden to announce that next year will be 5 days/week and back to normal, barring disruptions to the current trend in the pandemic.
 - iii. Kim has heard that there is a lot of mistrust of the school board and district from community members.
 - iv. Suzanne mentioned that she's seen promotional signs for Judge and other elementary schools and would like to have signs promoting IHE in our neighborhood. The PTA will talk about it today.
- d. Kim doesn't know who the PTA president will be next year. The current PTA board is very small this year and they are putting out feelers for interested parents for next year.

5. School Land Trust Plan Budget:

- a. The SCC addressed this topic at the March 4 emergency meeting.
- b. Katie will reach out to Paula Plant regarding the rollover funds to see if IHE can roll over more than the normal amount.

6. School Safety:

- a. The East Bench Community Council is seeking grants to add a sidewalk to Beacon Dr. and the SCC may need to sign off in support. The SCC members indicated their support for the plan.
- b. Tom mentioned that there are kids still walking up the school driveway, but Tom and the sixth-grade crossing guards are working on this. There is still a problem with everyone walking through the parking lot, rather than using the cross walks, but overall, safety rules are being followed by most.
- c. Elliot mentioned that the *no right turn* sign isn't obvious enough and suggested a non-verbal sign that would pop out more. Tom is going to look into this.

7. Digital Learning Grant: The district rep is on leave so Tom didn't have any updates.
8. SCC Elections:
 - a. So far, the SCC elections have been really informal. The SCC sends out an email seeking interested volunteers, but there hasn't been a contested seat to date.
 - b. The SCC discussed the election notice requirements and will post notices for interested parents to attend the April 14th SCC meeting. If there are contested seats, the election will be held before the May SCC meeting so that the new members can be introduced at the May meeting.
 - c. There are two open seats—Barb is leaving the SCC because she will not have kids at IHE next year. Robyn's two-year term is up at the end of the year, although she indicated that she is willing to stay on the SCC for another term unless she loses an election in the event of a contest.
 - d. The SCC will not add additional seats to the council. Katie has spoken to both Melissa Ford and Paula Plant who both indicated that it is unusual for a SCC council to include more seats than is called for in the rules.
9. The council finished with all business 10 minutes early!
10. Kim moved to adjourn and Elliot seconded.