

Indian Hills High School TASC Minutes

A TASC meeting was held on November 23rd 2021. The following personnel were present:

Administration:

Dr. Gregory Vacca, Matt Bushta, Dan Guido

Committee Members:

Samantha Janiszak

Carly Hausch

MaryAnn Kopp

Michelle Patrickio

Joanne Braun

Edith LaChac

Old Business:

1. Is there a timeline on when student photos will be put into genesis?

Issue was resolved and photos are in as of 11/19

2. In the library when students sign in from study hall during all lunch periods it is coming up as lunch and not indicating what class they are currently enrolled in. This is only an issue during the lunch periods.

Issue was resolved on 10/28.

3. Bee infestation

Seems to be resolved. No one expressed any concerns regarding bees in their rooms.

4. Update on status of 400 wing women's faculty bathroom- it has been out of order for about 2 months now.

Matt Bushta said the plumbers were coming in over the long weekend to fix it.

New Business:

1. In the 700 wing girl's bathroom girls are getting locked inside. There was a freshman locked inside for a good 10 minutes. - she arrived to class a bit rattled by the experience.

Charlie said: Each restroom locking system is controlled by a magnetic lock; there is a small glass encased button to the left or right of the door that serves as the "emergency"

backup to unlock the door when the system malfunctions. He will have the 700-wing girl's restroom checked first by facilities and if they can't address it he will contact our vendor - LTW. Just a point of reference, we are about to start the process of removing all the magnetic locking systems (starting with student bathrooms) and electrifying the door strikes instead. It is a costly and work intense project but needed since the magnetic locking system is old technology.

2. When teachers are out and there is not enough substitutes to cover all classes they are being moved to other rooms like the auditorium where they are unable to complete the work because they do not have surfaces to work on to complete the assignment for the period.

Issues seems to be fixed recently since the sub pay was increased and more substitutes were approved by the district.

3. Shelf in old men's faculty bathroom

Put in school dude. The shelf was installed.

4. Faucet in the faculty room not working

Put in school dude on 11/16. Water has been shut off because a water filter needs to be put in.

5. The toilet paper dispenser in the middle stall of the 400-wing bathroom is currently taped since it is broken. Any update on that being fixed. It was put into school dude already.

Submitted in school dude on 11/17 and fixed on 11/18

6. When the smoke "dust" was in the girl's locker room the other week many students were coughing going back in to get their belongings. Is there a test that can be done to determine the air quality of the locker room is at the appropriate level?

The accumulation of dust from the construction and the then not using the lockers rooms during COVID resulted in the extra dust being collected and then released when the heat was turned on. The vents have been cleaned by a company and will again be checked thoroughly. The air will also be checked.

7. Is there a way to lower the decibels of the new updated PA system?

Greg said manual is short and there is no mention of doing so in the manual. They are going to be reaching out to the company to see if there is an alternate way to adjust bells. A consideration to think about is to even look into possibly purchasing an “add on” to change the tone of the bell.

8. Lack of heating is a concern in multiple parts of the building. Concerns have come from the 300 and 700 wing recently.

Greg said to continue putting these concerns in school dude. If we are able to create a paper trail then we might be able to see where the lack of heating is coming from. Another suggestion is to document each day so that maybe we get a better idea on what days it is warmer in the room during the week and what days it is cooler in the room during the week.

9. Vandalism seems to be on the rise in the bathrooms. A few years back the bathrooms were being monitored more closely with how many students could be in them at the same time. Is anything being done with the recent acts of vandalism?

There is a multi-tiered plan going into effect in the near future. The first stage is the ID check on Monday during period 3. Please see Dan Guido’s email and fill in the google doc for those who did not have an idea. Also, give them a form for a new ID.

10. Board and classrooms being cleaned- inconsistent in terms of cleaning of boards and desks are getting disgusting

Please continue to put these concerns in school dude. I understand the frustration and my hope is that they will start cleaning the boards, even once a week.

11. Book detector in library still not reinstalled

Greg is aware and he will look into it.

12. Toilet seat gender neutral bathroom loose- needs to be tightened

Put in school dude on 11/22

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