



IRON HORSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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“Never Underestimate the Power of a Jag....”

IRON HORSE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 8:00am [Virtual link](#)

Meeting start: 8:07 am

In attendance: Shawn Armstrong, Alyssa Robbins, Ajeeta Chaudhri, Marissa Norris, Alana Carroll, Martina Neonene, Tatelyn Chun, Mariam Ghadiali, Prashant Chandrasekhar, Lauren Wade

Missing: Michelle Hamon, Savir Gill,

Location of Meeting: Room 403: [Slides](#)

1. Comments/Questions from the Public/Discussion

none

2. Review/Approve [November Minutes](#) 8:09 am

- a. Shawn Armstrong motion to approve the minutes
- b. Alyssa Robbins seconds the motion
- c. All in favor of the motion - approved

3. Welcome newest member: Prashant Chandrasekhar 8:13 am

4. Family Engagement 8:15 am

- important to keep parents informed and engaged, what event could help to support family engagement and help parents support their kids?
 - a. math/science/reading night? electives night? kind of like AVID night
 - b. separate open houses, one for math, one for science etc., especially with parents learning different ways of math than their students
 - c. multicultural event leading up to P.E Olympics, PTA could help support, as well as the talent show
 - d. invite parents to the closing ceremony during Jag. day

- e. Family picnic, or barbecue during lunch, and bring your parents
- f. translating things for parents is important

5. Safety Plan Review 8:24 am

- done and approved, changes made last meeting

6. SPSA update 8:25 am

- School Plan for Student Achievement

- a. make sure students get the support they need, and have the resources they need to learn to increase proficiency in essential standards
- b. Equitable access to education and social emotional wellbeing by decreasing absenteeism
- c. Improve English Language Proficiency and Academic Success for English Learners

7. Data Dive for next year's SPSA: Notes 8:33 am

- Check in with English Learners and Students with Disabilities
- Chronic Absenteeism and Math are biggest focuses for the site
- lots of growth in math, language arts, and science overall
- Chronic Absenteeism - Chronic absenteeism percentages are going down since the pandemic. English Learners, Socioeconomically disadvantaged and students with disabilities are at risk in the yellow as well as Filipino students in the orange
- Students with disabilities need support in the most areas- math/ELA and absenteeism

8. Site Needs Assessment 8:58

- we will conduct a needs assessment to get a comprehensive picture of the needs at Iron Horse so our goals are intentional and meaningful

9. Student Update

- spirit day coming up, Jag day, and LTA Musical chairs

10. Next meeting Agenda Items

Meeting ended: 9:02 am

2025-26 Meetings
(at Iron Horse Middle School Library or virtually @ 8:00am)

- September 17th
- November 5th
- January 21st
- February 25th
- April 25th
- May TBD