

Illinois Valley High School  
Site Council (December/November)  
12/11/2025 - 8:30 AM

1. Welcome - Present: **Sheri Larson, Erin Rodman, Crystal Welch, Carrie Catterall**
  - a. Absent: **Erik Lathen, Jordan Anderson, Amy Schell-Lapora**
  - b. Last month's minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Review of the previous month
  - a. December/November theme - November was gratitude ~ students gave heartfelt shout outs to their teachers and received a crème pie. December's theme is Snow much fun. The students are playing reindeer games.
  - b. 3R/climate and culture update-
    - i. Positive Notes - going very well. There were 20 notes in 20 days competition. We will have another one after the holidays.
    - ii. Numbers update – As of December 11, 3023 positive notes have been sent out.
    - iii. RED – There is a huge increase in RED notes. Students are very sincere about writing RED notes to staff
  - c. Activities update -
    - i. OSAA sports- November ended football, boys' and girls' soccer & volleyball.
    - ii. Advisory and Friendsgiving – The day before Thanksgiving break, we had Friendsgiving in advisory. Students told what they were thankful for and had pumpkin pie.
    - iii. Spelling BEE – Paige Paul placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Morgan Clark place 3<sup>rd</sup> district wide. We are very proud of them for representing IVHS so well!!
  - d. Academic update
    - i. Incompletes - We have had a slight uptick in incompletes. Students will have a couple weeks after break to pull their grades up.
    - ii. Conferences – Theme was something to “TACO” bout. We had an excellent turn out this year. We served taco's (big hit) Thursday night.
    - iii. Attendance Initiatives – For the month of November we had a competition for attendance. Class vs Class...sophomores won. They were release early for lunch for a week. For December is the next competition. If the class has a 90% or better attendance, the staff is wearing a wig for the week. It's called the big wig contest.
  - e. Community Pow Wow – The pow wow was a hit. They had several 100 people show up.
3. What is on the Horizon
  - a. Winter break approaching - School is out December 19 ~ and students will return January 5.
  - b. Valley Holiday Gathering – Staff from IVHS, LBMS, and EV will have a holiday gathering December 18 at the Stoney Front.
  - c. Sports and activities-

- i. Sports – The winter sports are boys' and girls' basketball and boys and girls wrestling
  - ii. Last day before break – This will be an activity day where we have classes 1-7 In the morning. Then an assembly and student activities in the afternoon. There will be a gingerbread house competition, Mr. Lathen tells a funny staff "Twas the Night Before Christmas", cookie decoration, and movies.
  - iii. Advisory-The gingerbread contest is through Advisory.
- d. Scheduling 2nd semester update – Mrs. Hipps will change her prep to 4<sup>th</sup> period; Scott will change to 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully this will even out class sized.
- e. Learning walks and its Reflection - Jaime Szijjarto put this together. Teachers went to other classrooms to see how other teachers handle their classes. Teachers enjoyed it and got lots of ideas
- f. Accreditation Survey - We are in the middle of preparing our information to turn in.
  - i. Thoughts? -
  - ii. SIP –Discusses the School Improvement Plan and explained what it is.
- g. New Positions - Night Custodian ~ We hired Dylen Hall as the night custodian. He will work M-Th from 4:00 PM to 10:30 PM. He is replacing Mike Mier
- h. School Board Appreciation-. In January we will do something for the school board. A sign or?

4. Council recommendations- A question was asked about how to sign up to attend Booster Club and Senior Parent Grad Night Parth group.