

MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 24, 2018

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, with the following members present: Zeb Reid, Heather Camp, Taci Allen, Melissa Doolittle, Deena Connelly, Jessica Bullard, Zachary Willingham, Sissy Delesandro, Tiffani Lyles, Jennifer Moore, Meredith Fulmer, Melinda Sease, Jessica Felker, Kendal Boland, Ray Cooper, Parker Metts, and Will Murray. Visitors from our Teacher Cadet and Student Council were also present, Amie Wicker, Shanna Wicker, Riley Eldridge, Alexis Higbe, Deanna Meade, Courtnie Stafford, Alex Carrillo, Hillary Dana, Regan White, Emily Terry, and Ella DeNicola. The following items were distributed: an agenda, minutes from the April 2018 meeting, MCHS School Improvement Council PowerPoint Presentation, SC School Improvement Council Handbook, “The Basics” slide presentation, Bylaws, Academic Data, Strategic Plan, and 2018-2019 Parent Survey Results.

Welcome – Mr. Cooper welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time out of their schedules to be a part of the MCH School Improvement Council. He also recognized our Teacher Cadet and Student council students that were in attendance. Every year we receive great feedback/suggestions from SIC and we value everyone’s input. The feedback/suggestions that come from these meetings are heard and implemented. As we move forward SIC members will receive a lot of data/information.

Introductions - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the council.

Items of business:

- April 2018 Minutes – Sissy Delesandro read the minutes from our April 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved with one deletion/correction: Third Bullet (Summary Report) – delete bulleted item: Page 31 – Read to Succeed – Performance Goal 14 should be 15, Performance Goal 15 should be 16, and insert 51% at the end of Goal 16 to read “51% in 2023”.
- SIC “The Basics” (PowerPoint print out) & Handbook
 - SIC Training – Mandatory each year
 - What Is An SIC?
 - A School Improvement Council (SIC) is a broad-based community advisory group established to work with the principal to cultivate a positive school environment supporting student success.
 - As advisory bodies, SICs provide input, feedback, recommendations, resources, and support to the principal and school.
 - SIC does not hire, fire or evaluate staff, mandate curriculum changes, or possess funds.
 - What Do SICs Do?
 - Assisting and providing input for the Five-Year Improvement Plan (Strategic Plan) is the biggest thing that SIC will do. Everyone has received a copy of our Strategic Plan and we ask that you take it home and review it. We, as a council, will review it in more depth in the next couple of months and will begin with our goal-setting process.
 - The Summary Report (SIC Report to the Parents) is another document SIC is responsible for creating/editing.
 - Assist the principal with writing the SC School Report Card narrative. The Chairperson will sign this official document with the principal.
 - SIC Membership
 - Five (5) primary membership categories: Parents, Teachers, Students, Community Members, and Ex-Officio.
 - We have a large range of members.
 - Elected members serve staggered two-year terms
 - Convening SICs is the first step to effectiveness

- Setting SIC Goals
 - From Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan), SICs should set 3 to 5 goals. The Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan) is a living document that is prepared once every 5 years and updated annually and identifies school needs.
 - Student Achievement
 - Teacher and Administrator Quality
 - School Climate
- SIC Report to the Parents (Summary Report)
 - SIC writes this report outlining progress for the current school year as well as the end of the previous school year.
 - This document is published each year by April 30th. This date is set by the state.
- School Report Card Narrative
 - The principal with the assistance of SIC writes the narrative for the annual SC School Report Card.
- By-Laws – Reviewed by all in attendance. SIC members were asked to bring any questions that they may have concerning the By-Laws to our October meeting.
 - Article I – Name of Organization
 - Article II – Purpose
 - Article III - Representation and Membership
 - Article IV – Election and Appointment Procedures
 - Article V – Tenure
 - Article VI – Officers
 - The chairperson will be elected annually by the full council membership in the first council meeting of each academic year. Ex-officio members are not eligible to be an officer of the council.
 - Article VII – Duties of Officers
 - Article VIII – Meetings
 - Article IX – Training
 - Article X – Amendments
- Data
 - Academic Data – Some of our data has not yet been released/received from the State.
 - EOCEP (ELA, Alg1, BIO, US History)
 - Grad Rate
 - Report Card Rating
 - ACT
 - AP – Students who receive 3 or above on their AP test, receive college credit for that course.
 - College Freshmen Report – 1st Semester of College Freshmen Year. We have not received the data for our 2018 graduates. That information will not be ready until next year (2019).
 - Strategic Plan – Please review this plan and bring any questions and/or suggestions to our October meeting.
 - Parent Survey – This survey is given to parents/guardians to be completed during registration each year. We had 513 surveys completed this year.
- Elect Chairperson & Duties of Officer
 - The chairperson is the only elected officer; elected at 1st meeting. Ex-officio members are not eligible to be an officer. Heather Camp was nominated by Mrs. Lyles and Melissa Doolittle was nominated by Parker Metts. Mrs. Melissa Doolittle was elected as chairperson.
- Positive Share
 - Band Update – Kristi Scott, Band Booster Club President:
 - Summer fundraisers included 1 car wash (\$100), 4th of July even at NHS (\$500), Little Mountain Reunion BBQ sale (\$2500)

- Band marched in the Little Mountain Reunion Parade
- Steak supper is September 28th, sold just over 500 plates, supper is 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Band attended their first competition of the season, Boiling Springs Festival of Bands, on September 22nd. They competed against 3A and 4A schools. They received 1st place in Division III and Overall Silver Division (I-III) Grand Champions.
- Future Competitions:
 - September 29th – James F. Byrnes Tournament of Bands – Byrnes High School
 - October 13th – Pride of Pendleton Marching Classic – Pendleton High School
 - October 20th – 2A/4A Upper State – Boiling Springs High School
 - October 27th – 2A/4A State Championship – Spring Valley High School
- Athletic Update – Mr. Zeb Reid, Assistant Principal
 - Helps sponsor the Wall of Champions and the Wall of Fame.
 - Added seven former student athletes to the Wall of Fame this year and we have five so far for next year.
 - Working hard to fundraise and work concession stands.
 - Bought new wrestling mat.
 - Membership is up this year.
- Student Council Update – Will Murray, Student Body President
 - Homecoming Dance & Spirit Week – Mr. Reid thanked Student Council for a job well done.
 - Boofest will be Friday, October 26th, at the track field, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 - The 2018 District Rally will be held at the beginning of October.
- Next meeting
Monday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.