

**MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 22, 2018**

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, with the following members present: Sissy Delesandro, Ann Darr, Melissa Doolittle, Kristina Cannon, Nicole Frick, Zeb Reid, Jessica Bullard, Ray Cooper, Neda Epps, and Jessica Felker. The following items were distributed: an agenda, minutes from the November 2017 meeting, Mid-Carolina High School 2017 Report Card, and Leadership Questions/Executive Summary of Needs Assessment Data Findings.

*Welcome* – Mr. Cooper welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A special welcome to our newest member, Mrs. Jessica Bullard. Mrs. Bullard is the new Band Booster President.

*Items of business:*

- November 2017 Minutes – Minutes were approved as is with the following corrections/minor changes.
  - Page 1 – ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) – Third arrow, second half of last sentence should read as follows (changed “*with the need*” to “*with no need*”): *... the percentage of students who graduate ready to enter postsecondary education to pursue a degree or national industry credential **with no need** for remediation in mathematics or English.*
  - Page 2 – Accountability Metric – 100 Point Systems – School Rating – First bullet, second sentence. Add an “s” at the end of “*School*”. Sentence should read: ***Schools** would get an overall rating....*
  - Page 3 – Athletic Booster/Band Booster Update – Second arrow, third bullet, last sentence. Change “*completed*” to “*competed*”. Sentence should read: “*Eighth grader, Caroline Matney also **competed** in the event and did very well.*”
- 2017 School Report Card – The link is available on the South Carolina Department of Education Website: <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/state-report-cards/2017/view/?y=2017&t=H&d=3601&s=002>
  - ACT (Page 1) – Comparison – Our School, Our District, Statewide
    - We would like to increase our scores
    - All 3<sup>rd</sup> year high school students took ACT last school year
    - All 3<sup>rd</sup> year high school students choose to take either ACT or SAT this school year
  - Benchmarks (Page 2)
    - Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2017
  - ACT WorkKeys (Page 3)
    - Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2017
    - We are not sure if students will take WorkKeys this year.
  - EOC (End of Course Tests) & Graduation Rate (Page 4)
    - We are below the State average in some categories and are working hard to increase those scores.
    - Last year was the final phase out for Algebra 1A and 1B
    - Special needs students have not had to take EOC test in the past. We tested all 15 of our students this past year and they did fairly well. In the future we will just need to test those students coming into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, which will not be but a couple each year.
    - We do not count scores for students who take EOC while at the Middle School.
    - We had an increase in our five-year cohort graduation rate.
    - Each year we work really close with our twelfth grade students who are borderline or failing. We place them on an improvement plan in an effort to help them graduate.
  - SAT (Page 5)
  - Opportunities, Teacher Comparisons, School Profile, & Survey Results (Page 6 - 8)
    - Comparisons from 2016 to 2017 for a number of areas including: Poverty Level, Attendance Rate, Dropout Rate, Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees, Teacher attendance rate, Opportunities in the arts, Parents attending conferences, and Survey Results.

- We do not receive nearly enough Report Card Parent Surveys back from our parents. Report Card Surveys are distributed to all eleventh grade parents each year and this past year we received 9 back, which is around the number we receive back every year. We also administer an in-house parent survey during registration each year with basically the same questions as the Report Card Survey. The results of these surveys are very beneficial and we appreciate all of the input/suggestions from our parents.
- ACT WorkKeys (Page 7)
  - Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2017
  - We are not sure if students will take WorkKeys this year.
- Needs Assessment (School Improvement Plan)
  - We are at the end of our 5-year School Improvement Plan and to start the process of developing a new plan we will need to start with a comprehensive needs assessment to provide a focus for planning teams to set priorities for the plan.
    - A comprehensive needs assessment is essential to excellent planning.
    - The needs assessment is a required element of the school model planning process.
    - It provides information that will ensure that the school develops accurate, focused, and data-driven goals and action steps.
    - The needs assessment should culminate in a summary of results that represents the school profile and directs the planning process. Based on the needs assessment results, appropriate goals and action steps are developed that can reasonably be expected to lead to continuous improvement in student achievement.
- Groups (School Improvement Plan) – Groups were asked to look over the data distributed and answer the assessment questions. The group leaders were instructed to take notes. We will discuss our findings at the February 2018 meeting.
  - Group 1 - EOC
    - Ray Cooper (Leader), Ann Darr, Nicole Frick
  - Group 2 – Graduation Rate
    - Zeb Reid (Leader), Melissa Doolittle, Sissy Delesandro
  - Group 3 – College & Career Readiness
    - Neda Epps (Leader), Jessica Felker, Jessica Bullard
  - Group 4 – School Climate/Teacher & Administrator Quality
    - Kristina Cannon (Leader)
- Athletic Booster/Band Booster Update
  - Band Update – Jessica Bullard, New Band Booster Club President:
    - Most recent fundraiser was fruit. We sold about \$28,000 with a profit of about \$11,000.
    - Jazz Festival – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Band Handles Concessions
    - Spaghetti Supper – tentatively April 14<sup>th</sup> – Use of School Facilities Contract needs to be completed
    - Combined Middle School/High School winter concert was a success
    - First Annual Newberry County Honor Band Clinic was held January 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> at MCHS. Students from the five middle/high schools in the county auditioned and attended the clinic. We sold concession items to help cover the cost of the instructors. Students were given the music on Friday evening and performed a concert on Saturday evening and it was phenomenal.
    - Many of our students auditioned this past Saturday at Blythewood High School for Region Band. Three of those students receive All-State call backs to audition this weekend. Final Region Band placement will be announced after those auditions.

- MCHS and NHS have teamed up to create a Newberry County Winter Guard. We have two groups competing (Varsity and JV). The first competition is this weekend at Dorman High School.
  - The band is working hard to prepare for their trip to Disney. They will be marching in a parade at Magic Kingdom while there. The trip is planned for Spring Break.
  - Other performances coming up will include CPA in March, hopefully State level CPA, and the Spring concert.
- Athletic Update – Zeb Reid, Assistant Principal:
- Speaker Clay Hughes - Athletic Banquet – Wednesday, February 28
    - Lettered in baseball, football, and track at MCHS
    - Honor Roll and honor graduate from MCHS
    - Signed to play football Brevard College (Quarterback)
    - Lettered
    - Graduated from USC
    - Currently – SLED Officer
  - Wall of Fame 2018 – Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6 p.m. – Currently have 7 inductees for 2018
  - Weight Room Records Board – Men/Women
  - Boys and Girls Basketball Ball teams are very competitive this year
  - Wrestling numbers are up. Coach Flinchum is doing an outstanding job.
  - Banners
    - Elise Mills - added 2015, 2016, & 2017 State Tennis Champion
    - Ben Hawkins – 2017 SCHSL State Champion – 100 breaststroke
  - Cade Ruff accepted a football scholarship offer from Newberry College. He will sign in the Spring.
- Next meeting  
Monday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.