

MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 22, 2018

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, with the following members present: Heather Camp, Jessica Bullard, Danny Gilliam, Kendal Boland, Gerdi Lake, Taci Allen, Zeb Reid, Tiffani Lyles, Deena Connelly, Melinda Sease, Brian Brooks, Melissa Doolittle, Will Murray, Sissy Delesandro, Ray Cooper, Jessica Felker, and Brandon Armstrong. Visitors from our Teacher Cadet and Student Council were also present, Megan Grubbs, Anna Wicker, Georgia Summer, Amie Wicker, and Maggie White. The following items were distributed: an agenda, minutes from the September 2018 meeting, and MCHS School Improvement Council PowerPoint Presentation.

Welcome – Mr. Cooper welcomed everyone and thanked them their attendance. He let everyone know that our goal is to help make MCHS the best that it can be.

Introductions – SIC members and Student Council members that were not present at our September meeting were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Items of business:

- September 2018 Minutes – Sissy Delesandro read the minutes from our September 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved with one correction: Band Update – Kristi Scott should be Jessica Bullard.
- MCHS Data Share Out/School Improvement Plan – Over the next few months we are going to look over a lot of data and have the opportunity to digest and dissect it. There are areas that we are doing well in and then there are areas that we can do better in. Last year ended a plan and we have started a new plan.
 - SIC Meeting Objectives
 - Begin review of SIC and other school data such as survey results, test scores, and demographic information.
 - Begin ongoing monitoring of school’s progress toward achieving goals in the plan.
 - Student Achievement
 - Teacher and Administrator Quality
 - School Climate
 - Begin identifying areas of need or goals that SIC wants to focus on.
 - Preparing and Monitoring the School Improvement Plan (Strategic Plan)
 - State law requires that every public school in SC prepare a five-year School Improvement Plan. SIC’s are required to assist in the preparation and monitoring of this Plan.
 - Required Components – Must have at least one Performance Goal in each one of the required components. For each performance goal there must be an Action Plan created to reach the established performance goal.
 - Student Achievement
 - Teacher and Administrator Quality
 - School Climate
 - Data - Academic Indicators = 60%; School Quality and Student Success Indicators = 40%
 - Achievement (25 to 30 points under Academics)
 - The End of Course Exam is a statewide assessment program for Algebra 1, English 1. Our data is just for the students who take Algebra I and English I at the high school level. This does not include students that take these courses and therefore take their EOC while they are in middle school. We can’t count those scores with ours.
 - **Performance Goal 1:** The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the Algebra I EOC assessment will increase from 67.4% in 2017 to 74.4% in 2023. The test has changed so the comparison is not accurate. The test is more rigorous.
 - **Performance Goal 2:** The percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on the Algebra I EOC assessment will increase from 23.6% in 2017 to 38.1% in 2023.

- **Performance Goal 3:** The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the English I EOC assessment will increase from 62.8% in 2017 to 70.35% in 2023. This test has changed as well. We will need to revise our goal due to passing our current goal with 83.6%.
 - **Performance Goal 4:** The percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on the English I EOC assessment will increase from 37.8% in 2017 to 47.8% in 2023. We will need to revise our goal due to passing our current goal with 57.7%.
- Preparing for Success (10 Points under School Quality and Student Success Indicators)
 - The End of Course Exam is a statewide assessment program for Biology 1, and US History.
 - **Performance Goal 7:** The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the US History EOC assessment will increase from 67.2% in 2017 to 74.3% in 2023. We will need to revise our goal due to passing our 3-year goal of 71% with 72.4%.
 - **Performance Goal 8:** The percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on the US History EOC assessment will increase from 39.9% in 2017 to 49.4% in 2023. This goal will also need to be revised due to passing our current goal with 54%.
 - **Performance Goal 5:** The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the Biology EOC assessment will increase from 67.1% in 2017 to 73.84% in 2023. A different test was implemented in 2017 and then they changed it again for 2018 making 2018 our real baseline. The test is more rigorous and our numbers went down.
 - **Performance Goal 6:** The percentage of students who score Level 3 or higher on the Biology EOC assessment will increase from 51.8% in 2017 to 57.76% in 2023. Our Level 3 or higher scores also decreased.
- Graduation Rate (25 to 30 points under Academics)
 - **Performance Goal 9:** The percentage of students who graduate with a high school diploma with their class will increase from 88.8% in 2017 to 90.8% in 2023. We increased from our average baseline of 88.8% to 89%.
- College and Career Readiness (25 points under School Quality and Student Success Indicators)
 - Points are awarded for the percentage of students who are college or career ready.
 - College Readiness – ACT 20 or higher, SAT 1020 or higher, AP 3 or higher, IB 4 or higher, 6 hours Dual Credit “C” or higher. Any student that meets one of these criteria will be considered college ready.
 - Career Readiness – Career Readiness Assessment (Currently WIN, formerly WorkKeys), CATE Completer + Certification, ASVAB 31 or higher, Youth Apprenticeship. (Can only count students one time.)
 - ACT
 - All 3rd year high school students are tested. They were given the option to take either ACT or SAT this past year. Most of them chose to take ACT.
 - A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing courses, which included English, Algebra, Social Science, and Biology.
 - The percentage of MCHS 11th grade students meeting college benchmarks by ACT subtest is above the district percentage and right at state percentages.
 - SAT
 - The SAT is a standardized test often used in the college admissions process. Its’ aim is to assess the student’s readiness for college. The current test consists of two 800 point sections testing Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Math. The highest composite score on the SAT is 1600. Our average composite score for this past school year was 1052.
 - College & Career Readiness

- The Career Readiness Assessment is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace.
 - In order to receive the National Career Readiness Certificate a student must take three subtests in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information.
 - Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level.
 - High School College Report – 1st Semester of Freshmen Year
 - We work hard to prepare students for success once they leave Mid-Carolina High School. Some choose to go straight to work and others choose to attend a 2-year or a 4-year college.
 - We receive data to show how our students have done during their first semester or quarter of their freshmen year in college. The data we have now is from our 2017 graduates. We will not receive data for our 2018 graduates until 2019 because they are currently in their first semester of college.
 - Advanced Placement Exam (AP)
 - The rigor of AP courses helps students become better prepared for a 4-year college.
 - The number of AP courses that we offer has increased over the past few years. We have gone from having 55 students enrolled in AP courses in 2013 to 177 students enrolled in AP courses in 2018.
- Additional Comments/Questions
 - Mr. Cooper asked all members to please look over all of the data that they have received and bring any questions to our next meeting. There are areas that we are doing well in and then there are areas that we can get better in.
- Positive Share
 - Student Council Update – Will Murray, Student Body President
 - The 2018 District Rally was held last Friday. We were able to get a lot of good ideas from other schools at the rally.
 - BooFest will be this Friday from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Season of Sharing will take place November through the first week of December ending with the Season of Sharing Program on Friday, December 7th.
 - American Education week will be November 12th – 16th. We have scheduled Jed Dearybury to speak on November 12th. Mr. Cooper said that this may have to be tweaked due to our Veteran's Day Program being on the same day, but we would work it out.
 - Band Update – Jessica Bullard, Band Booster Club President:
 - Fruit sale is going on now. Orders are due November 8, 2018.
 - Competition season is wrapping up, the Rebel Regiment did well this season.
 - Boiling Springs Festival of Bands, 1st place in Division III and Overall Silver Division Grand Champions.
 - James F. Byrnes Tournament of Bands, 4th place in class 3A
 - Pride of Pendleton Marching Classic, 3rd place in class 3A and 1st place percussion
 - 2018 2A Upper State Competition, 7th place out of 17 bands and earned a spot at State
 - October 27th – 2A/4A State Championship – Spring Valley High School - MC will perform at 10:45 a.m.
 - MC band along with Whitmire, Newberry High, and Newberry College will march together in the Veterans Day parade in Newberry on November 10th. After marching the parade route the group will gather in the courtyard in front of the Opera House to play a few tunes.
 - Winter Concert will be held on December 20th. Time and location to be determined.
 - Athletic Update – Mr. Zeb Reid, Assistant Principal
 - Volleyball playoff game will take place on Wednesday, October 24th, at 6 p.m.
 - Tennis won 6th Consecutive Region Championship. Playoffs will take place on Wednesday, October 24th, at 5 p.m. against Southside Christian.

- October Athletic Booster Club meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 12th.
 - If you are interested or know of anyone interested in working the concession stand during winter or spring sports let Mr. Reid or a member of the Athletic Booster club know so they can put you on the schedule.
 - Cross Country has done really well this year and participation has grown.
- Next meeting
Monday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.