

MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 25, 2017

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, with the following members present: Kristina Cannon, Jessica Felker, Ray Cooper, Hannah Bedenbaugh, Gracen Hester, Taylor Gooding, Madison Abrams, Parker Metts, Sissy Delesandro, Neda Epps, Krisi Scott, Deena Connelly, Jack Owens, Danny Gilliam, Jennifer Frick, and Ann Darr. The following items were distributed: an agenda, minutes from the April 2017 meeting, SC School Improvement Council Handbook, “The Basics” slide presentation, Bylaws, Academic Data, Strategic Plan, and 2017-2018 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. Every year we receive great feedback/suggestions from SIC and we value everyone’s input. He also recognized our Teacher Cadet students that were in attendance.

Introductions - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the council.

Items of business:

- April 2017 Minutes – Sissy Delesandro read the minutes from our April 2016 meeting. Minutes were approved.
- SIC “The Basics” (PowerPoint print out) & Handbook
 - SIC Training – Mandatory each year
 - What Is An SIC?
 - As advisory bodies, SICs provide input, feedback, recommendations, resources, and support to the principal and school.
 - What Do SICs Do?
 - Assisting and providing input for the Five-Year Improvement Plan (Strategic Plan) is the biggest thing that SIC will do.
 - The Summary Report (SIC Report to the Parents) is another document SIC is responsible for creating/editing.
 - The SIC Chairperson will assist the principal with writing the SC School Report Card narrative. The Chairperson will also 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
 - Meet eight times annually
 - Establish Committees
 - Student Achievement
 - Teacher/Leadership Quality
 - School Climate
 - Setting SIC Goals
 - From Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan), SICs should set 3 to 5 goals. The Five-Year Plan (Strategic Plan) is prepared once every 5 years and updated annually. We are in our last year of this plan. Our new plan and goals being set are going to be a little different.
 - 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.
 - Keys for Effective SICs
 - It is important to receive information from all parties involved to have different points of views in order for us to come up with an effective plan.
 - SIC will receive a lot of data throughout the year. We will target areas that we need to improve in and look at areas that we are doing well in.

- 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
 - EOCEP (ELA, Alg1, BIO, US History)
 - Grad Rate – Has increased from 73.7 in 2010 to 87 in 2017.
 - Report Card Rating – The last year for this data was 2014
 - ACT & WorkKeys – All 3rd year high school students take these test.
 - 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 2017 graduates. That information will not be ready until next year (2018).
 - 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 for them to complete during registration each year. We had 594 surveys completed this year.
- Elect Chairperson & Duties of Officer
 - Chairperson is the only elected officer; elected at 1st meeting. Ex-officio members are not eligible to be an officer. Ms. Jennifer Frick was elected as chairperson.
- Positive Share
 - Athletic Update – Jack Owens, Athletic Booster Club President: Started the year with a lot of energy. We try to do all we can to assist with the athletic programs at MCHS and MCMS. Our membership is down at this time. We have proceeds coming in from our concession stand profits. We help sponsor the Wall of Fame. We currently have 57 former student athletes that have been inducted. This has been a great addition to the school and seems to be motivating our student athletes.
 - Band Update – Kristi Scott, Band Booster Club President: Band had its first competition of the 2017-2018 school year and placed 3rd in their class. They finished 7th overall out of 19 bands for the day. The golf cart is currently out of commission. With the uniform allowance the band booster was able to order bibs for all band members. Three fundraisers – car wash, BBQ, and steak supper tickets. Currently planning a trip for April 2018 to march in the parade at Disney World.
- Next meeting
Monday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.