



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022**



May 1, 2021, HHI High School's School Improvement Council was named the recipient of the South Carolina School Improvement Council's fourth annual Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents Excellence. This award is intended to recognize Report content, clarity, and design appeal, as well as to stress the importance of the SIC Report to the Parents to school communities. HHI HS SIC received the award "for its outstanding efforts to excellently fulfill this required aspect of SC state law." HHI HS SIC was previously ranked as one of five finalists for the SC-SIC's annual Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence in both 2019 and 2018.

SIC Meeting called to order at: 6:35 pm. Meeting was held in HHI HS Media Center.

In Attendance: Steve Schidrich, Jen Fielding, *BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Audrey Clayton, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Joe Monmonier, Bill Payne, Mike Quigley, *BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Kelly Ruckno, Patty Schoelkopf, Caroline Summa

Approval of Minutes: Amended Minutes from the September 16, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Buck Edwards and seconded by Audrey Clayton. Minutes from the October 21, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Buck Edwards and seconded by Caroline Summa. Minutes from the November 18, 2021 SIC Meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve made by Kelly Ruckno and seconded by Mike Quigley. All 3 listed minutes unanimously approved. [Note: Above listed minutes were again sent to all members 1/17/22 to read and review again prior to this meeting.]

AGENDA ITEMS:

HHHS Field House & Track Construction Update: Joe Monmonier, HHI HS Athletic Director
[Note: 6/28/21 A "Special SIC Meeting was held to discuss with School District officials the delay in our HHI HS new astro turf football field and track replacement.]

The new Field House and new track construction and corrected end zones looks "like a repeat problem/missed deadline again for our school."

The new track and endzones were to be completed before February 1st. It is doubtful that deadline will be met. Our School Board Members told Robert Oetting (BCSD's Professional Engineer Director in Charge of Facilities) this project was to be completed by February 1, 2022. Numerous errors – delay, wrong color of blue used (confused with May River HS' blue color) for Astro turf logos on field, actual track etc. Geo Turf-companying installing track, correcting end zones etc. actually left HHI area for a while to go do another job in North Carolina etc. This delay has created problem for our student athletes because our students are unable to train, etc.

* After Joe Monmomier gave SIC attendees the update and problems:

Action Item: SIC Members voted and unanimously agreed that a stern letter with specific questions from the SIC Chair and membership should be sent directly to Robert Oetting and copied to our Superintendent Dr. Frank Rodriguez and copied to our local "**CLOC**" members **CLOC= "Citizen Lead Oversight Committee"** – which monitor all building projects for our BCSD Schools funded by our last Bond Referendum.

PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT: PTSO President Kelly Ruckno PTSO's "Seahawk Support Circle" (SSC) – received another generous grant from the HHI The Bargain Box to be used in 2022. 12/12/21 PTSO parent volunteers filled annual Holiday Gift Bags

PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT (continued): PTSO Pres. Kelly Ruckno

for 60 HHI High students “in need”. Items given included: blanket, HHIHS sweatshirt & t-shirt, socks, underwear, toothpaste, deodorant, washing detergent, food items, backpack filled with spiral notebooks, pens, etc. Plus Walmart gift card. All Saints Church again donated many of our distributed items (backpacks). *Names of our needy students receiving these bags are kept “Confidential” - known only by Social Worker and Hispanic Liaison who actually give each bag to the designated student. /// PTSO also helped our new Spanish teacher (from Columbia South America) who moved to HHI in December – with used furniture and apartment needs. PTSO also purchased 15 *AP Baron’s* books for Mr. Jones AP Gov’t teacher – for students who could not afford to purchase their own book. /// PTSO handled annual “Christmas Cookie Exchange” for teachers and staff. /// PTO contributed to 9th Graders’ Positive Behavior Intervention (PBIS) items from PTSO’s School Store given. /// PTSO help with distributing Students’ Schedules in Jan. /// PTSO provided dinner to teachers who stayed for Open House, Parent Meetings. /// PTSO provided 17 “Event Staff” t shirts for our students in hospitality class.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Steve Schidrich

Staffing: Long time custodian “Miss Doris” retired 1/4/22; ROTC Sgt. Major Watts leaving 1/20/22. He will be heading up FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes 6/30/22. Two of our Spanish teachers resigned. Thus, all Spanish I students went to online classes. In December one IB Spanish qualified teacher was hired. Second Spanish position will be filled for 2022-2023. **OPENINGS:** 1.5 ESOL position. Possible Chinese teacher hire soon; 2- SPED Assistant positions have been unfilled all school year; 2nd Bilingual Liaison resigned recently – Replacement has been hired and should be starting soon. Our Chinese teacher – 0.5 Chinese + 0.5 ESOL. Great teacher, well liked by students, to our advantage she is married to an American (thus, no visa issues).

Expected Staffing for 2022-2023: Expected vacancies: 99 of 112 teachers have responded to Steve’s Survey about next year intentions - 6 are not sure if returning or not. Our Current Media Specialist (Christine Robinson) moving back upstate. Need 1.5 ESOL and 2 SPED aides

***2/3/22** – Steve has Staff Meeting at District Office – enrollment projections for next school year will determine number of teaching positions. Full time Career Development Facilitator (CDF) is approved -Angie Williams to be shared between HHI HS and May River High. CCR – College & Career Ready focus. PD= Professional Development for staff [HHI Middle school has 0.5 CDF, and a Literacy Coach]. Hopeful for Full Time Instructional Coach – for extension of Admin Team support, responsible to train new teachers, help teachers. Hopeful for a 4th Assistant Principal and / or Hall Monitor. ***2/7/22** – District Team comes to HHI HS meets with Principal & Admin Team – to review: Data & Analysis; Classroom visits & review, “Report of Visit Given” = “Glows and “Grows”; School Team Huddle – Develop Action Plan. Afterwards – Steve conducts Faculty Meeting and shares results, findings, and recommendations with entire faculty. Action Plan is developed.

SIC REPORT: SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

Points: (1.) How to make MAP Testing more important to all students?
(2.) PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) – utilized in BCSD schools. Promotes positive student behavior patterns. Well designed Plan that focuses on “preventing” rather than “responding” to a student problem. Being utilized with HHI HS 9th grade students.
(3.) Jen to talk back with BCSD Chief Instructional Services Officer-Dr. Mary Stratos regarding some of the items discussed in our great November 18, 2021, SIC Meeting - i.e., tutoring, community centers’ involvement, tutorial program available, EOC data/results focus.

Question asked by SIC member: What happened to our HHI HS technology upgrades that were supposed to happen this 2021-2022 school year? In addition to our front entrance Security upgrades that were supposed to happen last summer but delayed until Christmas 2021 break but did not happen?

SIC REPORT (continued): SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

BOE Member Ingrid Boatright reported to our SIC: - Board of Ed to hire an outside group to assess the technology in every one of our district’s schools. Ingrid is now actually heading up the BOE Technology Committee 😊.

Note: our SIC continues to be grateful that BOE members Cathy Robine and Ingrid Boatright (two of our HHI representatives) continue to attend our SIC meetings. Cathy reported that they are committed to keep the BOE Meetings in person.

SIC Goals for 2021-2022

(1.) Oversee Referendum Funding for HHI HS Architectural Improvements

(2.) Increase Community Awareness of HHI HS

(3.) Increase Parent Involvement – SIC unanimously voted to develop a much needed “*Handbook for New HHI HS Parents*”. This will be a major project for our SIC this school year. Goal to have both a hardcopy and a digital version.

Reviewing now how to update this Handbook on the school website – upon completion of handbook.

SIC sponsored Annual Career Day/STEM Job Opportunities for our students – past 2 years unable to be held due to postponed due to COVID restrictions and mandated parameters. Must still wait to determine if SIC can conduct this school year.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:20 pm.

***** NOTE PLEASE: Next scheduled SIC Meeting:** Third Thursday – February 17, 2022 – HHI HS Media Center

2020-2021 SIC Meeting Schedule: 9/16/21@1pm, 10/21/21@5pm, 11/18/21@6pm-Parent Workshop@5:30pm, 12/16/21@6pm, 1/20/22@6pm, 2/17/22@6pm, 3/17/22@1pm, 4/21/22@6pm, 5/19/22@6pm

*Minutes recorded and
Respectfully submitted by:

*Jan Davis-Vater,
HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*