



HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
October 21, 2021



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.

Meeting called to order at: 4:59 pm.

In Attendance: Steven Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Selby Basciano, BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Jennifer Boretti, Jeanine Clark, Carole Korner, Buck Edwards, Shawna Fisher, Andrea Grant Guess, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Bill Payne, BOE Member-Cathy Robine, LJ Bush, Audrey Clayton, Josh Wall, Dawn Washington, Abby Wirth, Caroline Summa, Kelly Ruckno

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 16, 2021 SIC meeting were not approved. A change needs to be made under the Principal's Report – Access Test – delete "to determine how ESOL students are doing" – and put in "to determine a measurement of proficiency". Will motion to approve at the next meeting.

PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT: PTSO President Kelly Ruckno
The Seahawk Store is now open Monday thru Thursday – it is the biggest fundraiser the PTSO has. The PTSO supported the Teens for Healthy Youth Club with \$500.00 to use for the Staff Self Bingo – a morale builder game. The PTSO is again supporting the Memory Project.Org (nonprofit) with our Arts Instructor Monique Dobbelaere - photos are taken of children (in impoverished countries) facing severe challenges in different countries. Memory Project.Org send photos to us for our art students to create portraits which are delivered to the students. PTSO is supporting the CATE (Career and Technology Ed) students with T-shirts that say Staff to help them stand out when they are doing things. PTSO still provides pizza every third Friday to the staff at the school as well as lunch on the day of teacher conferences.

The Seahawk Support Circle will be doing holiday bags again – to help sixty-five (or possibly less) of our students in need. They are reapplying to the Bargain Box for a grant and will know by December if approved. They are partnering with two churches – All Saints for help with the bikes and Backpack Program and St. Francis for an Angel Tree.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Steve Schidrich

An update was touched upon on the new Field House. They will be reviewing a plan later this week. The issue that comes into play is to where to place it. If we are renovating our present building it would be placed in one area but if we are building a new school it would be better placed somewhere else. Discussion was if a new building was built where it would be located (using the swamp area, lacrosse, and softball fields). There is a parcel of land as well and the question was raised if funds could be privately raised, purchase the lot, and then turn it over to the District for building.

There is currently three million dollars set for redesigning / renovating the existing building. There is currently a delay in the building materials needed for projects to be done now so it hard to even think of timelines for building. One point was made to build for future expectations of students instead of outgrowing a building after a few years as it has been done in Beaufort County before. Current number of students are about 1400.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued): Steve Schidrich

MAP scores were reviewed. This Report Card data measures the growth of our 9th Grade students and how they are doing. The State mandates that all 9th Grade students – new and repeat ones are given the MAP test. The test was taken the first week of September. We then get the results for Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and Spring 2022. Results were shown to us – in Math the mean score was 224.2 for Hilton Head Island High School. We scored lower than the District number of 225.0 and the NWEA Norm of 226.4. In Reading our mean score was 216.1, the District was 216.8 and the NWEA was 218.9. This will show us where we must focus on for improvement. We were told that English1 Reading Plus Program is being rolled out soon.

GAP Mean Scores were reviewed. The data received from this shows students failings and where we need to work on narrowing the gaps. We were shown some breakdowns and where the staff can zero in on helping the students in need of assistance. The breakdowns consist of African American, Hispanic, White and All Students.

African American	212.9	difference of -11.3
Hispanic	217.2	difference of -7
White	237.8	difference of 13.6
All Students	224.2	

Questions were raised as to why we have the shortfalls / discrepancies in the gaps; why our African American numbers so big and the Hispanic not as big. What is being done about it? The test identifies who needs help. Being added to after school tutoring being provided there is also tutoring during the school day being provided to students needing remediation by teachers during their planning period. It is free for students and the teachers are paid for their time spent doing this.

Suggestions that were made were:

The use of trusted places such as churches and community centers to meet with parents to tell them about the students needing help. This would benefit all – parents that might not feel comfortable coming into the school and would show that they have full community support. All school principals on this side of the bridge need to get together and address this situation. The gap does not just appear in the high school years. It is the responsibility of all the Elementary, Middle School and High School Principals to tackle this.

We were told that the District is doing Parent Connections to reach out and provide some support and to discuss different topics with parents virtually. It will be held on October 26th for elementary grades and October 27th for secondary students. Also on October 23rd, the Boys and Girls Club will have students already being served by the Club hosting outreach support to help students in studies and athletics.

SIC REPORT: SIC Chair Jenifer Fielding

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 – Develop “Handbook for New HHI High School Parents”

As time was coming to a close for our meeting and Jen led some question and answers during the meeting then we went on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS: SIC Chair Jen Fielding

It was brought to our attention that HHI HS Senior Jaylen Sneed - a standout in football, basketball, track & field was chosen to participate in the *Touchstone Energy Cooperative Bowl (formerly called*

NEW BUSINESS (continued): SIC Chair Jen Fielding

the North-South Game) to be held on December 11th in Myrtle Beach. Jaylen was one of eighty-eight of the best SC high school football players chosen to play in this Bowl. (Palmetto Electric sponsored event). Also, Jaylen had scholarship offers from more than 2 dozen colleges football programs – and he decided on Notre Dame.

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:14 pm.

***** NOTE PLEASE: Next scheduled SIC Meeting & Parent Workshop:** Third Thursday – November 18, 2021 in Seahawk Cultural Center (SCC)

At 5:30 pm Todd Rhine (one of our previous SIC Chairs) will be giving his **College Financial Planning/FASFA Presentation** [FASFA= Free Application for Federal Student Aid form completed by prospective college students in US to determine their eligibility for student financial aid] at 5:30 pm to all interested parents – right before our November 18 SIC meeting.

Todd's presentation is a great and very informative SIC workshop open to all parents. The regularly scheduled SIC Meeting will start at 6:30 pm following our SIC sponsored Parent Workshop.

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

*Minutes recorded and
Respectfully submitted by:

*Carole Lee Korner, HHI HS SIC Community Member
in the absence of Jan Davis-Vater
HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022*