



**HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 16, 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: 1:04 pm.

In Attendance: Steven Schidrich, Jen Fielding, Selby Basciano, BOE Member-Ingrid Boatright, Jennifer Boretti, Jeanine Clark, Jan Davis-Vater, Buck Edwards, Shawna Fisher, Andrea Grant Guess, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Mike Quigley, BOE Member-Cathy Robine, Jackie Rosswurm, Marisa Wagner, Josh Wall, Dawn Washington, George Westerfield

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 20, 2021, SIC meeting were approved and accepted. Motion made by Kristen Keller, seconded by Buck Edwards. Unanimously approved.

Minutes from the "Special Called" SIC meeting of June 28, 2021, were approved and accepted. Motion made by Marissa Wagner, seconded by Shelby Basciano. Unanimously approved.

Note: SIC Chair Jen gave a brief update since our 6/28/21 "Special Called SIC Meeting."

(1.) Turf Football field: October 2 is goal to be finished. Our first home game October 8.
(2.) "Security Enhancement" to HHI HS' front entrance delayed due to materials needed lag time. Date now to be done is over Christmas Break. (3.) May be 8-10 years out for a newly built HHI High School- Passage of another referendum will be needed. (4.) **Note: "CLOC" Committee = Citizens Led Oversight Committee** [monitors all building projects funded by the Bond Referendum approved by Beaufort County Voters in November 2019. (Concept of committee established by BCSD Superintendent Frank Rodriguez.) **Note:** Our HHI CLOC Rep. David Ames recently resigned due to time issue also being on HHI Town Council. HHI Carlton Dallas also on CLOC. Our HHI Projects approved in 2019 referendum have been delayed.

PTSO (Parent/Teacher/Student Organization) REPORT: PTSO President Kelly Ruckno

Chair Jen Fielding gave PTSO Report since new PTSO President Kelly Ruckno unable to attend.
(1.) PTSO Annual Discount Cards available-\$10 each-Discounts at more than 55 HHI businesses.
(2.) PTSO will help students \$ with the following: Homecoming decorations in HHIHS halls, (October 15 homecoming football game), paint for Seniors to paint their own reserved parking space. (3.) Recent past PTSO President Audrey Clayton (elected 5/21 to SIC as Parent Rep) will continue to serve as Seahawk Support Circle Chair.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Steve Schidrich

9/16/21: HHI HS Number of Students: 1,360

9/16/21: HHIHS Student Demographics: 45% Hispanic, 43% White, 11% Black, 1% Asian, 1% Other

2020-2021 SC School Report Card Data – presented SC End of Course passage results for:

Algebra I, Biology, English 2, U.S. History. Chart distributed contained percent passage results for each of the 6 high schools in Beaufort County in above listed subjects, overall Beaufort County School District (BCSD) passage rates and entire state of SC passage rates.

*HHI HS Admin this summer identified the students who need help to perform better on SC Exams.

*Tutoring dollars are available & will be utilized.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued): Steve Schidrich

*Structured Learning Time = "SLT" is now scheduled for all HHI HS students. No more "ILT" = Independent Learning Time as in previous year(s).

Access Test – given to English Language Learners – to determine a measurement of proficiency.

ESOL students are tested on reading, listening, writing, and speaking the English language.

2020-2021 Graduation Rate = 89.4%

Staffing Update: 4 staff openings PE, Spanish, 2 Special Ed. Assists, 0.5 ESOL

South Carolina School Report Cards – are being "put off"/delayed for another year due to COVID Pandemic so there will be no 2020-2021 SC School Report Card for each SC public school. BCSD and HHI HS Admin still monitoring and watching our academic goals.

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 – 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. George Westerfield recommended that his longtime volunteer Group "School Grounds Beautification Volunteers" be included and be publicized now for helpers. Many Master Gardeners volunteer at HHIHS but only one parent. More help is needed now. Suggestion was made to include in the Weekly PTSO Newsletter blast a request for Parent Volunteers to contact George. PTSO VP in attendance Marisa Wagner will make sure this happens.

SIC's Parent Workshops – discussed. SIC has held these workshops over past years but COVID restrictions inhibited us. *Recommendation was made and all agreed for SIC to keep our most popular annual *FASFA Workshop* presented by Todd Rhine (past SIC Chair).

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

NEW BUSINESS: SIC Chair Jen Fielding

(1.) **Election of SIC Vice Chair and Secretary for 2021-2022** (one-year term)

Nominations from the floor were accepted. Nominated and unanimously elected for a one-year term were: Vice Chair: Audrey Clayton, Secretary: Jan Davis-Vater

(2.) **Parent Communication** – several issues brought up and discussed. Problems/lag time for new parents getting info and emails. Late Sign Up for PSAT was reported.

(3.) **Tablet Replacement Costs** – Repeat complaint - BCSD charge cost \$600 for students vs Best Buy so much cheaper. **BCSD BOE member in attendance, Ingrid Boatright will follow up on these parent concerns as she is on the Board of Ed (BOE) Tech Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: at 2:20 pm.

Next scheduled SIC Meeting: *Third Thursday - October 21, 2021 @ 5:00 pm.*

2020-2021 SIC Meeting Schedule: 9/16@1pm, 10/21@5pm, 11/18@6pm, 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:

Jan Davis-Vater

HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Secretary 2021-2022