

School Improvement Council (SIC)

The school improvement council is an advisory committee to the principal and school leadership comprised of parents, educators, and community members. Working together collaboratively, our SIC reviews and monitors school initiatives, student data, and programs to focus on the success of students and the school.

SIC extends an invitation to all parents to take an active role by attending as many monthly meetings as possible.

SIC Members

Davina Coleman-Principal, Ex-Officio

Angela Roberts– SIC Chair & Parent

Yolanda Anderson Miles– Media Specialist & Parent

Shareka McBride– Parent

Grace Beasley– Student

Faith Beasley– Parent

Maiya Carter– Student

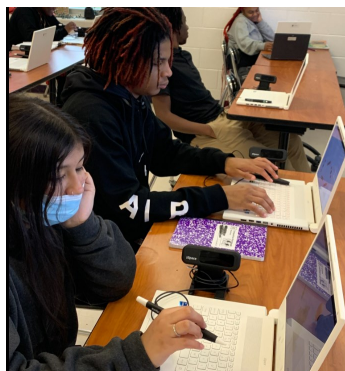
Megan Shipman– Parent

Shelia Alston– School Testing Coordinator

Carol Smalls Jenkins—Community Member

Marilyn Fields– Community Member

Lenora Jenkins– Community Member



WBECHS receives funding for emerging cybersecurity, IT, and arts integrated focused pathways through the MedTech 7 grant.



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Report to the Parents 2022-23



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Schools of Excellence

Principal

Davina Coleman

SIC Chair

Angela Roberts

Mission Statement

WBECHS strives to develop our community of learners into responsible, world class citizens through diverse curricula that fosters creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

2022-2023 at Whale Branch Early College High School

From the SIC

The SIC meets each month to present and discuss a variety of initiatives to enrich the lives of our students, based on needs identified in the strategic renewal plan. The two focus areas for the committee this year were assisting the new principal through a year of dynamic school transformation and establishing a highly effective SIC through new bylaws, collaboration, and protocols to assist WBECHS in meeting all goals.



Although our school has been the recipient of the MedTech7 grant for two years; WBECHS will need to complete the STEM certification

process and have all teachers trained in STEAM to ensure cohesive implementation of curriculum to students. This certification as a STEAM school is highly important as the MedTech 7 grant provides funding for teacher positions, instructional materials, and training to ensure the students of Whale Branch have access to high quality STEAM instruction. WBECHS's funding has a cybersecurity/IT focus where our students are receiving instruction and hands-on learning that can earn them a certification for IT jobs after high school.

The SIC provided advice and support to Ms. Coleman regarding the addition of interventionists for the school. When looking in the budget, the SIC saw the need for an interventionist to assist in closing gaps for students can achieve on standardized testing.

School Sponsored Activities & Programs

- **WBECHS Wellness Initiative**— The wellness committee organized many activities and initiatives including a staff weight-loss challenge, a new garden to be run by students, and reusable WBECHS water bottles distributed to all students.
- **The HOSA Club** had the most successful on campus blood drive since the pandemic. 22 donations were made that could save 60 lives in Beaufort County.
- All WBECHS students attended a **Career Fair** where they received information from 33 vendors. Students got to network with future employers and learn about position requirements.
- **WBECHS Theater** students served as actors in a safety demonstration and presentation regarding drunk and reckless driving for the Prom Promise. State Troopers and the Burton Fire Dept made a presentation to all Juniors and Seniors after the accident simulation.
- **Afterschool Tutoring and EOC Bootcamp** kicked off this semester Monday through Thursday including transportation, an afternoon snack, and quality instruction.
- **Community Service Initiatives** were completed throughout the year including Principals Ambassadors participating in district feedback focus groups, Community Cleanups with National Honor Society, and produce drive-thru food distributions.
- **Arts Showcase Night** returned to our school in the spring with the Band, Theater, and Dance performing accompanied by a Warrior art display.
- **Scholarship Application Day and HBCU Day** continued to educate and engage students in postsecondary dialogue. Students were able to receive information in addition to having hands-on assistance with applications.



22-23 & Our Vision in 23-24

2023-2024's theme is **"Ready, Set, GO!"**

Transformation of WBECHS began when Ms. Coleman arrived in November 2022. Accomplishments achieved and improvements include:

- Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Beacon Award
- 5 students identified as BCSD Senior Scholars
- Warrior Band was named "Best Performing Unit" for the 38th Annual Heritage Days Celebration Parade
- 23 students competed in the South Carolina HOSA Conference events. 8 students advanced on to the second round while 2 students finished in the top 5 in their respective categories.
- School pride and beautification are in full effect as new cafeteria furniture and outdoor seating will arrive prior to the 23-24 school year; murals and displays will also be in place before the beginning of the school year. Branded spirit gear is being rolled out for students to wear next year.

Moving into 2023-2024, focus areas will include:

- **Academic Excellence**— Students and staff will be in "Go" mode with rigorous instruction with targeted interventions to improve achievement scores for all students.
- **School Culture**— Celebrations of student success paired with school spirit initiatives will take WBECHS to the next level as we're on the path to excellence!