



HILTON HEAD ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AUGUST 24, 2023



CONGRATULATIONS HHIHS SIC!! May 6, 2023, our SIC was awarded the 2023 State of South Carolina Riley Award for School Improvement Excellence! This annual award recognizes our SIC for Outstanding Achievement and Exemplary Civic Engagement on behalf of our school. The award is based on our SIC Accomplishments for the 2021-22 school year school. This is the HIGHEST award given to a SC SIC! South Carolina law requires every K-12 public school to have an SIC. There are over 1,200 K-12 public schools in SC. 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. 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."

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL: Our South Carolina state SC-SIC has launched their new website at <https://www.sc-sic.org/> All information from the current "sic.sc.gov" website is located on the new site and effective 11/20/23 all info on "old" <https://sic.sc.gov> will permanently be removed.

<https://www.sc-sic.org/> On new state SIC web site the entire main page is a picture of our HHI HS SIC members & Principal Steve being recognized on May 16, 2023 by Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez & the BCSD Board of Education at the BOE Mtg for winning the 2023 SC-SIC Riley Award for SIC Excellence. Also in photo is SC-SIC Executive Director Tom Hudson (from Columbia) who spoke at BOE Meeting and presented us with the 2023 Riley Award for SIC Excellence and a huge "Winner – 2023 SIC Riley Award Banner" to be hung forever in HHI HS Media Center where our SIC meetings have been held for past 20 years.

SIC Meeting called to order at: 6:00 pm by SIC Chair Mike Quigley. (At our 5/18/23 SIC Meeting Mike was reelected to serve as SIC Chair for a 2nd term.) Meeting was held in the ROTC Room in HHI HS.

In Attendance: Steve Schidrich, Mike Quigley, LJ Bush, Jan Davis-Vater, Lisa Fleming, Dr. Andrea Guess, Lori Hall, Kristen Hamilton, Kristen Keller, Carole Lee Korner, Chris Linkimer, Anjie Olander, Bill Payne, Cathy Robine, Kelly Ruckno, Students: Anthony Byrum, Linda Young.

Self-Introduction of all SIC Members and Meeting Attendees: Chair Mike Quigley welcomed all attendees and asked each to introduce themselves, say a few words about themselves and their children currently at HHI HS or who have graduated from HHI HS. *Welcome to our new Parent Members and new Community Member Cathy Robine ... and our returning members!*

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 18, 2023, SIC Meeting were unanimously approved and accepted. Motion to approve made Kristen Keller, Seconded by Bill Payne.

SIC REPORT: SIC Chair Mike Quigley Principal Steve Schidrich (who is starting his 5th year as Principal of HHIS was recently named Principal of the Year for BCSD High Schools at the BCSD Teachers' Summer Institute Mtgs!! (1999 Steve started @BCSD as teacher @ HHI HS (for 13 yrs.) transferred to Bluffton Middle as AP (7 yrs.) then returned to HHI HS as Principal in 2019-2020.

Students' Report: Seniors Anthony Byrum (sp) and Linda Young, both SGA members spoke – both involved at HHIHS and attended meetings with Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez's Student Advisory Council (1 mtg per semester). Both commented that "Dr. Rodriguez understands us and asks our opinion on things...asks what is going well, what needs changed." SGA students have met with architects for new HHIHS (Important areas-Media Center, usable courtyard areas) New HHIHS things: new dance program (to perform at half time), want to rebuild HHIHS Beta Club (new advisor TY). (Anthony (works with our SIC Community Mbr. LJ Bush (COIN) & organized the initiative at HH Elementary to help young students improve their test scores.

SIC Election of SIC Vice Chair and SIC Secretary for 2023-2024: SIC Chair Mike Quigley

Per our HHIHS SIC Bylaws: the SIC Vice Chair and Secretary are elected the "first" meeting of the school year and serve a one-year term.

Our HHIHS SIC Chair is elected annually in May (at last meeting of school year) and serves a one-year term until last meeting in May of the following year. All officers are eligible to run for additional terms.

(1.) Election of Vice Chair: SIC Chair Mike opened the floor for Nominations for Vice Chair: Kristen Keller had previously expressed interest in being Vice Chair and was nominated. Kristen Keller declined the nomination – and informed attendees that she was going to be President of Island Rec Center. Then SIC Parent Member Lisa Fleming nominated SIC Parent Member Anjie Olander for Vice Chair. (Anjie is a teacher at HH IB Elementary.) Nomination was seconded by Mike Quigley. Anjie was unanimously elected Vice Chair to serve a one-year term until August 2024.

(2.) Election of Secretary: Chair Mike opened the floor for Nominations for Secretary: Community member Bill Payne nominated Jan Davis-Vater. Jan Davis-Vater declined the nomination – and reminded attendees that she has proudly served as SIC Secretary for the past three consecutive school years and with our SIC "finally" winning the Top SC-SIC Riley Award 😊 May 6, 2023 - it was time for another SIC member to be Secretary.

No other nominations for Secretary were made. Chair Mike will work on finding an interested member to serve as Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Steve Schidrich

(1.) Steve presented some HHIHS information/slides. Steve informed us that the numbers he shared with us "were embargoed" and not released yet to the public. "Overview": "Areas to Celebrate" regarding our school's Goals. Areas Steve presented were Goal 1: Questions/survey asked to HHIHS teachers--Consistency of Staff; Consistency of Rules Enforcement Goal 2: Professional Development; Goal 3: Autonomy. Tentative End of Course Results. Note: HHIHS Hispanic Population is now at 48%. EOC Results for 2022-2023: Algebra 1, English 2, US History (ALL embargoed)

Couple of points: Last school year HHIHS created "all year English" and "all year Math" courses (all year Algebra). Our Graduation Rate: Looking positive! Last school year (2021-2022) HHIHS was rated on SC School Report Card @ 61 points which equaled a "Good" School.

(2.) **Update HHI HS Referendum 2019 Projects – Outstanding Items**

(A.) New bleachers in Gym – have been installed. (B.) New "prefabricated" only Ticket Booth to football field to be installed (C.) Still waiting for "upgrade" to HHIHS softball and baseball fields. *Per BCSD Robert Oetting- "all projects are moving forward"...* (D.) *Just finished "renovation" of old Field House.* (E.) New "round circular "sound box" microphone" at Front Entrance desk (outside of current bullet proof glass) that visitors and students must speak into has finally been installed. (F.) "Cameras" were put down the toilets in HHIHS – to look at--try to resolve the "many toilets backing up" throughout our school. Resulting in "blocked items/particles/vaping etc. devices having to be "pushed down further" into the sewage pipes.

Status ?? of Other Outstanding 2019 Referendum Items: Lights in Parking Lot? Lacrosse Field? Press Booth Upgrades? SCC Upgrades: Lighting? and soundboard?

(3.) First home football game Friday 8-25. HHIHS having a "Hawaiian theme" (wear a Hawaiian shirt) to HHIHS and game in honor of recent massive fires/death in Maui Hawaii. One of our long-time teachers was actually in Maui at that time and thankfully she and her family were able to escape.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Continued): Steve Schidrich

MTSS = Multi-tiered Support System (new acronym)... Used to be called **RTI** = Response to Intervention. Annette Lee (her title: ESSER) is our Interventionist. Focus on our "Kids at Risk". **SLT** – used to be Structured Learning Time. This school year Steve S is building SLT into Class Time. New name is called **HAWK TIME**.... 25 minutes at end of class is to be used for "re-teaching" info to students. Also working with Neighborhood Outreach Connection for tutoring help.

SIC REPORT (continued): SIC Chair Mike Quigley

SIC Monthly Meetings: to remain on 3rd Thursday of month as discussed during our May 18, 2023, SIC Meeting.

Change in Start Time of SIC Meetings: – was discussed. Members in attendance were in agreement to move meeting start time to 5:30 pm starting in September 2023.

SIC GOALS – Items for 2023-2024:

NOVEMBER 7, 2023, BCSD BOND REFERENDUM – MUST pass first in order to have moneys to build a new HHI High School (and to pay for other BCSD schools' upgrades/needed enhancements, build Early Childhood Center and Elementary school in Bluffton, ***etc.*** New SIC Community Member(recent past BCSD BOE member) – Cathy Robine shared that she is heading up a small committee of Community Ambassadors promoting the Referendum and reasons we need. Her committee has established a 501© 3 – and on working to get a PR rack card for local distribution.

Monday, September 18, 2023, @ 6:00 PM (HHI HS auditorium) - BCSD Superintendent Dr. Frank Rodriguez will be conducting a community information meeting about the upcoming Bond Referendum. Please try to attend.

HHI HS SIC Goals for 2023-2024

*Promote 2023 BCSD Bond Referendum

*Continue our Established SIC Goals from 2022-2023- (as stated on Page 1 of our April 30, 2023, SIC Annual Report to the Parents and Community) i.e.:

*Continue Overseeing Referendum Funding for HHIHS Architectural Improvements

*Increase Community Awareness of HHIHS – (a.) Hosting Career Day (b.) Supporting HHI HS School Newspaper

*Increase Parental Involvement – (a.) Host Parent Workshop on college scholarships, admission and FAFSA application (b.) Continue updating and revising our "SIC Produced- Parents' Handbook" (both English & Spanish Versions) – and make available at all Open Houses, Back to School Registrations, Parents touring HHIHS, etc.

**SIC will be helping Principal Steve with writing the HHIHS' Goals for the Next 5 years

Other Ideas: Communicating with BCSD about using "more Organic products" to nourish our schools' grounds and campuses' vegetation. Promoting our CATE classes. LJ Bush – helping our HHI HS students - to work back in local community.

received a trophy and huge banner to be huge in Media Center. **NOTE:** On May 16 Dr. Rodriguez & the BCSD Board of Education recognized our HHIHS SIC at the BOE Mtg! SC-SIC Executive Director Tom Hudson (from Columbia) spoke at BOE Meeting and presented us with the *2023 Riley Award for SIC Excellence* and a huge "*Winner – 2023 SIC Riley Award Banner*" to be hung forever in HHIHS.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm

Minutes recorded and
Respectfully submitted by:

Jan Davis-Vater, HHI HS School Improvement Council (SIC) Past Secretary 2022-2023, Secretary 2019-2020 and Secretary 2021-2022

