

**Lady's Island Middle School
School Improvement Council (SIC)
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

Attendees: Chavon Browne, Scott Shipsey, Anne Turner, Alexandria Britt, Geneva Young, Kirsten Bradley, Taylor Sugameli, Jessica Blackman, Juvonna Chatham-Jenkins, Pretel Simmons, Anjali Patel, Jiya Patel, Marta Smith, Leslie Roldan, Kathy Bingham

Meeting began at 6:05. C. Browne welcomed all to the meeting. Pledge of Allegiance.

S. Shipsey gave the Chair Report:

- S. Shipsey reviewed the purpose of the SIC. It is an advisory council tasked with creating goals to support the students and school community. Part of this is to continue working on the school's 5 year plan.
- The BCSD bond referendum will be on the ballot November 7th. A new LIMS building and athletic fields are included. The school will remain grades 6-8. The LIMS project comes in at \$65 million and will have a student capacity of 600. He recommends attending one of the scheduled bond informational meetings if you have not already attended one.
- New Lady's Island Welcome Signs have been approved by the state and will be installed soon. The sign at Chowan Creek will be maintained by LIMS. All landscaping will be funded by LIPBA, but we will need volunteers to do the seasonal plantings.

C Browne gave the Principal's Report:

- New initiatives for this school year include the return of morning announcements via Zoom. Announcements include the Pledge, Cougar Creed, upcoming events and birthday recognition. Also, new this year is an advisory period. During this time teachers and students focus on the District's monthly character education topic, academic coaching hot topics and "On the Prowl" expectations.
- Celebrations: 23 students were recently recognized as the first students of the month of the new school year. All were treated to a free waffle by LIMS' new business sponsor, Waffle House. A Prowl Party was also held.
- MedTech7 program is in place and is reflected in the refreshed school logo. The Z Space Lab is up and running, and the Clinical lab is as well with donations of equipment from Battery Creek High School and on loan equipment from Beaufort High School. More equipment is on order and should arrive soon. C. Browne toured attendees through these classrooms.
- Staffing update: Staff numbers are up from this time last year. Retired educators are reaching out to Dr. Browne to join staff. LIMS is currently in need of a reading interventionist and multilingual teacher. Core classes have been extended to 90 minutes this year to utilize co-teaching allowing for better classroom coverage. Student enrollment is 419.

- The SC State School Report Cards should be released at the beginning of November. Fall MAP testing is complete. Students reaching their goals will be rewarded with an ice cream party. Progress Reports and SC Ready scores were sent home on 9/15/23.
- School Safety Briefing: Students are being taught safety procedures and policies on how to report situations that they witness or are involved in whether it be directly to a staff member or through the “See Something Say Something “ app on their devices. Please reach out to Dr Browne or the admin team with any questions or concerns.

Next SIC meeting: October 17, 2023 @ 6pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.