



School Improvement Council Virtual Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The following members were in attendance: Mary Lamm, Jennifer Tudor (Sec), Timothy Kinney, Cherisha Floyd, Janet Jordan, Angela Bruccoli, Toni Karl (Vice Chair), Rosie Robinson, Elizabeth "Beth" White (Chair), Linda Byars, Thornton Kirby, Kim Weber, Robin Hardy, Kaaren Hampton, Rhonda Midgette, Alaura Cakley, Barb Waldman (public part.), Rebecca Hines

Excused Absences: Mark Gentry, Julie Bird

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Beth White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- **Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2020 meeting:**
- **Principal's Report:** – Dr. Hardy
 - Alex Blocker has been selected as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program
 - Karan Bundrick won South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children Exceptional Educator of the Year Award
 - Emily Himler is a 1st Runner-Up in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition for the Second Congressional District of SC and her artwork will hang in Rep. Joe Wilson's D.C. office for a year.
 - Black History Month door decoration contest to be judged by board members next week.
 - Staffulty to work on the school renewal plan
 - Thank you to PTSO/SIC members advocating at the most recent school board meeting.
 - Met with Clay Cannon, facilities director, regarding needs being addressed, such as HVAC, roof repairs, and other structural repairs (science labs)
- **Committee Reports:**
 - By-laws (ad hoc) – Thornton Kirby, Chair
 - [Proposed amendments](#) (voting for final action to take place at the next meeting):
 - Article III. Number and Types of SIC Members: Reduce the size of the SIC to 17 members
 - 3 parents elected by parents of students enrolled in the school; 3 teachers elected by teachers assigned to the school; 4 students (1 from each graduating class) elected by students enrolled in the school to specifically serve on the SIC and not assigned to the SIC by virtue of being elected to other offices; 4 members of the local community appointed by the Principal and will make these appointments from the non-parent portion of the community and will strive to make appointments that reflect the diversity of the student body and local community; the Principal as an ex-officio member

of the SIC, 2 ex-officio members in addition to the Principal: the current Teacher of the Year and the current PTSO Chairperson. If an individual holding an ex-officio position is unable to serve on the SIC for any reason, an appropriate substitute shall be named by the organization that individual represents.

- Article IV. Election Procedures: Revise the election and appointment process for Irmo's SIC to conform with the sample by-laws
 - Nominations and elections for SIC parent, teacher, and student representatives will be held each year no later than August 31. The specific date, time, and location that SIC nominations and elections are to be held will be determined by the SIC from year to year and publicized in advance within the school community. The Principal will appoint community member representatives, in consultation with elected SIC members, no later than September 15 of each year. Council members will assume their responsibilities immediately upon their election or appointment..
 - Amend this section to allow for electronic/online voting.
- Article V. Tenure: Rename this article "Terms of Office"
 - Create a new article to establish committees and outline their responsibilities: SIC Chairperson will appoint the members of standing and temporary SIC committees and designate committee chairpersons. Such standing and temporary committees shall regularly report and remain accountable to the full SIC and their scope of work shall be limited to that assigned them by the full SIC.
- Article VI. Officers: Clarify that any parent, teacher, support staff, community member, or student member of the SIC may serve as an officer, but in no event may all three officer positions be held at the same time by the same type of elected representative.
- Article VIII. Meetings: Clarify that persons interested in presenting at a council meeting may request to be put on the agenda no later than seven calendar days before the meeting date. (The current by-laws are ambiguous with respect to weekdays or calendar days.)
- Article X. Voting: Add a provision to clarify that no SIC member may vote by absentee ballot or proxy. Also clarify that members may participate and vote by electronic means (teleconference, videoconference, etc.).
- Communication with Parents/Teachers – Beth White, Chair
 - Invitation to board members; advocacy letter to be finalized to be shared with the school board.
- Facility Safety – Tim Kinney, Chair
 - Draft letter to board about the Kahn facilities study
 - Linda Byars suggested that a sidewalk behind the baseball field. The committee will pursue this.
- Curricula Offered at IHS – Cherisa Floyd, Chair
 - A user friendly document for the magnet information page on the school website that outlines IB diploma, IB careers, and dual enrollment programs so students and families can easily compare and contrast our programs.
- Teacher/Staff/Administrator Motivation – Toni Karl, Chair

- Thank you to those who dropped off posters for the “hallway of gratitude” set up on main street.
- In March, the committee is looking to make t-shirts. Currently looking for sponsors. The cost is approximately \$2000.00. More details to be shared.
- In April, the committee is planning a 45-minute Zumba session.
- Public Comment: None
- Announcements
 - Barb Waldman: Sat. Feb 20 at 11 am there will be a rededication ceremony of the Historic Upper Pine Grove Cemetery.
 - Rhonda Midgette: Thank you for everyone who visited the Black History Month Blog on the SC Chamber Website.
 - PTSO held the Be All You Can Be program in conjunction with the Optimist Club. This year the ceremony was held virtually.
 - Rebecca Hines: Thank you for the invitation to attend. Please reach out for any needs or concerns. Looking forward to judging the door decorating contest next week.
- Review assignments and agenda for next meeting- March 16, 2021
- Adjourn-Beth White adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tudor