



School Improvement Council Virtual Meeting
Minutes
November 17, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The following members were in attendance: Mary Lamm, Jennifer Tudor (Sec), Cherisha Floyd, Timothy Kinney, Janet Jordan, Elizabeth Barrett, Pamela Hughes, Melinda Petruzzi, Angela Bruccoli, Mark Gentry, Toni Karl (Vice Chair), Julie Bird, Rhonda Midgette, Rosie Robinson, Elizabeth "Beth" White (Chair), Linda Byars, Thornton Kirby, Kim Weber, Robin Hardy, Kaaren Hampton, Alaura Cakely (SR class pres.), Susan Robertson, Barb Waldman (public part.), Lauren Prochak (guest), Sara Wheeler (guest)

Excused Absences: Mackenzie Hughes

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Beth White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- **Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2020 meeting:**
 - A motion was made by Angela Bruccoli and seconded by Rosie Robinson and unanimously passed.
- **Principal's Report:**
 - Sara Wheeler (magnet director): purpose of magnet schools/programs: to expand district choice; reduce minority group isolation; lose achievement gap, increase parent and community involvement; build strong business partnerships; and equity and opportunity for ALL students.
 - Lauren Prochak (coordinator for IB programmes): "This is Escolares" will begin at IHS in the fall of 2021. All students must apply through the Magnet Application. 8th grade Escalares students have a guaranteed seat, but will still need to apply. Others will be determined through a weighted profile and grades. Students will be preparing for one of the IB programs (diploma or career). Working with equity of access and diversity data. IMS and IHS teachers have been tasked with closely examining student performance, test scores, and grades to recommend students for honors-level courses. Escalares application window is Dec. 7- Jan. 10. IHS Magnet Fair will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:00--7:00pm. Application for IHS International School for the Arts window is Jan 12-24.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - By-laws (ad hoc)–Thornton Kirby, Chair
 - Members: Melinda Petruzzi- Elected Parent, Angela Broccoli- Elected Parent, Drew Walker- Elected Teacher (TOY 19-20), Rosie Robinson- Elected Parent
 - Goal: Review the SIC Handbook on guidelines for by-laws as well as current IHS by-laws and recommend updates. (Last revised 03-15-18)
 - Drew Walker to talk with school leaders for suggestions to improve the by-laws. What can be done better moving forward.
 - Communication with Parents/Teachers–Beth White, Chair
 - Members: Julie Bird- Appointed Community, Janet Jordan- Elected Parent, Jennifer Tudor- Elected Teacher (TOY 20-21), Alaura Cakley- Elected Student Sr. Pres., Elizabeth Barrett-Elected Parent

- Aligns with IHS's 4th School Improvement Goal
- Goal: Support communication efforts from teachers to parents and parents to teachers (recognizing student on-task behavior in class).
- Facility Safety–Tim Kinney, Chair
 - Members: Mary Lamm- Elected Support (SEYOY 20-21), Linda Byars- Appointed Community, Amy Smith- Principal's Secretary, Susan Robertson- Appointed Community
 - Aligns with the district's Strategic Plan Goal 3- Strategy 3.1 of the District Strategic Plan
 - Goal: Promote facility safety in order to provide a safe environment for students and staff.
 - Use the district-wide facilities needs assessment report as the basis for the committee's work.
- Curricula Offered at IHS–Cherisa Floyd, Chair
 - Members: Mark Gentry- Appointed Community, Vanonna Squire- Elected Parent, Beth White- Appointed Community
 - Aligns with the district's Strategic Plan Goal 1- Strategy 1.3 and IHS's 2nd School Improvement Goal
 - Goals: 1) Review current curricula choice documents for IHS and create a parent/community friendly document. 2) Revisit the support for ACT/SAT extended through SIC and plan support for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Teacher/Staff/Administrator Motivation–Toni Karl, Chair
 - Members: Cheryl Washington- Elected Parent, Rhonda Midgette- Appointed Community, Mackenzie Hughes- Elected Student Body President, Angela Broccoli- Elected Parent
 - Aligns with the district's Strategic Plan Goal 3- Strategy 3.3 of the District Strategic Plan and Goal 4-Strategy 4.2
 - Goals: 1) Acknowledge the work of IHS teachers/staff/and administrators on a monthly basis to promote a sense of community in order to provide an environment conducive to working and learning. 2) Retain highly qualified and diverse staff.
 - Some ideas: Wall of Fame bulletin board, monthly newsletter, announcements, Irmo Newspaper stories, [District Five Thank a School Staff Member Form](#). Complete the form by Friday, November 20.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Announcements:**
 - District Graduation Rate 90.7%--the highest in a decade.
 - A waiver was approved by the board to be submitted to the state department to allow students in grades 3-5 to take paper/pencil tests for reading and writing state tests.
 - Dr. Melton's goals that are aligned to the district's plan were approved by the board.
 - Reentry-Fifth phase (face-to-face five days a week) will begin on Feb. 1. Feb. 3rd will be the first Wednesday face-to-face.
 - January 7 is the next Magnet Fair.
 - Redistricting community events: November 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 and Dec. 3 from 12:00-1:30. Barb Walderman encourages everyone to visit the district website to examine the interactive maps.
 - Stormwater fee is a Lexington County utility fee. The potential impact to District 5 is an estimated \$170,000.
 - Kim Weber expressed concern that there are not enough people from the Irmo cluster attending board meetings. She would like to see more Irmo representatives attend

- board meetings. Dr. Hardy agreed that we need more representation at the board meetings. She stated the next board meeting will be held on December 14. Toni Karl suggested we organize a plan to
- Beth White and Rosie Robinson thanked Kim Weber and the PTSO for a successful Irmo Strong 5K.
 - IHS PTSO won the district volunteer organization award.
 - **Review assignments and agenda for next meeting:** Complete the [District Five Thank a School Staff Member Form](#) to recognize an IHS staff member for American Education Week. .
 - **Adjournment:** Beth White adjourned the meeting at 7:04.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2021, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tudor