

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

School Improvement Council Minutes of the May 9, 2019 Meeting

The following members were in attendance: D.C. Terry, Dr. Robin Hardy, Barb Waldman, Linda Byars, Dan Koon, Christie Smith, Kim Weber, Beth White, Julie Bird, Allison Smith and Katey Budzynski (D5 guest)

Excused absences: Ruth Iglesias

- **Welcome and Introductions:** D.C. began the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Introductions were made around the table.
- **Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2019:** A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Julie, and unanimously passed.
- **Chair's Report** – DC Terry:
 1. SPAC Meeting report: Notes from the April 9, 2019 mtg were posted to the HIS SIC Facebook page by Barb.
 2. DC attended Title I, II and IV stakeholders meeting at the DO earlier this week. There were great ideas from a good group, with a common thread of thoughts. Title I funds are for students – used for mental health services and extracurricular activity affordability; Title II and IV funds are for teachers – one idea was to provide stipends for teachers who do extra work; provide mental health support for teachers.
- **Principals Report:** Dr. Hardy:

Report provided as a handout, and is summarized below.

 - National Merit \$2500 Scholarship recipient Nieky Wang (only 3 scholarship winners in D5), she will attend MIT.
 - Irmo HS named a Professional Development School with the UofSC
 - Linda Byars was named a Community Builder by WIS and Mungo Foundation
 - Facilities upgrades – HVAC, Roofing ad ceiling tiles in certain buildings of campus; softball facilities will be upgraded
 - U. S. News and World Report – Best High School rankings: Irmo HS ranked 120/220 in SC (for 2016-2017 year); the handout described the methodology used to generate the ratings and ways that the deficiencies are being addressed.
 - There was much discussion of the item above, which generated many questions and comments:
 - What do the numbers look like for 2017-2018 year?
 - What are we doing to increase the number of books of interest that students read? Beth offered to do a PD in classroom with readers.

- The State Newspaper article about the rankings was detrimental to the image of Irmo HS seen by the community – this has been an issue we have been trying to deal with for about 10 years; need to bring the community in to see Irmo HS for themselves, ‘advertise’ the college readiness of our high achievers, etc. – perhaps hold an event to draw community in and talk about our students’ successes
- **Magnet Updates:** Katey Budzybski, Marketing and Recruitment for D5 Magnet schools
 1. Most recent MSAP grant covers Irmo HS/CATS IB Career-related Certificate, NRES (Arts Integration Magnet), LES (STEAM magnet), and HECES Montessori Magnet; this is a 5 year grant which started in 2018-2019.
 2. Grant has big emphasis on marketing; works with community/networking; member of Irmo and Chapin Chambers of Commerce to network with businesses, making new connections each week and showing the story; making connections with Realtors; want to focus on getting people I to schools and touring them to show off our great students
 3. Brainstorming on how to have community events
 4. Telling success stories of our graduates
 5. Send community members who want to become involved to us!
 6. Beth suggested having an Irmo matinee event highlighting Irmo offerings/upcoming events to attract community members to attend future events
- **Old Business:**
 1. Race to the Table session: May 18, 2019 from 1-4 pm at McGregor Presbyterian Church – 17 people signed up
 2. Positive promotions Committee – no update
 3. St. Andrews Revitalization – some progress restriping roads; clean up debris at St. Andrews and Harbison Blvd; increase curb appeal
 4. Building Improvements – covered in Principal’s report
- **New Business:**
 1. District 5 Foundation - \$5 for 5 Campaign in May for teacher appreciation month
 - Provides teachers grants to the extent their funding allows
 - Barb Waldman is a Foundation Director and will serve as Irmo HS liaison/contact person
 2. SIC Nominations needed for upcoming elections
 3. Beethoven in Blue Jeans on May 10th at 7 pm in Irmo Center for the Arts
- **Adjournment:** At 7:32 pm Allison Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Beth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Waldman