

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

School Improvement Council Minutes of the April 8, 2019

The following members were in attendance: Ruth Iglesias, Beth White, D.C. Terry, Sr., Barb Waldman, Linda Byars, Toni Karl, Dan Koon, Sarah Ostergaard, Jay Clark, Julie Bird and Alisha Polkowsky

- **Welcome by D.C. Terry:** Meeting began at 6 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the March 14, 2019 cluster meeting were circulated by email. Barb made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie seconded the motion and it unanimously passed. Minutes of the March 14, 2019 SIC meeting were circulated by email. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, D.C. seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.
- **Chair's Report:**
 1. March 19, 2019 SPAC Meeting Report was posted to the SIC FB page.
 2. Fourth and final lecture in the series commemorating 50th Anniversary of Integration: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6 pm in the Irmo HS Media Center.
Dan Koon and others gave remarks about the meetings, how they were able to learn so much about the local history of Irmo throughout the years. This program has not been attended well and it was highly encouraged that SIC members make an effort to attend this session.
- **Principals Report:**
 1. Jay Clark reports that there will be construction work in the West Wing, including receiving a new HVAC system. The construction crew is beginning to assess/plan the work and it will begin June 10 and go until the second week of August. The Crew will currently be working in the evenings preparing for this work.
 2. The International Festival will take place April 28 at the Irmo Town Park 1pm – 4pm.
 3. The Irmo 5K was a success.
 4. Brice Kim, a senior at Irmo High School, placed in the high school level at the 2019 Magnet Schools of America Poster Contest.
- **Old Business:** (updates as needed)
 1. Race to the Table session. May 18, 2019 1-4 pm at McGregor. Dan Koon will be signing a contract for this session. Reverend Bird has graciously agreed to let SIC use the McGregor Church facility to have this event. Beth Corley and Anne Cox were able to meet with Rev. Bird. The group is

challenged to make a personal commitment to invite someone, as SIC would like to have a good size group as well as a diverse group.

2. Positive Promotions: no updates
3. St. Andrews Revitalization: No updates
4. Building Improvements: See Principals Report.

- **New Business:**

1. Sarah Ostegaard was present to represent the IB update provided by Nick Godfrey: the IB Career-related Programme Authorization visit is taking place on April 23-24. This visit will include IB Authorizing Agents from New Orleans and Mexico. These visitors will visit our programs at the Center on April 23rd and will be at IHS on April 24th. This meeting will interview career study instructors, IB teachers, administrators, district leadership, and future IB Career-related Programme leaders. The IB team has been coordinating with the teachers at the Center for nearly 2 years to coordinate, clarify, and develop a cohesive and collaborative union between the teachers at IHS and the Center. The visit on April 24th will be the culmination of these efforts. After the visit, we will be notified by June of our school's authorization.

We currently have 16 students signed up for the 2019-2020 school year to participate in the IB Career-related Programme.

2. The fire at Harbison Gardens affected several of the students at IHS. Social Workers are collecting Wal-Mart gift cards for these families.
3. Alisha Polkowsky updated members on events at the library. There is an Adulting 101 class that allows individuals to learn skills necessary for independent living. There are tutorial helps for test preparation of the ACT and AP test. The library will have study rooms set up for Irmo Students to have a place to study.

- **SIC Business:** SIC Elections will be taking place soon. **See Attached.**

- **Adjournment:** Dan made a motion to adjourn. Julie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Iglesias