

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

School Improvement Council Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Meeting

The following members were in attendance: Ruth Iglesias, Alisha Polkowsky, Allison Smith, Barb Waldman, Robin Hardy, Linda Byars, Christie Smith, Kim Weber, D.C. Terry, Sr., Susan Robertson.

The following guests were in attendance: Sarah Ostergaard and Betsy Bryant,

Excused Absences: Dan Koon, Beth White and Julie Bird

- **Welcome by D.C. Terry:** Meeting began at 6:00. D.C. Terry welcomed everyone and asked every one to take a moment to be loud. Silence followed. D.C. Then asked again, to take a moment to be loud and said he was serious. The group members were loud for a moment. D.C. then comments how this was the opposite of what is the normal practice, and identified how change is hard.
- **Approval of Minutes from November.** A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Kim, and unanimously passed.
- **Chair's Report:**
SPAC meeting report (Barb Waldman): SPAC meeting met this past Tuesday. The LMES and CES is now in its phase 2 of enrollment freeze. Barb Waldman will create a poster power slide and post it to the IHS SIC FB site. This way it will free up sometime during the SIC meetings to conduct more business.
- **Representative Chip Huggins to talk about the new assessment system:**
Please see attachment provided by Barb Waldman
- **Principals Report:** Dr. Robin Hardy:
 1. **Celebrations:** Dr. Hardy asked the SIC members what some of the celebrations they identified. Following are some of the comments.
 - School spirit is going strong and is being seen through Pep Rally's and the Fan Bus. The Fan Bus was a big hit. The students were able to get a ticket and a t-shirt for \$5.
 - The Golden Carpet Gala. Took place on January 11th at the Center for the Arts.
 - The Special Education Department: The students are learning life skills through gardening. They also work closely with the Sting Deli and served Hors d'oeuvres at the Gala. They also deliver coffee to the staff in the morning.
 - The Science Department now has a new teacher! The position has previously been filled by long-term substitutes.

- Dr. Hampton is currently working with local businesses to make study group spaces. Some options are working with local businesses, opening up IHS at certain times to provide study areas. The Library also has study room and smaller conference rooms that allow for study groups. Furthermore, Irmo Library now has free Wi-Fi open to the public. There is also wireless printing and only cost 25cents/page.

- 2. **Irmo High School Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Integration Dates:**
 - Thursday, January 31 6:00 – 7:00: Dr. Bobby Donaldson
 - Thursday, February 21 6:00 – 7:00: Mr. Dan Koon
 - Thursday, March 28 6:00 – 7:00: Mr. James Washington
 - Save the date: Thursday, April 11 6:00 – 7:00 culminating event at the Center for the Arts.

- 3. Bright Bytes Survey Presentation: Please see attachment.

- **New Business:**
 1. SIC member engagement:
 2. Plan Cluster Meeting, March 14, 6:00 – 7:00 at Irmo High School Media Center. This is opened to all Irmo cluster SIC and PTSO and stakeholders. Dr. Melton and others will be speaking.
 3. Parent and Community Involvement: An at length discussion was held about continuing to build community knowledge about the IB program and other programs at Irmo High. As concerned parents/staff/stakeholders continue to discuss the positive benefits of IHS, there is also recommendations for PAGE 5 to hold a possible meeting with parents who would benefit from learning about the IB program.
 4. Action Group: A discussion was held as to whether or not SIC wanted to hold the program Race to the Table. SIC members had different opinions on proceeding with this. D.C. is to gather some more information before we make a decision.
 5. Next SIC meetings: **February 28, 2019**

- **Adjournment:** Kim Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting and Allison 2nd.