

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

School Improvement Council Minutes of the November 8, 2018 Meeting

The following members were in attendance: Ruth Iglesias, Christie Smith, Kim Weber, Juanita Bowens Seabrook, Julie Bird, John McMillan, Linda Byars, Toni Karl, Cambridge Dantzer, Tomauree McDowell, Alissa Pressley, Allison Smith, Roger Simpson, John Cantey, D.C. Terry and Barb Waldman

Excused absences: Dan Koon, Beth White, Nicholas Godfrey and Donna Cirriello,

- **Welcome by D.C. Terry:** D.C. began the meeting at 6:06 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes from August:** A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Juanita, and unanimously passed.
- **Chair's Report – DC Terry:**
 1. PAC Meeting report: Next meeting is scheduled for 11/13/18, 12:00 at OPES.
 2. Irmo Hall of Fame Induction is to be held November 10, 2018 at IHS Center for the Arts. A social hour will be held from 6-7 pm followed by a brief induction ceremony.
 3. District 5 Foundation Fundraiser took place 11/7/18. It was very well attended.
 4. Goodwill Brunch will be held December 6th at 10:00 am - Noon at the IHS Center for the Arts.
- **Principals Report: Dr. John McMillan:**

Mr. McMillan reports the following student successes:

 - *Bully Prevention Week: The focus during this week was to be proactive rather than reactive.
 - * Bring a Parent to school Day. Parents/Guardians were able to come to school with their child. It allows for them to see what the students go through on a daily basis and helps to bring back that connection for when they were in school.
- **Old Business:**
 1. Developing the "Whole Student". As we begin our focus as a SIC group, DC presented a challenge for us to come together to make a change rather than just coming together to meet. This goal may not be achieved in our first year, but a challenge for us to "make a stamp" within our second year. Irmo High provides the educational piece in training our children, but when the students come to school they are bringing with them the challenges of their particular background (social, community, family). Our desire is to help our students prepare for a successful transition as citizens in the community. Irmo High School has made strides, and continues to make strides in the area of public relations. SIC members commented that there have been improvements in the outside

appearance as well as the internal moral of the school. SIC teacher representatives report that there has been an increase in school spirit with more pep rallies and school rallies taking place. Teachers and staff are reinvigorated with the positive changes in the environment and acknowledge this is a great opportunity for a turning point as true change starts from within and works its way out. SIC members acknowledge that the community can still have a negative reaction when a discussion of Irmo High comes up. SIC members see this as an ongoing challenge and District 5 administration, IHS Administration/Staff and IHS stakeholders are continually trying to help promote the positive aspects of our school.

2. Setting up an SIC FB Closed Group: DC would like for all SIC members to look for IHS SIC group on FB and ask to join. This will allow a platform for us to be working in between meetings.
 3. Posting SIC's Meeting Agenda for parents: Ruth Iglesias to follow up with Marilyn Johnson to inquire about whom to contact regarding this.
 4. Updating SIC page on Irmo HS website: Ruth Iglesias to follow up with Marilyn Johnson to inquire about this.
- **New Business:**
 1. SIC member engagement: SIC members are encouraged to review the 2018-2019 Roster and send any corrections to Ruth Iglesias (SIC Secretary) or Marilyn Johnson. SIC Members are also encouraged to write down one's individual gifts and strengths and email them to DC. This will allow him to know what each SIC member is individually to bring to the table.
 2. Plan for January 2019: DC would like for us to begin communicating on our FB platform and develop a plan for January. D.C. presents three areas where we can look as to how we can help develop the "whole student":
 - a. Student Involvement: Our student representatives suggest reaching out to the students who are quiet and don't talk as much. A suggestion of creating a platform for them to talk and hearing their suggestions. They acknowledge it has been a struggle to get students involvement.
 - b. Parent Involvement: Needing to look for ideas on getting parents involved in this project.
 - c. Community Involvement: Needing to look for ideas on getting the community involved in this project.
 3. Other items for Discussion:
 - a. PTSO/SIC Cluster Night: IHS and IMS can work together to schedule a Cluster night in the Spring of '19. Kim Weber will follow up with IMS SIC.
 - b. Comments about the bathrooms stinking: There have been comments about the bathrooms having a bad odor. John Cantey will forward the contact information on the company they use for ICRC. He reports ICRC had this problem as well but it was corrected. John will forward the information to Ruth Iglesias.
 - c. Next meeting: Next meeting will be January 17th at 6 pm.

- **Adjournment:** Julie Bird motioned to close the meeting and Kim 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Iglesias