

Irmo High School International School for the Arts

School Improvement Council Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Meeting

The following members were in attendance: Ruth Iglesias, Barb Waldman, Linda Byars, Beth White, Cambridge Dantzer, Alissa Pressley, Kaaren Hampton, Toni Karl, and Allison Smith
Excused absences: D.C. Terry, Dan Koon, Kim Weber, Julie Bird, Juanita Bowers, John Cantey, Christie Smith and Donna Cirriello,

- **Welcome by Barb Waldman:** Barb graciously agreed to run the meeting tonight as our rescheduled SIC meeting created conflicts for many SIC members.
- **Approval of Minutes from August:** A motion was made by Allison and seconded by Beth, and unanimously passed.
- **Chair's Report**— Barb Waldman:
 1. SPAC Meeting report: Meeting was held on 10/16/18 at Chapin Elementary School. Following are some of the items discussed:
 - *The District wide celebrations that have occurred since May of 2018 were announced.
 - *Irmo High's becoming a Nationally Certified Magnet School was announced.
 - *National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists were represented at all four District High Schools.
 - *Dr. Melton's Superintendent Goals for District 5 were approved by the Board. A handout will be sent to IHS Council.
 - *Major actions with Board policies: Content and Credit Recovery policy - this policy has had its final reading in September. This is not considered make up work. A teacher can create the materials for Content Recovery tailored to the student's specific deficit, to avoid having a student become in danger of failing a course. Credit Recovery refers to ways of students getting credits for courses they have not passed; they can use the already existing APEX. Also, School Days Policy: The State requires the make up of the first 3 of the days missed, and then the School Board have the option of waiving 3 additional make-up days. If additional days need to be made up, the School Board can petition the State for a waiver for those additional days.
 - *Dr. Harris reports the 10-day enrollment number is 17,405. This include k3-12. This does not include Adult Education. This number is up 177 from last year.
 - *The LMES enrollment freeze has resulted in 115 students being redirected - twenty-one students to BES and 94 students to CES.
 - *The new safety procedures are now being implements at Varsity football games. At this time, it is uncertain as to whether or not procedures will be implemented at other sports events.

*There is a Drug and Alcohol Awareness program that is being made to the community on 10/25/18 at Dutch Fork Elementary School. A flyer will be sent to IHS Council.

*The next Candidate Forum will take place at Irmo Middle School on 10/23/18 at 6:30 p.m. Questions were submitted by the District 5 community.

*Dr. Melton encourages parents and students to visit Great Schools.org. SIC discussion was held about the obscurity of how these ratings are configured. However, the suggestion of writing testimonies would help promote the positive aspects of IHS.

*Barb Waldman also reports an IHS alumni Steven Bross received a scholarship from the SC State Fair.

2. The Dedication of Irmo Elementary School Auditorium after former IHS Principal Mr. Allen took place on Sunday, September 30, 2018. The event was really nice, well attended and appreciated by the family.
3. Irmo Hall of Fame Event has been rescheduled to November 10th.
4. District 5 Foundation Fundraiser was been postponed as a result of Hurricane Michael. A new date is to be announced.
5. Gold Series at CFA: 10/19/18 is the opening night of *"The Importance of Being Earnest"*.
6. Goodwill Brunch will be held on December 6th at 10:30 am. This event will be held on Main Street and include brunch followed by IHS student performances.

- **Principals Report:** Dr. Kaaren Hampton:

Dr. Hampton reported that additional courses available for Dual Enrollment credit through Midlands Tech will be moving forward for the 2019/2020 school year. Students will have more Dual Enrollment options. They will have art related classes through Midlands Technical College and University of South Carolina. IHS will be able to use our own teachers for these courses. Also, working on an agreement with the University of South Carolina to accept these credits.

- **Old Business:**

1. Reminder: The SIC will meet at 6 pm on the second Thursday of the month, immediately following PTSO meetings. The next meeting will be November 8th 6 p.m.
2. "Race to the Table" workshop update: They are booked until January.
3. St. Andrews Revitalization – Linda Byars gave a brief update stating a Corporation is trying to buy the property at the corner of Piney Grove and St. Andrews with the possible plans of building a large complex and landscaping. Beth indicated that the old empty Wendy's on St. Andrews Road is being converted to something.
4. The "Friends of the Irmo Center for the Arts" continue to bring awareness and promote the programs. One of the target audiences they are reaching is the retirement community.

- **New Business:**

1. Developing the "Whole Student": An at length discussion was held on developing the "whole student" as being a SIC focus. The desire is to have a big project that will

- have a positive impact on the student. Two suggestions of possible speakers/organizations who may be helpful were given:
- Dr. Donna Elam – Elam Institute: <http://elamleadershipinstitute.com>
 - Central Carolina Community Foundation
2. Setting up an SIC FB Closed Group. D.C. has set up a closed FB group to allow for communication in between meetings. Irmo HS SIC members should go to the IHS SIC Facebook page and ask to join. DC, Kim, Ruth and Barb can add members to the group. .
 3. Posting SIC's Meeting agendas for parents. This will allow for the School community to have easier access to.
 4. Updating SIC page on Irmo HS Website:
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Iglesias