

Spring Hill High School SIC Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023

Mr. Bullard called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Michael Lofton, Danelle Sorrel, Alecia Klauk, Richard Coffy, Jennifer Riddle, Ann Morris, Allen Bullard, Dr. Sergey Razin, Caleb LaBord and Diana Van Horne

Mr. Bullard asked council for a motion to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report

Dr. Lofton informed the council that SHHS DECA had 26 students compete at the state level. 16 of the 26 placed in the top ten in their respective categories. 4 students earned a chance to compete at the international competition in Orlando at the end of April.

He also reported that SHHS Mock Trial qualified to compete at the State level.

Dr. Lofton provided the council with upcoming dates of events.

- ACT is Tuesday, March 7.
- Acceptance Night for rising 9th graders is Wednesday, March 8, 2023
- Miss SHHS Pageant is March 18
- Senior Lock In is March 24
- Spirit Night at Groucho's, both Chapin and Irmo locations, is March 28.

He informed the council that he has been holding Lunch with Lofton by grade level. He has met with 9th graders, 10th graders and 11th graders already. He meets with seniors on Friday. The way it works is 10 students from each grade level sign up to have lunch with Dr. Lofton. It is just a time for casual conversation about the students and their experience so far this year. Dr. Lofton provides pizza, brownies and drinks for the students. He was asked what kind of feedback has he received from the students. Dr. Lofton reported that each grade level is very different. The common feedback is how much they do like and respect their teachers. They especially like the fact that they have access to their teachers.

Dr. Lofton also reported to the council that Mrs. Snipes, Board of Trustee, visited Spring Hill on Friday, February 24. Mrs. Snipes came in with very little knowledge of SHHS and what we do. She left very impressed. Dr. Lofton feels it is extremely important that the Board of Trustees has knowledge of SHHS so that they can make informed decisions.

New Business – no report

Student Input – no report

Parent Input

Mrs. Klauk informed the council that her junior left for the SAT very relaxed and came home after the test feeling good about his result. She said this due to the setting that SHHS provides for their students when testing. Dr. Lofton commented that the test was very well organized and that the students are accustomed to the testing room and the testing environment. Dr. Razin also commented that his junior felt the same way.

Community Input

Mrs. Riddle, on behalf of Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, reported to the council that they are hiring for their after-school programs. She also reported that they will open applications for employment for the splash pad in April.

Mr. LaBord, on behalf of the Riverbanks Zoo, informed the council that the volunteer application for Zoo Teens opens in April. He stated that this is a great way for students to get their foot in the door at the zoo. It is a program that offers a great opportunity and exposure to the zoo.

Mrs. Klauk reported that she met with Ms. Ulmer, school social worker, on behalf of We Care to provide needed assistance.

Faculty Input

Mrs. Van Horne reported that the teachers are motivating the students towards a successful end of the quarter. She also thanked the PTO on behalf of the entire faculty for their support all year.

Committee Reports – no report

PTO – Ms. Morris reported that PTO is sponsoring a spirit night at Groucho's on March 28 at both the Irmo and Chapin locations. The owner will donate 10% of all proceeds from 4pm until close.

Good for the Group – no report

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, at 6:00 pm